

NOVEMBER 28, 2017 MINUTES
Formally approved December 12, 2017 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Angela Mattis, District Attorney; Ray Gerringer, Sheriff; Fred Hunsinger, ECEN; Mitch Kishbach, GIS; Greg Molter, Planning/Human Services Director; Walter Rupert, Jeremiah Walter, Public; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

Mr. Holdren asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Assistant Solicitor Michael Dennehy. 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	\$180,858.35
General Account Receipts	\$80,620.66
General Account Checking 1.16%	\$465,837.43
Capital Reserve Fund 1.11%	\$29,941.24
Operating Reserve 1.111%	\$472,362.69
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$968,141.36
Act 13 Highway-Bridge 1.11%	\$172,738.75
Act 44 1.16%	\$65,190.43
Children and Youth Checking 1.16%	\$438,949.53
Flood Mitigation 1.16%	\$1,863.81
Hazardous Material Account Checking 1.16%	\$20,431.37
Human & Community Services Checking 1.16%	\$62,241.31
Improvement Fund Checking 1.16%	\$19,420.08
Liquid Fuels Checking 1.16%	\$258,225.53
Medical Assistance Transportation 1.16%	\$104,962.79
Offender Supervision Account Checking 1.16%	\$45,558.58
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$30,611.05
Transit Fund Account Checking 1.16%	\$52,448.86
Uniform 911 Surcharge .87%	\$543,653.34

Mr. Holdren called for comment. Mr. Molter informed the Board of a free training opportunity for the public by the Montour County Coalition of Human Service Providers, "Communities Against Addiction." Mr. Molter said the training will be held December 14 at First Baptist Church of Danville.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Hartman moved to approve the tentative 2018 General Fund budget of \$8,316,610.43 in expenditures and \$8,324,440.04 in revenues. The spending plan is an austere one, Mr. Holdren said, reflecting an increase of only 5.07%. Mr. Holdren said the County is struggling with decreased state subsidies to help operate the courts and rising costs associated with the opioid epidemic. Steps taken to mitigate shrinking revenues included negotiating flat healthcare premiums, re-bidding gas rates to lock in long-term rates and cutting capital expenditure projects from \$262,950.00 to \$71,700.00.

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

Mr. Hartman moved to approve the tentative 2018 Liquid Fuels budget of \$103,159.93 in expenditures and \$351,663.24 in revenues. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren introduced D.A. Mattis and Sheriff Gerring, who talked about the CRIMEWATCH program, which Ms. Mattis described as a Neighborhood Watch for the digital age. The website will be a place for law enforcement to collect and disseminate information to the public and for the public to provide tips on suspected criminal activities in a safe and anonymous environment. The public can download the application on their devices at no cost. Mr. Gerring said during an initial tryout of the program, his office has apprehended five people on bench warrants and received a half-dozen tips on illegal drug activities. Ms. Mattis said similar programs proved cost prohibitive, while CRIMEWATCH is both user-friendly and cost effective. She cautioned that the site is not a substitute for the 911 system in the event of an emergency. Mr. Hartman moved to enter into a service agreement with CRIMEWATCH Technologies Inc. for a 12-month period at a cost of \$2,783.00. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to enter into an Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement with PEMA in the amount of \$5,265.28 for fiscal year 2016 and \$23,894.72 for fiscal year 2017. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve a \$1,000.00 allocation to The Hero's Fund from Hotel Tax administration fees. Mr. Finn seconded. The funds will be utilized for the annual holiday party for soldiers attached to the 3/278th Armed Calvary Regiment attached to the Armed Services Reserve Center in Valley Township. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to reappoint H. James Shutt to a five-year term on the Geisinger Authority, expiring in January 2023. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to appoint Dan Knorr, Denny Hummer and Harold Hurst to three-year terms on the DRIVE Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2018. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren announced the cancelation of the December 5 meeting.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve a certificate honoring Sean Marks for achieving Eagle Scout status. His project was rehabilitating the trail for the disabled at Montour Preserve. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$213,949.67; Children & Youth, \$71,914.03; Liquid Fuels, \$0; Uniform 911, \$5,106.39; Human and Community Service, \$1,238.96. 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