

## OCTOBER 11, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved October 25, 2022 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Carin Wharton, Good Samaritan Mission; Cindy Powers, The Gate House; Gwen Bobbie, Corrine Albright, Coalition of Social Equity; Mary Schmotzer, Kathy Sheely, Jane Thackara, Cheri Pelton, Judith Weader, Joseph Weader, Louise Nogle, Shiloh UCC; John Decker, Darcy Decker, PFLAG; Rebecca Dressler, Danville Business Alliance; Laurie Pickle, Public; Rick Dandes, The Daily Item; Geri Gibbons, Press Enterprise.

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.

General Account Disbursements	\$200,382.82
General Account Receipts	\$71,310.93
General Account Checking .08%	\$1,364,811.05
Capital Reserve Fund .05%	\$5,019.78
Operating Reserve .05%	\$2,066,173.96
Total Checking	\$3,436,004.79
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .05%	\$309,915.65
Act 44 .01%	\$99,296.16
Act 89 .05%	\$184,058.81
American Rescue Plan .05%	\$1,770,708.75
Children and Youth Checking .05%	\$742,276.81
Debt Service Fund	\$287,026.05
Emergency Rental Assistance Program .05%	\$17,603.08
ERAP 2 .08%	\$934,688.24
Flood Mitigation .01%	\$2,816.48
Hazardous Material Account Checking .01%	\$21,868.10
Human & Community Services Checking .05%	\$131,958.54
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$13,927.11
Liquid Fuels Checking .05%	\$219,902.62
Offender Supervision Account Checking .01%	\$70,933.93
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$45,261.05
Uniform 911 Surcharge .05%	\$681,780.11

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

Mr. Holdren called for public comment. Mr. Finn noted as part of Fire Prevention Week activities, local first responders are staging fire drills and assemblies for students in the Danville Area School District.

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

Mr. Holdren introduced Cindy Powell from the Transitional Housing Center (Gatehouse) and Caren Wharton from the Good Samaritan Fund, who spoke on their services. Ms. Powell said the Gatehouse and its sister organization, the Good Samaritan Mission, were both founded by the same person, the late Sandy O'Rourke. What began 25 years ago as strictly a shelter has expanded to include such services as assistance in obtaining lost documents, job searches, and permanent housing placements. She credited the support of Good Samaritan, Agape, the United Way and area churches in making their collective missions work successfully.

Ms. Wharton said Good Samaritan is in its 26<sup>th</sup> year. Its programs include clothing and hygiene product giveaways and crisis financial assistance for such necessities as vehicle repairs and appliance purchases and repairs. Through its Many Hands Helping Others program, food-insecure students receive backpacks filled with food. Additionally, Good Samaritan has assisted low-income students in the purchase of everything from senior graduation photos to uniforms. The generosity of the public, churches and grant dollars helps the organization service 2,000 clients a month.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Holdren moved to accept a \$200,000.00 grant agreement with the state Department of Human Services' Health Programs Assistance and Services program to be used for the Food Pantry. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve inmate boarding agreements at a \$60.00 per diem with Clinton, Lycoming, Snyder and Union counties for the year 2022 to be renewed annually. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a \$500.00 donation from the Tourism Fund Administrative Fund to the Danville Area Halloween Parade. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to approve an addendum on a purchase of service agreement with Geisinger Clinic on behalf of Children & Youth Services. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to reappoint Jennifer Wakeman to a five-year term on the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority through December 31, 2027. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to affirm a letter of resignation from Tammy Derr, Magisterial District Judge Office Manager, effective October 10. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to appoint Laurie Pickle as Public Defender at a salary of \$52,810.68 effective November 1. Mr. Finn seconded. Commissioners noted Ms. Pickle's appointment makes her the first female Public Defender in Montour County history. The

Board also thanked outgoing Public Defender Robert L. Marks Jr. for 21 years of service in the role. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to affirm the hiring of Daniella Pisanti as a Juvenile Probation Officer at a salary of \$28,080.00 effective October 11. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a proclamation recognizing LGBTQ History Month in October as well as proclaiming October 15 as OUTFEST in Montour County and inviting everyone to reflect on ways to live with a commitment of mutual respect and understanding. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$199,272.58; Children & Youth, \$52,898.36; Human and Community Service, \$1,755.40; Liquid Fuels, \$415.42; Operating Reserve, \$10,485.00; Other Funds, \$11,358.47. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Submitted By:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk