

JUNE 27, 2017 MINUTES
Formally approved July 11, 2017 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Jesse Kline, Treasurer; Fred Hunsinger, East Central Emergency Network; Tom Beiter, Rowan Beiter, Young Artists' Theatre Project of Danville; Lloyd Bunch, Dave Bowser, Public; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News; Chris Krepich, PressEnterprise.

Mr. Holdren asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Solicitor Robert L. Marks. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. The meeting was then opened.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Finn 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

	\$221,035.25	
General Account Receipts		\$122,424.53
General Account Checking .90%		\$2,846,440.13
Capital Reserve Fund .85%		\$29,806.37
Operating Reserve .85%		\$445,473.76
General MMA		\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs		\$3,321,720.26
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .85%		\$147,094.29
Act 44 .90%		\$64,883.29
Children and Youth Checking .90%		\$425,547.89
Flood Mitigation .91%		\$1,855.02
Hazardous Material Account Checking 90%		\$20,609.07
Human & Community Services Checking .90%		\$51,782.41
Improvement Fund Checking .90%		\$17,677.10
Liquid Fuels Checking .90%		\$251,485.26
Medical Assistance Transportation .90%		\$104,468.28
Offender Supervision Account Checking .90%		\$42,121.66
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow		\$28,111.05
Transit Fund Account Checking .90%		\$52,201.72
Uniform 911 Surcharge .64%		\$316,265.49

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

Under correspondence, Mr. Holdren read a letter from Onofrio Positano to Mrs. Kauwell thanking her office for its professionalism and consideration. Mr. Holdren also noted receipt of correspondence from the Montour County Historical Society seeking donations to complete renovations on the Boyd House. Mr. Holdren said the Historical Society's request does not qualify for consideration under the Hotel Tax statute and that, unfortunately, general funds dollars cannot support the request.

Mr. Holdren addressed concerns from the public over the granting of a medical marijuana production permit approved by the Commonwealth to Green Thumb Industries Inc.(GTI) in Danville. Mr. Holdren said the Board has fielded inquiries asking if law enforcement knew about the application. Early in the process, GTI officials met with local law enforcement. He said the facility will be a secure location, noting the company's head of security is the former Sergeant at Arms for the U.S. Senate. All employees will wear a body alarm, and Danville Police Chief Eric Gill previously assured the company that if a police presence is required, the Danville Police Department can be at the facility in two minutes.

Mr. Holdren said commissioners vetted the company by checking with other communities where GTI is located, and heard nothing but high praise. Of the 175 applications the state received for a production permit, GTI was the highest ranked, he said. The company will hold a public forum and a job fair later this summer. At capacity, the facility will employ 100, with the lowest paid worker making \$14.50 per hour with full benefits. Mr. Holdren called GTI a first-class operation and will be safe for the community.

Mr. Finn said with so few industries in the County, it is nice to see a business come in with good-paying jobs as well as one that will also be a good corporate citizen.

Under old business, Mr. Hunsinger said the merged 911 centers – known as the East Central Emergency Network - are still transitioning being under one roof, but everything is running well so far. Mr. Holdren said the first round of letters with new addresses had a few hiccups, mainly on Mexico Road. Staff went door-to-door to talk to residents there. Mr. Holdren said the County is hoping to have the second batch of mailings out by June 30, pending Post Office approval, with the final address mailing scheduled for July 14, again pending USPS approval. Following the last round of address mailings, the County will send out mail out information packets to all addresses.

Mr. Holdren said the Board is identifying resources to help anyone feeling overwhelmed with paperwork related to the address changes, and those dates and locations will be published in August.

Mr. Hartman reported that construction on Bridge 16 on Gardner Road in Limestone Township is complete and the new span is now open to traffic.

Under new business, Mr. Holdren recognized Tom and Rowan Beiter, who asked for consideration of \$3,000.00 from a Visitors Bureau Grant to offset production costs for the Young Artists' Theatre Project of Danville's upcoming production of "Avenue Q School Edition," which will be staged July 28-30 at the Danville Middle School. Mr. Beiter said the summer youth theater production will feature 17 teenagers from Danville and other communities from the Susquehanna Valley. He noted the project has already had a positive impact on the local economy as parent of teens involved in the production are coming several times a week to Danville, where they are spending money shopping and eating.

Additionally, a number of people will travel from out of the area to attend the performance with many of them staying in local hotels. To date, the group has raised more than \$9,000.00 with donations coming from out-of-state. Mr. Holdren provided Mr. Beiter with a grant application and said the Board would take the request under consideration once they evaluate what funding is available.

Mr. Hartman moved to enter into an engineering agreement of \$18,300.00 with Larson Design for Bridge 15. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve an agreement with PenTeleData to provide wireless hotspot services for the courthouse at no cost to the County. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve purchase of service agreements on behalf of Children & Youth Services with the Law Offices of Marks, McLaughlin and Dennehy at \$95.00 per hour and with Michael Wintersteen at \$4,000.00 per year. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve a \$50,000.00 allocation to DRIVE. Mr. Holdren seconded. Mr. Holdren noted the allocation is the third in a five-year commitment to DRIVE utilizing Hotel Tax funds. On called vote, Mr. Holdren and Mr. Hartman voted in favor. Mr. Finn abstained, citing his membership on the DRIVE Board.

Mr. Finn moved to reappoint John Yoder to a three-year term on the SEDA Foundation through June 30, 2020. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to accept the resignation of Susan Pedersen from the Housing Authority. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Mr. Holdren said Ms. Pedersen's resignation creates a vacancy on the Board and asked anyone interested in serving to contact Commissioners.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve Family Medical Leave Act leave for Kathleen Shuler, Chief Assessor, effective August 9. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn said the Prison is at minimum staffing levels and with impending part-time staff leaving and the potential for full-time staff leaving for better-paying state and federal jobs, the County will need to hire a full-time and part-time positions.

Mr. Hartman moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$378,969.80; Children & Youth, \$72,036.99; Liquid Fuels, \$107,898.59; Uniform 911, \$2,914.94; Human and Community Service, \$1,211.75. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk