

DECEMBER 19, 2017 MINUTES
Formally approved January 9, 2018 meeting

PRESENT: Commissioner Vice Chairman Dan W. Hartman, Commissioner Trevor S. Finn; Also present: Jesse Kline, Treasurer; Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News; Chris Krepich, PressEnterprise.

Mr. Hartman asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. The meeting was then opened.

Mr. Finn moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$47,207.45
General Account Receipts	\$37,362.51
General Account Checking 1.16%	\$295,665.23
Capital Reserve Fund 1.11%	\$29,968.31
Operating Reserve 1.111%	\$472,789.76
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$798,423.30
Act 13 Highway-Bridge 1.11%	\$172,894.92
Act 44 1.16%	\$76,888.95
Children and Youth Checking 1.16%	\$366,647.20
Flood Mitigation 1.16%	\$1,865.57
Hazardous Material Account Checking 1.16%	\$19,486.71
Human & Community Services Checking 1.16%	\$60,482.02
Improvement Fund Checking 1.16%	\$19,622.51
Liquid Fuels Checking 1.16%	\$279,244.93
Medical Assistance Transportation 1.16%	\$105,062.00
Offender Supervision Account Checking 1.16%	\$47,031.69
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$30,611.05
Transit Fund Account Checking 1.16%	\$52,498.80
Uniform 911 Surcharge .87%	\$537,590.27

Mr. Hartman asked for public comment. There was none.

Under old business, Mr. Finn moved to adopt the 2018 General Fund budget of \$8,318,610.43 in expenditures and \$8,324,440.64 in revenues. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Mr. Hartman noted the spending plan is a tight one that is only 5 percent higher than the current year budget. Mr. Finn said one major issue affecting the County's budget is the Commonwealth's refusal to honor its obligation to fully fund the unified court system. What's worse, the Commonwealth continues to decrease the reimbursements it does make to counties. If the state would meet its commitments the County would be in a position to lower taxes, Mr. Finn said.

Mr. Finn moved to set the millage rate at 3.349 mills, reflecting no tax increase. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to adopt the Liquid Fuels budget of \$103,159.93 in expenditures and \$351,663.24 in revenues. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Finn moved to adopt an inmate housing agreement for calendar year 2018 with the Columbia County Prison at a rate of \$60.00 per day, which reflects no rate increase. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to accept a letter of resignation from Geisinger Authority member Barbara Nied effective December 31. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to appoint Robert Davies to Mrs. Nied's unexpired term on the Geisinger Authority through January 1, 2019. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to appoint Jennifer Wakeman to a five-year term on the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, replacing Thomas Herman whose term expires at the end of the year. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$96,441.24; Children & Youth, \$60,005.00; Liquid Fuels, \$512.37; Uniform 911, \$0; Human and Community Service, \$213.50. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk