AUGUST 25, 2026 MEETING MINUTES
Formally approved September, 2026 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Chuck Jenkins, Treasurer; Greg Molter, Jillian Brandon, Human Services; Dale Myers, VA; Keith Rine, Zoning; Leslie Hosterman, SEDA-COG; Diane Dutko, Think BIG; Cory Boney, Wild Valleys Film Office; Frank Dombroski, Washingtonville Borough; Cortney Shupp, Craig High, Beth Goldman, Public; Rick Dandes, 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	$567,992.47
General Account Receipts	$144,837.17
General Account Checking	$3,357,072.68
Capital Reserve Fund	$99,572.65
Operating Reserve	$54,349.07
Total Checking	$3,510,994.40
Act 13 Highway-Bridge	$247,801.33
Act 44	$137,237.99
Act 89	$313,172.04
Agland Escrow	$38,528.53
Children and Youth Checking	$1,330,790.09
Debt Service Fund	$1,487,699.84
Flood Mitigation	$2,913.42
Hazardous Material Account Checking	$9,172.06
Human & Community Services Checking	$124,649.75
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	$15,923.26
Liquid Fuels Checking	$159,828.76
Offender Supervision Account Checking	$62,035.03
Opioid Settlement Fund	$313,913.63
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	$55,507.49
Uniform 911 Surcharge	$1,350,804.99

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

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

Ms. Dressler recessed the meeting to convene a public hearing for the 2026-2027 Human Services Development Fund, then introduced Mr. Molter who explained two programs fall under the grant. The Housing Assistance Program, under which Montour receives $10,800.00, provides assistance with a month's rent to eligible clients who are facing eviction or relocation. The Human Services Development Fune, which receives $50,000.00, is used for the following: In-home meals; homemaker services, transportation; contracted service for 24/7 emergency contact and assistance; interagency coordination; chore services which provide unskilled/semi-skilled services to keep a person in their home, such as installation of safety rails; emergency shelter, under which Montour provides $15,000.00 to the Gate House to assist with emergency shelter needs. Services are offered to those income-eligible services to residents 18-59 years old. Those 60 and older are served by the Aging Agency. If Aging is unable to provide services, Montour Human Services would then attempt to assist. Mr. Molter noted that Montour's Human Services have "a lot to do with very little funding." There being no public comment, the hearing was adjourned.

Ms. Dressler reconvened the public meeting and called for public comment. Mr. Dombroski read a letter on behalf of Washingtonville Borough Council regarding the potential cessation of zoning services on the County level. Mr. Dombroski cautioned against an abrupt decision and urged a collaborative effort to arrive at the best answer.

Ms. Goldman said she is against having to fund zoning on the County level as she already pays for the services as a Danville Borough resident. Ms. Shupp said she supports zoning remaining on the County level, noting the excellent service provided by County employees.

Mr. Myers discussed the Veterans Temporary Assistance Program administered by the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, which offers temporary assistance to veterans and their families who are facing emergency needs for basic living expenses. He explained it is similar to the County VA's Temporary Assistance Fund, which is funded by public donations. The County fund is slowly being depleted. Because of that, Mr. Myers said his office will start diverting emergency requests through the state program, which has granted $8.6 million to 9,650 people to date. Mr. Myers also thanked the family of the late Robert Pegg, who donated military-themed wood carvings to the County VA as well as an $800.00 donation to the Montour emergency fund.

Diane Kutko of the ThinkBIG Foundation talked to the Board about her organization's mission to provide financial help to families of pediatric cancer patients. She said the organization assists 65 families per year with stipends of up to $5,000.00 ThinkBIG is currently in 31 counties with the goal of extending statewide. The Board presented Ms. Dutko with a proclamation designating September as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month in Montour County.

Under old business, Mr. Lynn moved to establish a working group of all entities involved to develop a plan to move forward on the question of the future of zoning services. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Lynn moved to approve the 2026-2027 Human Services Development Fund Grant as presented by Mr. Molter, Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Hosterman presented applications for the FY 2026 CDBG Program project selection as follows: Northern Montour Recreation Association - $85,000.0 for zero-entry access at the Exchange Pool; and Sisters of Sants Cyril and Methodius - $178,446.00 for HVAC upgrades at Maria Hall. Ms. Hosterman told the board $217,446.00 in County funding is anticipated. Of that amount, $39,000.00 is set aside for administration. The remaining funding cannot accommodate both requests. The Commissioners could fully fund the Maria Hall request, fully fund the Exchange Pool request, or split the allocation between the two projects. Mr. Lynn moved to approve the Maria Hall project with the suggestion to have the Northern Montour Recreation Association reapply for funds next year. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve a change order request by the American Ramp Company, which would allow the contractor to complete the ADA parking paving for the Hopewell Pump Track Project for a lump sum of $3,950.00. In correspondence to the Board, Bob Stoudt of MARC said MARC has the funding to pay for the additional work, which will allow significant cost savings from the initial plan. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve a PCorp Loss Prevention Grant Program application of $2,913.42 to pay for shredding at the Courthouse. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve purchase of service agreements on behalf of Children & Youth Services as follows: Love2Care, Geisinger – CPS Medical Liaison, KidsPeace. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Cory Boney of the Wild Valley Film Office of Pennsylvania through Lycoming Arts asked the Board to consider a recognition of and partnership with Wild Valley. The organization is looking to serve a ten-county region in North Central Pennsylvania as a dedicated film commission. There would be no charge for the service for the professional representation to the Pennsylvania film industry. Currently, Sullivan, Lycoming and Union counties have provided letters of support. Mr. Lynn moved to approve the request. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a location and release filming agreement with Midnight Owl Productions allowing the use of County property in the filming of a movie, "Original Sun: Prelude to Biohazard," pending further solicitor review. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved for a vote of no confidence against the Chairman and Executive Director of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to appoint Mark Deroba to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board through December 31, 2028. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to reappoint the following to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board: Brian Tworkoski, Ralph Trego, Shane Betz, Jon Hartman, Chad Gray, with terms ending December 21, 2028; and Millard Watson, Bonnie Trump, and Patricia Kitchen, with terms ending December 31, 2026. Mr. Finn seconded On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to accept the resignation of Susan Kauwell from the Children & Youth Advisory Board. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to accept a letter of resignation from Reed Shultz, Correctional Officer, effective August 23. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to accept a letter of resignation from Nevan Diehl, Correctional Officer, effective August 20. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve the hiring of Xzavier Croll as a full-time Correctional Officer at the rate of $18.04 per hour effective August 24. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve the hiring of Jason Hewes as full-time Correctional Officer at the rate of $21.73 per hour effective August 24. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all

Ms. Dressler moved to affirm the hiring of Chayce Perna as an intern Deputy Coroner at $14.50 per hour effective August 25. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, Ms. Dressler and Mr. Finn voted in favor. My. Lynn abstained.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, $470,110.61; Children & Youth, $102,684.95; Human and Community Services, $1,732.35; Operating Reserve, $6,224.99; Liquid Fuels, $530.60; Uniform 911, $102,880.26; Other Funds, $12,837.17. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk