

JUNE 28, 2011 MINUTES
Formally approved at July 12, 2011 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT. Also present: Harold Hurst, state Rep. Kurt Masser's office; Doug Hill, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania; Charlie Ross, Central Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce; Fred Gaffney, ColumbiaMontour Chamber of Commerce; Jean Knouse, Danville Area Community Center; Eric Pehowic, The Danville News.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Assistant Solicitor Michael Dennehy. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

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

General Account Disbursements	\$478,785.87
General Account Receipts	\$66,630.10
General Account Checking .50%	\$1,944,312.00
Capital Reserve Fund .50%	\$26,550.74
Operating Reserve .50%	\$39,746.89
Total Checking, Savings and MMAs	\$2,010,609.63
Act 44 .50%	\$46,197.60
Act 78 Checking .50%	\$18,459.55
Children and Youth Checking .50%	\$241,954.69
Domestic Relations Checking .50%	\$159,470.80
Escheat Account Checking .50%	\$10,617.62
Flood Mitigation	\$96,681.34
Hazardous Material Account Checking .50%	\$11,408.61
Human & Community Services Checking .50%	\$19,426.68
Improvement Fund Checking .50%	\$914.62
Liquid Fuels Checking .50%	\$66,280.23
Liquid Fuels MMA 1.10%	\$130,000.00
Offender Supervision Account Checking .50%	\$30,977.53
Transit Fund Account Checking .50%	\$21,554.59
Wireless 911 .50%	\$198,575.10

Mr. Finn called for public comment. Mrs. Knouse invited the Board to a celebration at the Community Center at noon July 20 to christen the facility's new elevator, which was financed in part by Community Development Block Grant funds.

Mr. Hurst reported that Rep. Masser was in Harrisburg working on the state budget, which was proving to be a challenging experience.

Chairman Finn recognized Mr. Hill, who gave updates on CCAP legislative efforts, noting a bill giving counties the leeway to abolish the elected office of Jury Commissioner should be on the Governor's desk for signing by the end of the year.

Under correspondence, Mr. Ward reported that Commissioners sent a letter to state senators and representatives seeking assistance on the funding mechanism for bridge repairs. He reported a separate letter was sent to legislators relating to state budget cuts' adverse impact on the Cooperative Extension program.

Under old business, Mr. Ward thanked Cooperative Extension for its work in setting up public meetings on the Marcellus Shale.

Mr. Gerst issued a reminder that National Night Out is planned for August 2 at Sunnybrook Park and the Exchange Pool.

The Board noted that the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has been extended through December 31.

Under new business, Mr. Ward moved to accept a proposal from Warren Law Offices to provide professional legal services for the county's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance at an hourly rate of \$100.00. Mr. Gerst seconded. Mr. Dennehy asked the minutes to reflect that he offered no legal advice on the matter as his law firm was among those submitting proposals. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to enter into an agreement with the Department of Agriculture for The Emergency Food Assistance Program. Under the agreement, which runs from October 1, 2011 through November 30, 2012, the County will receive 11 cents for every pound of food distributed. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to reappoint Judy West, Eric Gill, Scott Bitting and Clair Heath to the Communications Advisory Board. The terms expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to accept a letter of retirement from Rob Riley, Children & Youth Services Casework Supervisor, effective August 2. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to promote Jillian Johnson to the position of Children & Youth Services Casework Supervisor effective August 3 at an annual rate of \$31,000.00. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to affirm the resignation of Deborah Bausch as Assistant Director of Domestic Relations effective July 8. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn made an appeal for donations to Cassi's Cabinets, an initiative started by the sister of a local teenager being treated at the Children's Hospital. The girl noticed that the kitchenettes in the hospital were not stocked with supplies for families to grab a snack. Family members often do not have the means to go out for food. Donations of easy-to-make, non-perishable foods are being sought. Collection boxes will be set up at the Courthouse and Transit/Human Services Building. Commissioners will also approach fraternal organizations and churches to help with the effort.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$124,330.22; Children & Youth, \$57,402.74; Transit, \$2,298.56; Liquid Fuels, \$397.60; Act 78, \$3,127.35; Domestic Relations, \$9,830.49; Human and Community Services, \$1,538.32. 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