

MINUTES AUGUST 25, 2009 MEETING
Formally approved at September 8, 2009 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Kim Schooley, Treasurer; Greg Molter, West Nile Program; Megan Epler, SEDA-COG; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News; Chris Krepich, PressEnterprise.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Solicitor Robert L. Marks. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mr. Ward moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by Mr. Schooley. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$901,014.63
General Account Receipts	\$655,127.84
General Account Checking .50%	\$538,148.83
General Account CD 2.10%	\$550,000.00
Capital Reserve Fund .75%	\$219,157.01
Operating Reserve .75%	\$211,853.70
Total Checking, Savings and CDs	\$1,519,159.54
Act 44 .50%	\$23,548.52
Act 78 Checking .50%	\$29,433.92
Children and Youth Checking .50%	\$18,363.20
Domestic Relations Checking .50%	\$164,924.56
Escheat Account Checking .50%	\$2,007.03
Hazardous Material Account Checking .50%	\$9,660.02
Human & Community Services Checking .50%	\$1,935.99
Improvement Fund Checking .50%	\$21,180.13
Liquid Fuels Checking .50%	\$158,062.24
Offender Supervision Account Checking .50%	\$40,604.08
Transit Fund Account Checking .50%	\$1,140.97
West Nile .50%	\$9.21
Wireless 911 .50%	\$157,458.29

Mr. Finn called for public comment. There was none.

Mr. Finn recognized Ms. Epler, who publicly thanked the County for participating in a program to convert traffic signals to energy-saving LED lighting. The County received 62% of the cost back from grants through the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Appalachian Regional Commission. Ms. Epler noted the County has realized a 70 to 75% reduction in lighting costs since the installation of the LED lights.

Under correspondence, Mr. Finn read a letter received from the Department of Environmental Protection announcing that due to the current budget impasse, the state will no longer fund West Nile Virus Control operations in 36 counties, including Montour, as of September 1. Mr. Finn noted that all 7th and 8th class counties, most of which are rural areas, are among those counties being cut. Mr. Molter said six of the nine years the program has been in operation, Montour County has tested positively for West Nile. Mr. Molter also pointed out that right now begins the peak season for the mosquito population, and that Montour, Columbia and Union counties had positive tests for the virus already this year. Mr. Molter stated many of the areas the state will continue to fund have no evidence of West Nile, while the many areas that are being cut from the program do have positive tests. Mr. Finn said Montour has a high elderly population, which is at high risk for the disease, and that judging by the state's decision to spare urban areas but not rural ones, sends a message that we are not worthy of being protected.

Under old business, Mr. Gerst moved to accept a \$43,106.00 grant approved under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. The grant was submitted by the County on behalf of local law enforcement. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Gerst moved to approve an amendment to the First Time Homebuyers Program contract which requires all monies be spent for properties in Danville Borough and that copies of appraisals must be submitted to the DCED for approval prior to purchasing properties. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to accept a \$179,200.00 grant from the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Mr. Gerst moved to adopt Resolution R-8-25-09 designating Mr. Finn as agent for the project. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to accept \$35,020.00 grant from the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Mr. Gerst moved to adopt Resolution R-8-26-09 designating Mr. Finn as agent for the project. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to affirm the hiring of Renee Cooke as Domestic Relations Enforcement Officer effective August 10 at an annual salary of \$21,650.00. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve an FMLA request by Children & Youth Service Caseworker Gwen Larsen effective August 28. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve an FMLA request by Assistant Tax Claim Bureau Director Michele Sharrow effective September 21. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to pay the following bills General Account, \$83,886.38; Children & Youth, \$17,395.15; Transit, \$51,542.63; Liquid Fuels, \$976.88; Act 78, \$1,020.36; Domestic Relations, \$16,420.14; Human & Community, \$150.50. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon

Chief Clerk