

AUGUST 27, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved September 10, 2024 meeting

PRESENT: Commissioner Chairman Rebecca A. Dressler, Commissioner Vice Chairman Scott E. Lynn; Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; Leslie Hosterman, SEDA-COG; Steven Beattie, Joint Rail Authority; Jennifer Wakeman, DRIVE; Karen Tinstman, Diane Miller Sones, Danville Pickleball; Mark Giesen, DACC; Dave Diehl, Beth Goldman, public; Anna Wiest, The Daily Item.

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

Ms. Dressler moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$230,356.33
General Account Receipts	\$60,131.78
General Account Checking	\$2,421,049.90
Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,096.14
Operating Reserve	\$1,580,485.36
Total Checking	\$4,006,631.40
Act 13 Highway-Bridge	\$155,136.31
Act 44	\$110,282.38
Act 89	\$246,697.12
Children and Youth Checking	\$961,338.64
Debt Service Fund	\$1,576,592.91
ERAP 2	\$139,593.45
Flood Mitigation	\$2,881.20
Hazardous Material Account Checking	\$15,058.94
Human & Community Services Checking	\$122,260.72
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$15,175.01
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$275,520.56
Offender Supervision Account Checking	\$57,184.66
Opioid Settlement Fund	\$74,024.71
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$48,809.30
Uniform 911 Surcharge	\$813,276.37
Whole Homes Repair	\$24,364.00

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

Under public comment, Dave Diehl of Derry Township asked the Board for assistance with road issues caused by horse and buggy traffic. Mr. Diehl said the township recently finished paving three miles of Hillside Road, which has since been damaged due to the horse and buggy traffic, particularly from horseshoes with Borium welds, which extend wear and adds traction to the shoes. He produced photographs showing gauges, noting that \$250,000.00 of tax dollars was spent on the paving project. Mr. Diehl also expressed concern over horse waste on the road, saying some counties and townships require catchers on horses. He said he previously talked to Derry Township Supervisors, who were unable to help. He suggested writing a letter to leadership in the Amish community.

Ms. Tintzman announced that a Trivia Night will be held October 12 at Washies Fire Company to benefit the Pickleball Courts Project at Sunnybrook Park.

Under new business, Ms. Dressler introduced Ms. Hosterman for a CDBG FFY 2024 project finalization meeting. The total allocation of \$313,692.00 includes \$178,752.00 for Montour County and \$78,840.00 for Danville Borough with total project allocations of \$257,592.00. Ms. Hosterman said there are two proposed projects for Montour: a request for \$133,752.00 for removal of architectural barriers at Sunnybrook Park to install ADA-compliant parking and pathways, and a \$45,000.00 request from the Danville Area Community Center Veterans Sponsorship Program to benefit low-to-moderate income veterans and their families. Danville Borough has one proposed project: to utilize \$78,840.00 toward Montour Street reconstruction in a multi-year project.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve the projects and presented. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler introduced Mr. Beattie, who sought the Board's approval of a RACP Cooperation Agreement between the County and SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (JRA). Mr. Beattie explained the Rail Authority is serving as a pass-through entity applicant and grantee for a \$750,000.00 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant on behalf of Prime PA LLC's (Sherwood Lumber) Irontown Commerce Center distribution center project. The RACP program requires applicants who are not a taxing body to provide a cooperation agreement from the host county, Montour, which guarantees the County will repay the Commonwealth in the event any grant dollars are misspent. Under the agreement the JRA would reimburse the County for any such payment to the Commonwealth, Mr. Beattie said, noting that the JRA has a separate cooperation agreement with Prime PA under which Prime PA would reimburse the JRA for repayment of any ineligible grant fund expenditures. Mr. Lynn moved to approve the agreement. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to ratify collective bargaining agreements for the years 2024-2026 with unionized employees of the Prison, Probation and Children & Youth Services offices with wage increases as follows: Prison: 2024 - 3.5%, 2025 - 3%, 2026 - 3%; Probation: 2024 - 3.5% 2025 - 3%, 2026 - 3%; CYS: 2024 - 3.5%, 2025 - 3.5%, 2026 - 3%. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to turn over the Weights & Measures Program services to the Commonwealth effective September 1. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve the Juvenile Probation Services Program Grant with the Commonwealth of \$52,759.00 from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to appoint Beth Goldman as Montour County's representative to the America 250 PA committee. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Receipt of a letter was noted from the Danville Area Halloween Parade Committee seeking donations for the annual event. Mr. Lynn moved to approve a contribution of \$1,000.00 from the Tourism Fund Administrative account. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$304,469.88; Children & Youth, \$25,677.78; Liquid Fuels, \$78,406.61; Human and Community Services, \$889.61; Operating Reserve, \$5,545.00; Other, \$35,189.64. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk