

DECEMBER 6, 2011 MINUTES
Formally approved at December 27, 2011 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Michael Dennehy, Assistant Solicitor; Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Linda Weaver, Register and Recorder; Jim Petro, Treasurer; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News; Chris Krepich, PressEnterprise.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Chairman Trevor S. Finn. 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	\$462,810.95
General Account Receipts	\$43,752.69
General Account Checking .50%	\$503,334.29
Capital Reserve Fund .50%	\$26,634.31
Operating Reserve .50%	\$39,872.00
Total Checking, Savings and MMAs	\$569,840.60
Act 44 .50%	\$57,372.34
Act 78 Checking .50%	\$5,876.04
Children and Youth Checking .50%	\$59,193.84
Domestic Relations Checking .50%	\$164,165.70
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%	\$29,352.48
Improvement Fund Checking .50%	\$1,490.82
Liquid Fuels Checking .50%	\$49,733.30
Liquid Fuels MMA 1.10%	\$130,000.00
Offender Supervision Account Checking .50%	\$31,925.23
Transit Fund Account Checking .50%	\$28,455.26
Wireless 911 .50%	\$199,993.81

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

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Gerst moved to approve the tentative 2012 General Fund budget in the amount of \$7,811,354.84 with anticipated revenues of \$7,834,246.43. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

In passing the budget, Mr. Finn remarked that in eight years as a Commissioner, this has been his toughest budget. Noting increasing costs and declining revenues, he pointed to decisions by state legislators not to raise taxes or levy new ones as an increased burden on the municipal level. Mr. Finn also noted that this is the first time in memory the county has experience a stagnant housing market and decreasing property values. Despite cuts, including layoffs and no raises for elected officials and employees, a tax hike is necessary to balance next year's budget, which, he pointed out, is \$300,000.00 lower than the 2011 budget.

Mr. Ward moved to set the millage rate at 3.349 mills, which is one-tenth of a mill higher than the current rate of 3.249 mills. Mr. Gerst seconded. It was noted that the increase would amount to \$10.00 on every \$100,000.00 of assessed value on a property. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to set per capita at \$5.00. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the tentative Liquid Fuels budget of \$689,253.96 with anticipated revenue of \$788,983.72. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the Tentative Transit budget of \$420,451.21 with anticipated revenues of \$453,276.00. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to enter into an agreement with Geisinger Health Plan to provide health insurance for the year 2012. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to adopt Resolution R-12-6-2011 on the implementation of Act 106 of 2011 regarding bonding and insurance of county officers and employees. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve an agreement with Tyler Technologies Inc. to provide software support to the Assessment Office through January 31, 2012. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to appoint Commissioner Ward to a one-year term as Commissioner representative to the Conservation District. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to accept the resignation of William S. Hartman as a Conservation District director. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst announced the Danville Community Tree is seeking donations and that collection points are at the following locations: courthouse, Legion, GHP, fire companies, DACC, Merck, Service 1st and Central Susquehanna Community Federal Credit unions, FNB and Sovereign banks, Old Forge Brew and Metso Minerals.

Mr. Gerst moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$17,257.27; Children & Youth, \$1,535.73; Transit, \$2,017.89; Liquid Fuels, \$14.28; Act 78, \$384.56; Domestic Relations, \$336.16; Human and Community Service, \$23.33. 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