

NOVEMBER 13, 2012 MINUTES
Formally approved at November 27, 2012 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Jim Petro, Treasurer; Jamie Shrawder, SEDA-COG; Fred Gaffney, ColumbiaMontour Chamber of Commerce; 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	\$278,641.62
General Account Receipts	\$262,491.41
General Account Checking .10%	\$474,612.15
Capital Reserve Fund .25%	\$26,736.07
Operating Reserve .25%	\$40,024.31
General MMA .45%	\$350,005.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$891,377.53
Act 44 .10%	\$57,484.91
Act 78 Checking .10%	\$17,075.09
Children and Youth Checking .10%	\$89,516.76
Domestic Relations Checking .10%	\$147,145.77
Domestic Relations Incentive	\$102,018.13
Flood Mitigation .10%	\$1,833.33
Hazardous Material Account Checking .10%	\$13,482.69
Human & Community Services Checking .10%	\$41,466.55
Improvement Fund Checking .09%	\$2,770.53
Liquid Fuels Checking .10%	\$54,457.02
Liquid Fuels MMA .45%	\$130,000.00
Medical Assistance Transportation .10%	\$124,594.57
Offender Supervision Account Checking .10%	\$38,073.64
Transit Fund Account Checking .10%	\$35,370.95
Wireless 911 .10%	\$196,569.09

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

Under correspondence, Mr. Gerst noted receipt of correspondence from Marv Brotter on behalf of Danville Borough seeking the County's continued involvement in the First Time Homebuyers Program as part of a grant application to the state to renew the program. Mr. Gerst moved to continue the commitment of \$100,000.00 in County Act 137 funds to support the program for a three-year period. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under old business, Ms. Shrawder reported four proposals were received for the County zoning ordinance update as follows: Landplan Inc., \$19,450.00; The EADS Group, \$18,106.00; Peters Consultants, \$84,000.00; Mid Penn Engineering, \$12,000.00. While acknowledging Mid Penn's low quote, Ms. Shrawder said she felt that company would be out of its area of expertise. She recommended Landplan because of the company's experience with municipal zoning. However, the County has only \$12,626.00 to expend on the work, which would leave a \$6,830.00 shortfall, she said. Mr. Ward moved to table a decision pending further discussion on the funding issue. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

In a CDBG update, Ms. Shrawder reported that no Transportation Improvement Fund monies are available for preliminary engineering costs on a culvert failure in Limestone Township, so she is working with the township to see if the project would be fundable through CDBG dollars. She also broached the possibility of utilizing CDBG funds for income-eligible homeowners to hook onto the Cooper Township sewer project.

Mr. Ward moved to sign a letter of adjustment with PennDOT on the Bridge 6 reimbursement agreement. The agreement readjusts the allocation of funds to specific categories, but does not change the overall project costs of \$1,224,000.00, he said. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve a grant extension on behalf of Child Care Information Services and the Department of Public Welfare through August 31, 2012. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve an equipment proposal for a repeater station for 911 calls from Keystone Communications at the state contract price of \$7,123.00. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Ward moved to apply for a loan of \$187,500.00 from the Pennsylvania Transportation Infrastructure Bank to repair Bridge 7 – the Keefer Mill Covered Bridge – in Liberty Township. Mr. Ward said the County must pay for repairs up front but will be reimbursed all but \$46,875.00, which represents the County's share, by PennDOT, once the work is completed. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to appoint Mr. Ward to serve as the Commissioner representative on the Conservation District Board of Directors for 2013. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve a \$2,640.00 proposal from Sudol Paving to excavate and install an asphalt base around the edge of the parking lot adjacent to the Courthouse, provided the work is completed by December 31. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to seek a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$800,000.00 with quote due back by 4 p.m. December 17. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to write a letter in support of the SEDA-COG Regional Flood Resiliency Project grant application. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn acknowledged the intergovernmental cooperation between the County, Danville Borough, local municipalities and the Danville Area School District during planning for Hurricane Sandy. Local government worked with the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, the National Guard and emergency responders on planning strategies. Fortunately, the brunt of the storm missed the County, but Mr. Finn said the preparations made would have greatly reduced the property damage and suffering had the worst occurred.

Mr. Gerst remarked on the passing of Danville resident Don Magargle, characterizing him as a pillar of the community for his tireless work on behalf of senior citizens in the County as well as the Montour-DeLong Community Fair.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$218,552.19; Children & Youth, \$38,110.47; Transit, \$43,561.40; Liquid Fuels, \$321.06; Act 78, \$5,797.78; Domestic Relations, \$76.08; Human and Community Service, \$866.31. 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

