

JANUARY 23, 2018 MINUTES
Approved February 13, 2018 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Sue Goddard, Tyler Dombroski, SEDA-COG; Chris Johns, Andrei Bucaloiu, Danville Area School District; 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	\$179,068.45
General Account Receipts	\$929,331.84
General Account Checking 1.27%	\$972,964.65
Capital Reserve Fund 1.25%	\$30,000.00
Operating Reserve 1.25%	\$233,289.75
GeneralMMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$1,236,254.40
Act 13 Highway-Bridge 1.25%	\$173,077.76
Act 44 1.31%	\$76,971.70
Children and Youth Checking 1.29%	\$314,028.81
Flood Mitigation 1.30%	\$1,867.62
Hazardous Material Account Checking 1.30%	\$19,508.48
Human & Community Services Checking 1.30%	\$70,135.92
Improvement Fund Checking 1.30%	\$19,996.12
Liquid Fuels Checking 1.30%	\$276,422.50
Medical Assistance Transportation 1.30%	\$105,177.57
Offender Supervision Account Checking 1.30%	\$44,417.13
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$30,611.05
Transit Fund Account Checking 1.30%	\$52,556.18
Uniform 911 Surcharge 1.09%	\$550,581.99

Mr. Holdren asked for public comment. There was none.

Under old business, Mr. Hartman moved to adopt Resolution R-1-23-2018 authorizing submission of an application for HOME funds to the Department of Community and Economic Development. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren referenced newspaper articles about GPS update delays and concerns over deliveries. He said the County is trying its best to work with companies to expedite updates.

Mr. Holdren also cited an article in which a South Side Fire Co. official expressed concern over an inability to respond to calls adequately without GPS updates. He asked Mr. Finn to confirm that emergency calls were dispatched in Active 911. Mr. Finn, who is a firefighter, said they were not and expressed his own frustration over dispatches, noting how a recent fire call at Fomey's Court was incorrectly dispatched to Foley Court.

Mr. Finn said he has received repeated complaints from first responders asking him to do something about issues, but he is no longer allowed to talk directly to the 911 Center and must communicate through Columbia County Commissioner Rich Ridgway. He said the ECEN (East Central Emergency Network) Board had him investigated and has "tied his hands."

Mr. Holdren noted all six Commissioners from Montour and Columbia counties sit on the ECEN Board; which is the governing body of the merged 911 center.

Mr. Finn said he has invited EMS and fire personnel to the Board's meeting on Thursday. "They have to come and complain to the entire Board," he said, adding "someone's gonna get killed." While there has been talk of creating an authority to oversee the center's operations, Mr. Finn said he is considering making a motion at the meeting to disband the joint venture. "That's how upset I am as a Commissioner. The 911 Center is a mess and I don't trust it. I think we made a mistake."

Regionalization of 911 services has been forced by the state, he said. But "state people aren't on the ground." As an example of problems, he said a fire company vehicle that responded to a barn fire over the weekend was taken out of service. That information was relayed to 911, which then dispatched the vehicle to another barn fire later that day.

Mr. Finn said when concerns are raised, "They say the dispatchers did nothing wrong."

Mr. Holdren said, "Questions, as they have been raised, (the answers) have made sense."

Mr. Hartman pointed out the merged center is on a learning curve, saying "it doesn't run perfectly."

Mr. Holdren added, "Up until this point we have been satisfied with the explanations and will continue to monitor and assess (operations.)"

Under new business, Mr. Hartman moved to approve an agreement with the Cooper Township Municipal Authority allocating \$87,085.70 of CDBG funds to implement the sewer lateral installation project. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to enter into a one-year rental agreement with the Central Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (Rabbittransit) for four parking spaces at the Woodbine Lane complex at \$240.00 per month. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to authorize a letter of support to 3P Ride, which is seeking funds from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to provide transportation services to veterans for VA clinic visits. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to adopt Resolution R-1-24-2018 designating EMA Coordinator Ed Burkland as the County's agent for the County Mitigation Committee of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to reappoint Tyler Dombroski as Chairman of the Agland Preservation Board. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve Family Medical Leave Act for Melodie Culp, CYS Director, effective March 1. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to appoint Sharon Mausteller to the Children & Youth Services Advisory Board. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren recognized the Danville High School Girls Cross-Country Team for winning the PIAA State AA title.

The Board congratulated Andrei Bucaloiu, a senior forward on the Danville High School Boys Soccer Team, on his selection to the 2017 All-State Team by the Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association.

Mr. Holdren announced that the workshop canceled due to inclement weather January 16 in Anthony Township has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. February 12 at the Anthony Township Municipal Building.

Mr. Holdren noted receipt of a letter from PennDOT announcing the formation of a community advisory committee to discuss the Routes 54-642 intersection project. The County has been asked to nominate a local resident, local elected official and a business community representative to sit on the committee, which will have its first meeting February 20.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$336,109.07; Children & Youth, \$22,906.21; Liquid Fuels, \$466.56; Uniform 911, \$12,462.49; Human and Community Service, \$2,426.49. 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