

MAY 12, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved May 26, 2026 meeting

PRESENT: Commissioner Chairman Rebeca A. Dressler, Commissioner Trevor S. Finn;
Also present: Leslie Hosterman, SEDA-COG; Beth Goldman, Bill Waltman, Mark Giesen, Linda Shupp, R. Ibrahim, Joe Diehl, Public; James May, Congressman Dan Meuser's Office; Rick Dandes, The Daily Item; Drew Mumich, Press Enterprise.

Ms. Dressler asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer by Solicitor Robert L. Marks.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. The meeting was then opened.

General Account Disbursements	\$506,727.16
General Account Receipts	\$3,809,360.25
General Account Checking	\$4,929,171.95
Capital Reserve Fund	\$81,124.46
Operating Reserve	\$637,343.45
Total Checking	\$5,647,639.86
Act 13 Highway-Bridge	\$206,246.83
Act 44	\$137,099.71
Act 89	\$299,171.96
Agland Escrow	\$38,489.71
Children and Youth Checking	\$1,266,920.72
Debt Service Fund	\$1,348,022.06
Flood Mitigation	\$2,910.48
Hazardous Material Account Checking	\$22,828.64
Human & Community Services Checking	\$123,467.65
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$15,557.35
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$163,957.78
Offender Supervision Account Checking	\$58,147.72
Opioid Settlement Fund	\$377,790.22
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$55,627.99
Uniform 911 Surcharge	\$1,176,455.64

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

Mr. Finn moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler called for public comment. Ms. Goldman issued thanks for support of the America 250 Mobile Unit during Spring Fling and the bike parade, the latter drawing 50 children as participants.

Mr. Myers announced middle school students will be placing flags at Odd Fellows Cemetery and Riverside Cemetery in anticipation of Memorial Day activities. Mr. Finn voiced concern over children's safety as the Riverside Cemetery is not mowed. Mention was made of gravestones being knocked over at Odd Fellows.

Ms. Dressler recessed the public meeting to convene the first public hearing for the 2026 CDBG program year. Ms. Hosterman provided an overview of the program, saying an award of \$217,446.00 is expected for Montour County with project applications due in late May. She discussed parameters of the program as well as fair housing, anti-displacement, Section 3 preference and Section 504 outreach. She talked about previously funded projects, such as an elected-HVAC update at the Gatehouse, veterans sponsorships at the Danville Area Community Center, the Admin Center elevator rehab project, noting the requirement for full-income disclosure has created a barrier to participation in the veterans sponsorship program. Mark Giesen of the DACC agreed, saying the center would see a lot more folks if there wasn't such rigorous income eligibility.

Beth Goldman addressed accessibility concerns across Route 11 from Mill Street to Bloom Road for people trying to access Montour County Historical Society buildings. Ms. Goldman said the Historical Society is looking to apply for funds to rehab windowsills at the Montgomery House Museum, Ms. Hosterman noted historic preservation is fundable under the CDBG program.

Mr. Finn cited onerous paperwork demands from the Department of Community and Economic Development for the DACC veterans program issue. He also pointed out that 75,000 people in this region have lost access to HOME Program rehabilitation funds administered by SEDA-COG because DCED has put the agency under an unfair microscope, stating the federal government needs to tell DCED to back off.

There being no further public comment, Ms. Dressler adjourned the hearing and reconvened the public meeting.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Finn moved to revise the FY2023 CDBG program, moving \$23,363.00 from the Foust Street flood gate project to the Montour Street reconstruction project. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a scope revision for the FY 2024 CDBG program by reallocating \$1,240.00 of the \$45,000.00 approved budget for the DACC veterans outreach program, which will be used for outreach as a way to reduce barriers while maintaining income compliance requirements. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn withdrew a motion to approve, then moved to table a request from EADS Group to increase fees for the Comprehensive Plan update by \$10,000.00. EADS cited a proposed data center as the main factor to an unanticipated work Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve an inmate boarding agreement with Columbia County to board Columbia prisoners at Montour's prison for \$65.00 per day. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve a Tourism Fund grant application of \$6,000.00 from the Danville Business Alliance to refurbish welcome signs and restore murals in Danville. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve a tourism Fund grant application of \$572.36 for the patriotic bike parade. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve the distribution of \$50,000.00 from the County Opioid Settlement Funds to the CMSU Warm Hand Off Program. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to appoint Joy Kahler to the CYS Advisory Board. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to promote Megan Mericle, CYS Caseworker II to Caseworker III-Independent Living Coordinator effective June 19. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$1,717,311.02; Children & Youth, \$71,680.12; Liquid Fuels, \$450.76; Human and Community Service, \$6.00; Operating Reserve, \$357,694.62; Other Funds, \$369,170.91. 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