

MINUTES DECEMBER 23, 2008 MEETING
Formally approved at January 13, 2009 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Amanda Boyer, Transit Director; Katie Wintersteen, Danielle Kreis, Mackenzie McCollum, Danville Area High School; Gina Martin, The Danville News; Chris Krepich, PressEnterprise.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Finn. The meeting was opened in prayer by Solicitor Robert L. Marks. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

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

General Account Disbursements	\$334,380.01
General Account Receipts	\$200,177.76
General Account Checking (1.80%)	\$351,328.96
Capital Reserve Fund 1.80%	\$218,048.07
Operating Reserve 1.80%	\$194,360.66
Total Checking, Savings and CDs	\$763,737.69
Act 78 Checking .25%	\$12,958.30
Children and Youth Checking 1.80%	\$128,011.55
Domestic Relations Checking 1.80%	\$134,588.41
Escheat Account Checking .30%	\$3,411.87
Hazardous Material Account Checking .25%	\$8,957.30
Human & Community Services Checking .25%	\$4,947.60
Improvement Fund Checking	\$20,791.14
Liquid Fuels Checking 1.80%	\$112,013.39
Offender Supervision Account Checking 1.80%	\$42,825.43
Transit Fund Account Checking 1.80%	\$2,320.36
West Nile	\$5.00
Wireless 911 1.90%	\$261,094.29

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

Under old business, Mr. Finn presented the 2009 budget in the amount of \$7,435,810. with anticipated revenues of \$7,462,226.67. Mr. Ward moved to approve the final adoption of the spending plan. Mr. Gerst seconded. Under discussion, Mr. Gerst said the Board is looking into the cost associated with stocking the County's three law libraries. The annual cost for the Courthouse alone is nearly \$19,000.00, which Mr. Ward called exorbitant. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to set real estate millage at 2.999 mills, representing no tax increase. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to set per capita at \$5.00. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the Liquid Fuels budget of \$276,700.17 with anticipated revenues of \$382,758.00. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve the Transit budget of \$441,300.00 with anticipated revenues of \$490,973.00. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

As requested, quotes for a Tax Anticipation loan for 2009 in the amount of \$800,000.00 were sought and presented: 1st Keystone National Bank, 3.25%; M&T Bank, 3.78%; and FNB Bank, 3.44%. Mr. Ward moved to approve the low bid of 3.25% from 1st Keystone. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Gerst moved to approve the promotion of Stephanie Hauze to the position of Chief Dispatcher effective January 5, 2009, at the rate of \$14.75 per hour with an additional .25 cents per hour after six months. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the hiring of Scott Yeager as a part-time Correctional Officer at an hourly rate of \$9.73 effective December 17. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to accept the resignation of Amanda Lee, part-time Cooperative Extension Clerk, effective January 4. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to reappoint Sara Prieto to a five-year term on the Housing Authority Board. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to set meeting dates on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month with the second Tuesday at 1:00 P.M. and the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. with the following exceptions: December 1 at 7:00 P.M. and no meeting August 11 and December 8. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to set municipal workshops at 7:00 P.M. the third Tuesday of the month at various municipalities with the following exception May 5, Limestone Township. Other workshops are: January 20, Anthony Township; February 17, Cooper Township; March 17, Derry Township; April 21, Liberty Township; June 16, Mahoning Township;

July 21, Mayberry Township; August 18, Valley Township; September 15, Washingtonville Borough; October 20, West Hemlock Township.

The following holiday schedule for 2009 was approved on a motion by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Gerst as follows: New Years, January 1 and 2; Martin Luther King Day, January 19; Presidents Day, February 16; Good Friday, April 10; Memorial Day, May 25; Flag Day, June 15; independence Day, July 3; Labor Day, September 7; Columbus Day, October 12; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving, November 26 and 27; Christmas, December 25. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to set a Salary Board meeting for 11:00 A.M. January 6. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn recognized the Danville Area School Board for its commitment to economic development by approving a Keystone Opportunity Zone at the Irontown Commerce Center, formerly the TRW site. Mr. Finn said the KOZ designation will provide a valuable marketing tool, one which could not occur had all three taxing bodies – the School District, Danville Borough and County not concurred on the site designation.

Mr. Finn also recognized Geisinger Health System on its efforts to make its system a little greener by undertaking such initiatives as car pooling for employees.

Mr. Ward commended charitable organizations such as the Good Samaritan Fund, Red Cross and Community Tree for their good works, especially during the holiday season. Mr. Gerst also recognized the generosity of residents of the County for their donations to charities.

Mr. Ward moved to pay the following bills General Account, \$202,929.98; Children & Youth, \$68,078.60; Transit, \$13,165.81; Liquid Fuels, \$9,158.91; Act 78, \$9,793.16; Domestic Relations, \$7,137.61; Human & Community, \$2,301.11. 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

