

DECEMBER 5, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved December 19, 2023 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; Scott Lynn, Coroner/Commissioner-elect; Rebecca Dressler, Commissioner-elect; Greg Molter, Planning Director; Bob Stoudt, MARC; Shannon Rossman, Alexa Bixel, Lycoming County Planning; Anna Wiest, The Daily Item; Geri Gibbons, Press Enterprise.

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.

General Account Disbursements	\$265,481.31
General Account Receipts	\$52,654.18
General Account Checking	\$1,384,709.61
Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,059.14
Operating Reserve	\$1,446,674.39
Total Checking	\$2,836,443.14
Act 13 Highway-Bridge	\$111,309.43
Act 44	\$96,577.33
Act 89	\$214,808.11
American Rescue Plan	\$712.85
Children and Youth Checking	\$1,045,654.14
Debt Service Fund	\$1,207,809.51
ERAP 2	\$143,636.21
Flood Mitigation	\$2,862.30
Hazardous Material Account Checking	\$15,320.80
Human & Community Services Checking	\$125,196.95
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$14,871.93
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$262,288.04
Offender Supervision Account Checking	\$49,412.52
Opioid Settlement Fund	\$53,667.58
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$52,078.55
Uniform 911 Surcharge	\$557,091.22
Whole Homes Repair	\$156,339.00

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

Mr. Holdren recessed the meeting to convene a public hearing on the Five-County Solid Waste Plan update. Mr. Molter introduced Ms. Rossman, Director of the Lycoming County Office of Planning and Community Development, who has spearheaded the updating process on behalf of Lycoming, Montour, Columbia, Union, and Snyder counties. Ms. Rossman explained the counties are mandated to adopt a plan every 10 years. Because 80 percent of all waste from the five-county region goes to the Lycoming County landfill, it made sense to continue the joint plan the five Counties adopted in 2013. The plan must show the area has enough waste capacity for solid waste over the next 10 years. The plan update was paid by a state grant with each County contributing a small cash donation. The updated plan was submitted in October to the Department of Environmental Protection, followed by a period of public comment – including this hearing – with final adoption scheduled in February.

Ms. Rossman said the plan does not determine where waste goes but that the waste capacity is adequate, noting the Counties are well situated in that regard. The last decade has seen some changes, including a slight decrease in the amount of waste generated, which corresponds to a slight decrease in the population. The plan addresses areas specific to each County. In Montour, she said, one municipality is mandated to recycle. She also noted that Montour has coordinated special cleanup events in conjunction with other entities, such as tire collections.

She said the group identified the disposal of lithium batteries as a major issue. Such batteries sparked three fires at the Lycoming landfill last summer, causing significant damage. Another major problem is the disposal of electrical waste. Ms. Rossman said any resident of the five counties can drop off televisions and computers at the Lycoming landfill with proof of identity. There being no further comment, the hearing was adjourned and the public meeting reconvened.

Under public comment, Mr. Holdren said the Wreaths Across America program is under way with the wreath drop-off at 10 a.m. December 13 at Odd Fellows Cemetery followed by the placement of the wreaths at noon December 16 in the Catholic portion of the cemetery. Anyone interested in volunteering can report to the cemetery on those days.

There was no old business.

Under new business, the following Tax Anticipation Note quotes were received as follows: 1st Keystone Community, 5.75%; First National Bank, 5.91%; Jersey Shore State Bank, 5.68%; M&T, 5.57%; Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, 5.37%; Northumberland National Bank, 5.10%. Mr. Holdren moved to accept the low bid of 5.10% from Northumberland National with the provision that no legal fees are included as they will be handled by Mr. Marks. Mr. Hartman second. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to encumber \$73,000.00 of Liquid Fuels funds for repairs to the Swam Wagner Bridge in Northumberland County. The ownership of the covered bridge is shared by Montour and Northumberland counties. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve a purchase of service agreement on behalf of Children & Youth Services with Buck County Youth Center. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to draft a letter of request to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for a variance to utilize properties at 29 and 23 Mill Road in Derry

Township as a “passive use park.” The properties were part of a recent flood buyout. The historic site would be named Mill Park, in recognition of two centuries of mills located near there, one of which served as a stockade during the American Revolution and led to the founding of Washingtonville in 1796. Mr. Stoudt explained that since PEMA funds paid for the buyout, its permission is needed for the plan, which includes buffers, wildflower meadows, a grass walking path and an information kiosk, none of which would disturb the flood plain. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$235,722.27; Children & Youth, \$24,465.64; Human and Community Service, \$72.24; Liquid Fuels, 98.14. 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