

MINUTES MARCH 10, 2009 MEETING
Formally approved at March 24, 2009 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Linda Weaver, Register and Recorder; Amanda Boyer, Transit Director; Bill Lowthert, Jen McBryan, SEDA-COG; David "Otto" Kurecian, Ingrid Barnes, Columbia-Montour Visitors Bureau; Joanne Blass, Child Care Information Services; Richard Hess, Anthony Township Supervisor; Frank Dombroski, Washingtonville Borough; Randy Gresh, Washingtonville Municipal Authority; David Decoteau, Recreation Authority; George O. Wagner, Ken Hunter; Kathy McKibben, Larry Sampson, Census Bureau; Karen Blackledge, 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, 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	\$279,409.60
General Account Receipts	\$505,298.08
General Account Checking .50%	\$467,276.12
Capital Reserve Fund .75%	\$218,052.55
Operating Reserve .75%	\$195,149.65
Total Checking, Savings and CDs	\$880,478.32
Act 44 .50%	\$23,482.29
Act 78 Checking .50%	\$10,641.32
Children and Youth Checking .50%	\$173,142.72
Domestic Relations Checking .50%	\$164,026.44
Escheat Account Checking .50%	\$1,649.49
Hazardous Material Account Checking .50%	\$10,156.22
Human & Community Services Checking .50%	\$3,726.87
Improvement Fund Checking .50%	\$20,562.31
Liquid Fuels Checking .50%	\$110,973.16
Offender Supervision Account Checking .50%	\$42,560.28
Transit Fund Account Checking .50%	\$2,469.87
West Nile .50%	\$9,901.28
Wireless 911 .50%	\$248,603.33

Mr. Gerst called for public comment. Mr. Wagner asked in light of cost-cutting measures in the law library which involve utilizing online publications, would the County keep Purdon's Statues and Pennsylvania Bulletins. Mr. Finn assured him the Purdon's would remain.

Mrs. Kauwell announced the Prothonotary's Office will participate in Passport Day in the USA on Saturday, March 28, and will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to process passport applications. The Sheriff's Office will also be open to provide passport photos.

Mr. Finn recessed the meeting and convened the final public hearing for CDBG 2009 funds. Mr. Finn turned the hearing over to Mr. Lowthert, who said it is anticipated the County will receive \$226,500.00 in CDBG funding with the Washingtonville Municipal Authority Water Street sewer main replacement and pump project selected for \$185,730.0 in funding with the remaining \$40,770.00 to be used for administration fees.

Mr. Lowthert also recommended budget modifications as follows: 2005 funds moved to Washingtonville Front Street reconstruction and Pear Alley reconstruction; 2006 funds moved to Pear Alley reconstruction; 2007 funds moved to Washingtonville Municipal Authority Water Street sewer main replacement and pump project; and 2008 funds moved to the Washingtonville sidewalk reconstruction.

There being no further comment, the hearing was adjourned. Mr. Finn reconvened the public meeting.

Mr. Finn recognized Lenaire Ahlum and Dr. James Hartman of the Susquehanna Valley Community Education Project. Ms. Ahlum said a consultant has been selected for a feasibility study for the community college, noting a \$40,000.00 grant was received from DCED toward the study. Ms. Ahlum said the group was looking for a \$5,000.00 donation from each of the four counties interested in the college. Mr. Finn reminded her that the County had already given \$1,000.00 to the project, but that the request would be taken under consideration.

Joanne Blass presented Child Care Information Services' grant from DPW in the amount of \$755,970.00. Mr. Gerst moved to approve the grant. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Sampson sought the County's assistance in the 2010 Census. Mr. Sampson said up to 500 people are needed for jobs to conduct the count in a five-county area, with pay rates of \$11.25 to \$14.00 per hour. Mr. Finn noted the County is in full support of the Census and pointed out the Board previously offered use of a conference room in the Human Services building for Census activities.

Under old business, Mr. Gerst moved to adopt Resolution R-3-10-09 to submit the 2009 CDBG application. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve CDBG budget modifications as presented by Mr. Lowthert. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Housing Authority for the County to serve as the responsible entity for an environmental review. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Gerst moved to adopt Resolution R-3-11-09 allowing the Transit Director to enter into a contract with Transit-Syncretic Software Inc. for reporting software. Ms. Boyer said the software will be paid for by a state grant. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Kurecian presented a proposal seeking \$10,000.00 annually for three years from both Montour and Columbia Counties' Hotel Tax funds to create a regional marketing fund. The funds would be utilized to develop a comprehensive media plan to market the two-county region. Mr. Ward moved to approve the proposal. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the hiring of Michelle Bostian as a 911 Dispatcher effective March 5 at a rate of \$9.48 per hour. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve a purchase of service agreement on behalf of Children & Youth Services with Family Care for Children and Youth. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Mr. Gerst moved to approve a purchase of service agreement on behalf of Children & Youth Services with Cornell Abraxas. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to appoint Greg Moro to the Children & Youth Advisory Board. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to reappoint Nicole Del Gotto-Harvey to the CMSU Advisory Board through December 31. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to reappoint the following to five-year terms on the Recreation Authority: Bob Andrews, Jean Knouse, Martin Walzer, Larry Mordan and David Decoteau. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve a two-year service and warranty extension with SecureTech Systems Inc. for the wireless/panic alarm system at a cost of \$2,816.00. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward mentioned that the County is owed \$208,000.00 from the state for the District Attorney's salary reimbursement. Mr. Ward said a concentrated effort is needed from the public by writing letters to their state representatives to make sure the County receives the money it is due.

Mr. Gerst moved to pay the following bills General Account, \$42,895.69; Children & Youth, \$10,420.31; Transit, \$13,164.03; Liquid Fuels, \$180.44; Act 78, \$470.04; Domestic Relations, \$8,222.93; Human & Community, \$28.68. 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