

**JANUARY 26, 2016 MINUTES**  
**Formally approved February 9, 2016 meeting**

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also Present: Jesse Kline, Treasurer; Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Bob Stoudt, MARC; David “Otto” Kurecian, Columbia-Montour Visitors Bureau; Fred Hunsinger, Columbia County 911; Tim Murphy, Columbia County GIS; Jessie Runkle, DRIVE; Ben Stoudt, Lauren Stoudt, Brian Stoudt, Public; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

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.

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

General Account Disbursements	\$158,728.00
General Account Receipts	\$60,502.44
General Account Checking .25%	\$1,530,268.55
Capital Reserve Fund .12%	\$29,640.59
Operating Reserve .10%	\$77,869.06
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$1,637,778.20
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .12%	\$127,423.58
Act 44 .27%	\$22,657.57
Children and Youth Checking .26%	\$392,019.76
Flood Mitigation .27%	\$1,841.48
Hazardous Material Account Checking .15%	\$17,580.94
Human & Community Services Checking .27%	\$55,804.69
Improvement Fund Checking .27%	\$12,464.87
Liquid Fuels Checking .27%	\$283,400.28
Medical Assistance Transportation .15%	\$150,548.62
Offender Supervision Account Checking .27%	\$102,110.46
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$43,292.30
Transit Fund Account Checking .28%	\$58,487.76
Uniform 911 Surcharge .01%	\$253,899.41

Mr. Holdren called for public comment. Mr. Finn introduced Ms. Runkle as DRIVE Executive Director. Ms. Runkle said she is currently gathering planning and zoning information from Columbia and Montour counties in order to assist new businesses looking to move operations into the area.

Mrs. Kauwell said she wanted to alert the public that the U.S. Department of State is anticipating an extremely busy passport season. Anyone interested in obtaining a passport should expect to wait an extra week beyond the minimum six-week period for processing.

Mr. Kurecian reported on updates affecting Montour County, including the closure of the Visitor's Bureau office in Danville, which will be replaced with electronic kiosks, most likely situated at the Pine Barn Inn and Geisinger Medical Center. Work is also continuing on the River Rat Brew Trail, tying together nine breweries in a five-county area, including Old Forge in Danville.

Mr. Stoudt presented an overview of MARC operations, noting in 2015 the commission realized \$161,476.00 in revenues, had operating costs of \$173,472.00, and is waiting on \$19,000.00 in reimbursements from the state. MARC is tasked with maintaining six sites in Montour and Columbia counties, including the Hess Recreation Area, Hopewell Park and the River Drive Trail Head. In addition to park and trail maintenance, MARC runs a race series and late last year became responsible for operating and maintaining the Montour Preserve. Mr. Stoudt said an additional total of \$128,064.55 was donated for the specific purpose of keeping the preserve open this year, and those funds are kept in an escrowed account by the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation. To date, \$28,048.09 has been drawn down from that account for expenses related to preserve operations.

Mr. Finn complimented Mr. Stoudt on MARC's ability to accomplish so much on a limited budget.

Under correspondence, Mr. Holdren read a resolution from the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania recognizing the commitment of human service agencies in maintaining critical services despite the six-month state budget impasse. Montour County's Children & Youth Services, and Human Services as well as the Aging Office, CMSU and other human service agencies went above and beyond, to serve those most in need and deserve thanks and gratitude, Mr. Holdren said.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Hartman moved to approve a \$15,000.00 allocation from Hotel Tax funds to MARC for general operational support. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to reappoint Frank Dombroski to a five-year term on the SEDA-Cog Joint Rail Authority. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to accept a letter of resignation from Assistant Chief Clerk Stacy Cole, effective close of business February 19. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to accept a letter of resignation from Dennis Hartzell, Part-Time Field Assessor, effective January 29. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under recognition, Mr. Hartman read a proclamation honoring Evelyn Lane, a resident of Maria Joseph Manor, on the occasion of her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 29.

Mr. Holdren recognized the Danville High School Forensics Team for a good showing at the Blue, Maroon and White Tournament at Shikellamy High School. Danville placed second overall with varsity taking first place and fourth in novice. Additionally, 20 students from the high school won individual awards.

Mr. Holdren congratulated Montour County residents' impressive showing at the recent Farm Show. Both adults and students from the County won in numerous categories, including the sheep-to-shawl competitors, who took first place five years running.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk