

AUGUST 13, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved August 27, 2024 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; Greg Molter, Human Services Director; Ryan King, Chief Deputy; Karen Tinstman, Diane Sones, Mike Tinstman, Jill Komar, Danville Pickleball; Mike Komar, Danville Airport; Mark Giesen, DACC; Beth Goldman, public; Anna Wiest, The Daily Item: Drew Mumich, Press Enterprise.

Ms. Dressler asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Pastor Molter. 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.

General Account Disbursements	\$520,302.24
General Account Receipts	\$249,256.31
General Account Checking	\$2,846,140.75
Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,096.14
Operating Reserve	\$1,580,330.36
Total Checking	\$4,431,567.25
Act 13 Highway-Bridge	\$115,136.31
Act 44	\$110,282.38
Act 89	\$246,697.12
Children and Youth Checking	\$995,855.21
Debt Service Fund	\$1,575,895.37
ERAP 2	\$139,593.45
Flood Mitigation	\$2,881.20
Hazardous Material Account Checking	\$15,058.94
Human & Community Services Checking	123,324.37
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$15,449.01
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$279,850.35
Offender Supervision Account Checking	\$57,245.32
Opioid Settlement Fund	\$74,024.71
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$50,363.30
Uniform 911 Surcharge	\$922,940.35
Whole Homes Repair	\$24,364.00

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

Mr. Finn moved to add a cooperative services agreement with the Columbia Montour SWAT Team to the agenda. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to add a Gas Well Drilling Fee Fund allocation to MARC to the agenda. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Molter noted that the Route 54-642 safety corridor project is expected to go out to bid on October 10 with completion expected sometime in 2030.

Ms. Dressler recessed the public meeting to convene the 2024-2025 Human Services Development Fund Public Hearing. Mr. Molter said the Housing Assistance Program component of \$10,812.00 includes \$4,000.00 set aside for administrative fees. The Human Services Development Fund of \$50,000.00 has seven spending categories: Meals for those from ages 2 to 59, which can also serve as a backup for Aging Office meals; Transportation for such things as food delivery, work transport and adult daycare; Homemaker Services for such tasks as cleaning and laundry; Contract Services, such as 211; Interagency Coordination; Chore Services for semi-skilled labor projects for home maintenance tasks; and Emergency Shelter, which provides \$10,000.00 of the HSDF annual allocation to the Gatehouse.

On a question asking whether more funds could be obtained for the Housing Assistance Program, Mr. Molter said the allocation is tied to the cost of living in Montour, and due to Geisinger, that rate is higher than much of the state. He noted federal ERAP rental assistance funds from the pandemic have also caused an unintended consequence as landlords raised rents, making low-income housing more difficult to afford. There being no further comment, the hearing was adjourned and the public meeting reconvened.

Under old business, Ms. Dressler moved to submit a variance request to PEMA to utilize flood-buyout property in Derry Township for a passive use park. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Lynn moved to approve submission of the 2024-2025 Human Services Development Fund application as presented. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to approve an agreement with Family Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania to provide 211 services on behalf of Human Services for 211/Help Line Services before and after working hours, weekends and holidays effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to adopt Resolution R-8-13-2024 requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant of \$280,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority on behalf of the Sunnybrook Pickleball Project to construct pickleball courts at the park. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve drafting a letter of support of the Northumberland Montour Joint Airport Authority's Degenstein Foundation's grant application of \$60,000.00 for a new roof and repairs to the main hangar at the Danville Airport. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to approve two Tourism Fund Grant applications of \$7,500.00 each from the Danville Business Alliance to support the Danville Heritage Festival and Danville Fall Arts and Crafts Festival activities. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote Mr. Lynn and Mr. Finn voted in favor. Ms. Dressler abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a lateral transfer of Security Screener Mary Sue Jones, to the position of Veterans Service Officer in the Office of Veterans Affairs effective July 9.

Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to ratify the hiring of Robert D. Montgomery as a part-time, certified Deputy Sheriff at \$18.00 per hour effective August 1. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a cooperative agreement with the Columbia Montour SWAT Team pending solicitor review. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to allocate \$25,000.00 from the Gas Well Drilling Fee Fund to MARC. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$506,094.70; Children & Youth, \$71,879.54; Liquid Fuels, \$411.60; Human and Community Services, \$1,020.19; Operating Reserve, \$11,115.36; Uniform 911, \$109,663.98; Other, \$25,239.02. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk