

MINUTES MARCH 24, 2009 MEETING
Formally approved at April 14, 2009 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Linda Weaver, Register and Recorder; Amanda Boyer, Transit Director; Karen Blackledge, The Daily Item; Chris Krepich, Press Enterprise.

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	\$416,376.09
General Account Receipts	\$451,351.27
General Account Checking .50%	\$308,569.52
Capital Reserve Fund .75%	\$218,191.45
Operating Reserve .75%	\$195,273.63
Total Checking, Savings and CDs	\$922,034.60
Act 44 .50%	\$23,490.21
Act 78 Checking .50%	\$15,326.40
Children and Youth Checking .50%	\$153,801.32
Domestic Relations Checking .50%	\$156,365.62
Escheat Account Checking .50%	\$1,783.94
Hazardous Material Account Checking .50%	\$10,373.93
Human & Community Services Checking .50%	\$7,150.10
Improvement Fund Checking .50%	\$20,571.29
Liquid Fuels Checking .50%	\$123,520.58
Offender Supervision Account Checking .50%	\$41,879.67
Transit Fund Account Checking .50%	\$4,665.82
West Nile .50%	\$9,901.28
Wireless 911 .50%	\$248,603.33

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

Mr. Finn recognized Ms. Boyer who announced her office had secured \$284,451.00 in capital equipment grants through PennDOT. Ms. Boyer said the grants will be used to purchase four vehicles, paving and fencing, and computer equipment.

Under old business, Mr. Gerst announced that the Women's Center will observe Denim Day on Friday, April 17, during which employees are encouraged to wear denim and donate gently used or new denim clothing.

Mr. Gerst also noted that The Women's Center will stage a vigil at noon Thursday, April 23, on the Courthouse steps to observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Commissioner Gerst will read a proclamation at that time to recognize the observance.

Mr. Finn said the Courthouse steps will also be the site of a Week of the Young Child celebration at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21.

Mr. Gerst moved to authorize the chairman to execute an agreement to change the medical plan claims administrator to Blue Cross effective April 1. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward accepted a letter of resignation from Chuck Wagner as Veterans Affairs Director effective April 17. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to appoint Douglas Resseguie as Veterans Affairs Director at an annual salary of \$5,000.00 effective March 16. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Kauwell issued a reminder that the Prothonotary's and Sheriff's offices would be open from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 28, to take passport applications and photos.

Mr. Gerst moved to promote Scott Yeager from part-time to full-time Correctional Officer at the Prison effective March 21 at a rate of \$10.69 per hour. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve the hiring of Nathan Shymansky as a 911 Dispatcher effective March 23 at an hourly rate of \$9.48. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a Family Medical Leave Act request from Custodian Tom Starr effective March 24 for approximately six weeks. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve the hiring of William Shalongo as an emergency temporary hire for custodial duties effective March 16. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve Hannah Shaw as an emergency seasonal employee for custodial duties effective March 19. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the following purchase of service agreements on behalf of Children & Youth Services: ViaQuest Behavioral Health of PA, Families United Network Inc., NHS Youth Services and St. Michael's School for Boys. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

In response to concerns from Derry Township residents, Mr. Ward said he contacted the Susquehanna River Basin Commission on a permit request from US Gypsum to draw groundwater, and was told the application is on hold. When the Commission does address the request, it will hold a public hearing to get comment from local residents.

Mr. Ward also noted that Liberty Township Supervisors inquired about CDBG funding to help with sewage issues, but CDBG funds are not available for the project. Mr. Ward said other funding avenues will be explored.

Mr. Gerst said he had been in contact with PPL concerning the release of high water from Lake Chillisquaque into Chillisquaque Creek, causing flooding along Routes 54 and 254. Mr. Gerst said a gradual release of the waters would deter flooding.

Mr. Finn announced he had been in contact with former Commissioner Harold Hurst, who has contacts with the Amish/Mennonite communities, to arrange a meeting with the Bishop from the Amish community to talk about residents' complaints concerning horse manure on local roads.

Mr. Finn recognized Danville High School Junior Nicole Walize as the first female to win the region's FFA Ag Mechanics Contest.

Mr. Gerst thanked the NCSTU's John Maturani Jr. and Charlene Fitzgerald and youth from the NCSTU for their volunteer work in cleaning up Kidsville.

Mr. Gerst moved to pay the following bills General Account, \$82,542.85; Children & Youth, \$46,895.71; Transit, \$9,512.03; Liquid Fuels, \$13,865.41; Act 78, \$2,163.89; Domestic Relations, \$2,274.09; Human & Community, \$1,469.79. 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