

NOVEMBER 22, 2011 MINUTES
Formally approved at December 6, 2011 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Rebecca Warren, District Attorney-elect; Fred Gaffney, Columbia-Montour Chamber of Commerce; Grant Warren, Don Megargle, Renee Gerringer, Public; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

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	\$728,821.62
General Account Receipts	\$82,035.19
General Account Checking .50%	\$747,796.44
Capital Reserve Fund .50%	\$26,634.31
Operating Reserve .50%	\$39,872.00
Total Checking, Savings and MMAs	\$814,302.75
Act 44 .50%	\$46,294.51
Act 78 Checking .50%	\$9,927.82
Children and Youth Checking .50%	\$132,806.22
Domestic Relations Checking .50%	\$155,185.68
Escheat Account Checking .50%	\$10,779.19
Flood Mitigation	\$5,244.62
Hazardous Material Account Checking .50%	\$12,576.83
Human & Community Services Checking .50%	\$4,305.94
Improvement Fund Checking .50%	\$1,256.77
Liquid Fuels Checking .50%	\$28,666.70
Liquid Fuels MMA 1.10%	\$130,000.00
Offender Supervision Account Checking .50%	\$28,334.24
Transit Fund Account Checking .50%	\$17,156.11
Wireless 911 .50%	\$205,181.65

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

Under correspondence, Mr. Finn noted a receipt of a letter from Chris O'Rourke seeking \$750.00 in Hotel Tax Funds to support costs of the Pumpkin Palooza. Mr. Ward moved to approve the request. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Gerst moved to authorize the Chief Clerk to advertise a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$800,000.00 with quotes due back by 4:00 p.m. December 20. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve an extension of the payment in lieu of taxes agreement with Geisinger Medical Center effective January 1, 2012. The agreement runs for five years with an automatic renewal to extend the agreement for another five years. The agreement also includes the Danville Area School District and Mahoning Township. Mr. Finn said the County is happy to enter into the agreement but expressed disapproval over a portion of the agreement which provides an additional payment to Mahoning Township for special services. Mr. Finn said he felt the Township makes enough additional money through the \$52.00 per person tax levied on anyone who works in the township. The only special service provided by the Township, he said, is for police. Mr. Finn noted the County provides as many, if not more, services, such as the courts, Coroner, District Attorney and Public Defender offices. The Danville Area School District, too, provides services for special needs students whose parents may move into the area because of employment with Geisinger. Mr. Ward seconded Mr. Gerst's motion. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to reappoint Gloria Breech to a four-year term on the CMSU Developmental Supports and Services Advisory Board through June 30, 2014. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to reappoint Sylvia Cole to a three-year term on the CMSU Behavioral Health Advisory Board through December 31, 2014. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Mr. Gerst moved to reappoint Valerie Mazol to a five-year term on the Housing Authority through December 31, 2016. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to appoint Karen Cook to a three-year term as an at-large representative on the Montour Recreation Commission. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to submit an application to FEMA for a property buyout on behalf of Brian Achy of Mahoning Township, whose river-side property is constantly flooded. Mr. Ward said his motion was contingent on FEMA granting approval for the County to act as an applicant. According to FEMA, the smallest municipality – or lowest level of government – should be the sponsor. Mr. Finn said Mahoning Township Supervisors initially indicated they would do the application, but earlier today told Commissioners they were backing out of the project and felt the County should take over.

Mr. Ward said as long as the County is allowed, it will move forward. Should the County have to pay out any money in conjunction with the buyout process, the County would have to reconsider the process. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under recognition, Mr. Gerst announced that Danville native Mark Lillmars was awarded the Bronze Star. The son of Steve and Jean Lillmars of Danville, Mr. Gerst said Lillmars is a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force 48th Rescue Squad based out of Arizona. While deployed to Afghanistan Staff Sgt. Lillmars served as a para-diver medic.

Mr. Gerst also announced the Good Samaritan Drive is still under way with donations of coats, hats, gloves and bedding needed.

Mr. Finn put in a word for the Montour Kids helping Columbia Kids toy drive sponsored by the Danville Fire Department. Collection sites are situated around the County, including the Courthouse.

Mr. Ward moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$119,036.06; Children & Youth, \$36,436.18; Transit, \$9,506.56; Liquid Fuels, \$12,817.01; Act 78, \$1,254.03; Domestic Relations, \$426.98; Human and Community Service, \$23.33. 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