

NOVEMBER 26, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved December 10, 2024 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; Will McKenna, Sheriff; Michelle Hunsinger, Register & Recorder; Dale Myers, VA; Bob Stoudt, MARC; Diane Sones, Beth Goldman, Karen Tinstman, Public; Mark Giesen, DACC; Anna Wiest, The Daily Item; Drew Mumich, Press Enterprise.

Ms. Dressler 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. Lynn 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. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$521,378.83
General Account Receipts	\$141,398.10
General Account Checking	\$1,176,355.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,132.39
Operating Reserve	\$1,594,349.64
Total Checking	\$2,775,837.03
Act 13 Highway-Bridge	\$156,738.81
Act 44	\$110,526.87
Act 89	\$249,324.33
Children and Youth Checking	\$1,000,020.89
Debt Service Fund	\$1,167,543.24
ERAP 2	\$1,795.93
Flood Mitigation	\$2,887.59
Hazardous Material Account Checking	\$42,154.63
Human & Community Services Checking	\$123,020.59
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$15,389.16
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$286,695.14
Offender Supervision Account Checking	\$61,426.94
Opioid Settlement Fund	\$74,699.67
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$54,198.30
Uniform 911 Surcharge	\$797,066.69
Whole Homes Repair	\$15,319.00

Mr. Finn moved to add the burn ban to the agenda. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

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Mr. Finn moved to add Local Share Account grant applications to the agenda. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under public comment, Mrs. Dressler recognized Chief Clerk Holly Brandon as the recipient of the Sherm Doebler Award from PCorp, which is presented to a county employee for contributions to PCorp and the county's risk management program.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Finn moved to approve the tentative 2025 General Fund budget of \$10,824,219.99 in revenues and expenditures of \$10,822,475.17. Mr. Finn said the spending plan represents a 4.6 percent increase over the current-year budget. Higher employee costs and health insurance premiums factored in spending increases. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to set the millage rate at 4.24 mills real estate and .26652 mill debt tax. Mr. Lynn seconded. Mr. Finn said a residential property with a median assessed value of \$115,550.00 would see an increase of \$27.73 in real estate taxes under the proposed real estate millage rate. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve the tentative Liquid Fuels budget of \$1,408,347.00 in revenues and \$1,195,419.00 in expenditures. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to table an ordinance repealing Weights & Measures inspection fees. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to approve a Local Share Assessment Grant application of \$100,000.00 by Maria Joseph Continuing Care Community for the upgrade of the fire panel and security system at The Emmanuel Center. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to hire law firm Babst Calland to represent Montour in a suit filed by the Republican National Committee against all 67 Board of Elections in the Commonwealth. He noted the law firm will represent a number of counties in the litigation, which will lower attorney costs. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a renewal of an office lease agreement with state Rep. Michael Stender at \$400.00 per month effective December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2026. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve an agreement with Trinity Services Group, Inc. to provide meals at the Prison for 2025. The agreement calls for an increase of 3.8 percent, reflective of the Consumer Price Index. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve renewal of a memorandum of understanding which provides the Montour Area Recreation Commission 58 percent of the Montour County Hotel Tax receipts. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to approve a Tourism Fund grant application of \$9,500.00 by the Danville Business Alliance for costs associate with the 2024 Danville Holiday Celebrations. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, Mr. Lynn and Mr. Finn voted in favor. Ms. Dressler abstained as a conflict of interest.

Mr. Lyn moved to approve a letter of support for the Local Share Assessment grant application by the Washingtonville Fire Co. through Derry Township for a paving project at the fire company. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to reappoint John Bulger, Kristin Mikita, Brett Johnson, and Tami Gabrielsen to three-year terms to the MARC board. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to accept a letter of resignation from Leah Llanso as a full-time Deputy Coroner effective January 2, 2025, with Ms. Llanso moving to a per diem employee effective January 3, 2025. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to hire William Snyder as a full-time Correctional Officer at an hourly rate of \$20.49 effective December 2. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve a special meeting to set elected officials' salaries for the 2026 new terms of office on December 9 at 6 p.m. in Conference Room B of the Admin Center. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to cancel the December 31 meeting. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to rescind the burn ban effective immediately. Mr. Lynn seconded. Mr. Finn explained County fire chiefs requested the ban be lifted. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to sponsor a Local Share Assessment Grant application by the Danville Area Community Center in the amount of \$150,000.00 for parking lot resurfacing. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to sponsor a Local Share Assessment Grant application of \$204,670.00 for the Ronald McDonald House for a facilities upgrade project. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$425,996.73; Children & Youth, \$39,388.03; Liquid Fuels, \$58.44; Human and Community Service, \$1,483.74; Other, \$12,996.26. 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