

FEBRUARY 22, 2011 MINUTES
Formally approved at March 8, 2011 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Harold Hurst for Rep. Kurt Masser; Amanda Boyer, Transit Director; William Lowthert, SEDA-COG; Fred Gaffney, Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce; Ted J. Mahoney, John Molter, Suzanne Tinsley, public; 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. 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	\$184,085.68
General Account Receipts	\$19,939.88
General Account Checking .50%	\$960,810.26
Capital Reserve Fund .50%	\$26,485.37
Operating Reserve .50%	\$39,649.04
Total Checking, Savings and MMAs	\$1,026,944.67
Act 44 .50%	\$46,121.74
Act 78 Checking .50%	\$1,803.17
Children and Youth Checking .50%	\$243,239.65
Domestic Relations Checking .50%	\$152,585.05
Escheat Account Checking .50%	\$2,753.25
Flood Mitigation	\$96,522.58
Hazardous Material Account Checking .50%	\$11,640.90
Human & Community Services Checking .50%	\$21,409.55
Improvement Fund Checking .50%	\$898.19
Liquid Fuels Checking .50%	\$46,807.37
Liquid Fuels MMA 1.10%	\$130,000.00
Offender Supervision Account Checking .50%	\$47,884.22
Transit Fund Account Checking .50%	\$29,870.02
Wireless 911 .50%	\$186,831.42

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

Mr. Finn read correspondence from the Montour County Historical Society requesting that Commissioners designate April as Montour County History Month.

Under old business, Mr. Finn introduced Mr. Lowthert, who updated the Board on movement in Washington to reduce CDBG funding levels. Mr. Lowthert said a Senate resolution called for cuts of 62 to 66 percent but it was purely speculative at this point. Department of Community and Economic Development officials said to expect a 10 percent decrease over 2010 funding levels, and have asked counties to continue with their projects by assigning funding amounts. However, after that, DCED has requested that counties stop the CDBG process until funding levels are confirmed, Mr. Lowthert said.

Mr. Lowthert presented recommendations as follows: Valley Township Municipal Authority wastewater treatment capacity improvement, \$100,000.00 in 2011 funds; Derry Township Crawford Road Bridge and Roadway Reconstruction project, no funding; Derry Township Mill Street Reconstruction, \$100,000.00 in 2008 and 2009 funding; Montour County Historical Society Handicapped Accessibility Improvements at the Mining and Manufacturing Museum, \$73,266.00 in 2011 funds; Washingtonville Municipal Authority Sanitary Sewer System and Treatment Plant Improvements, no funding; Cooper Township Authority Private Sewer Lateral Assistance to income-Eligible Homeowners, no funding; Administration/Planning, for SEDA-COG fees and updates for the County zoning ordinance and/or legal and accounting services for the Regional Sewer Authority, \$38,034.00. The Board instructed Mr. Lowthert to move forward with a budget modification for the Derry Township project utilizing the 2008-2009 funds, but said they would not move forward on any other project designations until 2011 funding is finalized.

Mr. Ward moved to accept a proposal to rent County farmland at \$125.00 per acre by Jay Wissler. Another proposal from Richard Shuman was received as follows: \$30.00 per acre, 2011; \$35.00 per acre, 2012; and \$40.00 per acre, 2013. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn tabled action on the HOME Program Contract pending further review.

Under new business, Mr. Gerst moved to approve purchase of service agreements on behalf of Children & Youth Services as follows: The Children's Home of Reading, NHS Youth Services and NHS Pennsylvania. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to hire Pam Baylor as a Call-in Transit Driver at an hourly rate of \$8.00 effective February 23. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to accept the resignation of Pam Williams as Children & Youth Services Homemaker effective February 25. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to enter into an agreement with ADP to provide payroll services. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn commended the efforts of County Maintenance Worker Tom Starr, thanking him for the extra time he puts into his job, noting Mr. Starr responds to calls at all times of the day and night without a word of complaint.

Mr. Hurst invited the public to attend an open house at Rep. Masser's Elysburg office from 3 – 7 p.m. on February 24.

Mr. Ward moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$112,644.09; Children & Youth, \$40,515.93; Transit, \$1,044.17; Liquid Fuels, \$473.72; Act 78, \$1,986.40; Domestic Relations, \$9,162.73; Human and Community Services, \$1,080.03. 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