

**MINUTES FEBRUARY 24, 2009 MEETING**  
**Formally approved at March 10, 2009 meeting**

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Linda Weaver, Register and Recorder; Peter Uhl; Kevin Brennan, Timothy Fitzgerald, Susan Hallick, Robert Davies, David Felicio, Justin Walden, Geisinger Health System; Mike McDavid, Cooperative Extension-CCAP; Rick Dandes, The Daily Item; 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, Mr. Gerst and Mr. Ward voted in favor. Mr. Finn abstained.

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

General Account Disbursements	\$291,708.37
General Account Receipts	\$255,533.65
General Account Checking .50%	\$657,570.46
Capital Reserve Fund .75%	\$218,052.55
Operating Reserve .75%	\$195,149.65
Total Checking, Savings and CDs	\$1,070,772.66
Act 44 .50%	\$23,482.29
Act 78 Checking .50%	\$17,273.21
Children and Youth Checking .50%	\$224,246.45
Domestic Relations Checking .50%	\$157,824.37
Escheat Account Checking .50%	\$3,817.42
Hazardous Material Account Checking .50%	\$8,856.22
Human & Community Services Checking .50%	\$4,593.88
Improvement Fund Checking .50%	\$21,621.14
Liquid Fuels Checking .50%	\$111,380.04
Offender Supervision Account Checking .50%	\$40,471.56
Transit Fund Account Checking .50%	\$2,930.68
West Nile .50%	\$5.00
Wireless 911 .50%	\$250,076.02

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

Mr. Finn recessed the meeting, then called to order a TEFRA (Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act) hearing, as publicly advertised in the February 9 edition of The Daily Item, and introduced the Geisinger Health System representatives in attendance, as well as Mrs. Kauwell, a member of the Geisinger Authority. It was noted the purpose of the hearing was to propose issuance of up to \$300,000,000.00 in tax-exempt revenue bonds to be issued by Geisinger Authority to benefit Geisinger Health System Foundation. Geisinger representatives explained the revenues will be used for such efforts as the Hospital for Advanced Medicine facility, a 600-vehicle parking garage and to furnish and equip a Geisinger building currently under construction on Mill Street. Mr. Finn asked for questions or comments. There being none, the hearing was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. Finn reconvened the Commissioners meeting. Mr. Gerst moved to adopt Internal Revenue Code Resolution R-2-27-09. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Mr. Ward moved to adopt the Health, Safety and Welfare Ordinance # 1-09. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under correspondence, Mr. Finn noted receipt of a letter from the Warrior Run School District Board of Education stating the School Board voted to discontinue payment to the County for field assessing effective June 30.

Under old business, Mr. Ward said bids for the parking lots project were received and opened, as publicly advertised at 3:00 p.m. February 24. The following bids were received: HRI, \$199,109.50; Gutelius Excavating, \$160,943.15; Fairchild Bros. Inc., \$153,648.95; Robert C. Young Inc., \$143,278.50; Schuylkill Paving Inc., \$191,295.00; Penn Earthworks Inc., \$39,304.50; Meckley's Limestone Products Inc., \$113,876.45; Eastern Industries Inc., \$174,446.00; and Don E. Bower Inc., \$168,201.92. Mr. Ward moved to accept the lowest responsible bid of \$113,876.45 from Meckley's. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to adopt Resolution R-2-24-09A, setting salary increases for the Treasurer's next term at 3% annually from 2010 through 2013. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to adopt Resolution R-2-24-09B setting the salaries for Tax Collectors for the next term at 2.5% plus a \$250.00 settlement fee from 2010 through 2013. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to adopt Resolution R-2-24-09C setting the salaries for Election officials for the next term of 2010 through 2013 as follows: Judge of Elections, \$130.00 per election; Inspector of Elections, Clerks and Constables, \$115.00 per election. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to affirm the hiring by Treasurer Kim Schooley of Rebecca Dressler as Deputy Treasurer at an annual rate of \$18,500.00 effective March 2. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve a scope of work proposal from SEDA-COG for a water conservation overlay district in Anthony Township. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Ward moved to adopt Resolution R-2-25-09 granting signatory authority to the Chairman for PennDOT agreements. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve Resolution R-2-26-09 designating Larson Design Group to inspect County bridges under the 2009-2013 Local Bridge Inspection Program. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to accept Larson Design's technical and price proposal of \$319,713.09 for the 2009-2013 Bridge Inspection Program. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to affirm the hiring by Sheriff Ray Gerringer of Tara Long as a part-time Deputy Sheriff at an hourly rate of \$10.00 effective February 20. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to accept the resignation of Althea Wertman as Law Librarian effective February 28. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward noted that the deadline for the LIHEAP program was extended through March 31.

Mr. Gerst moved to pay the following bills General Account, \$109,395.26; Children & Youth, \$36,182.31; Transit, \$1,585.49; Liquid Fuels, \$406.88; Act 78, \$1,617.37; Domestic Relations, \$719.93; Human & Community, \$48.16. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk