

**JUNE 11, 2013 MINUTES**  
**Formally approved at July 9, 2013 meeting**

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Greg Molter, Planning/Human Services Director; Al Neuner, Tim Fitzgerald, Carla Jones, Mike Ferlazzo, Geisinger Health System Foundation; David Reeder, Christine Pritchard, Columbia-Montour Aging Office; Oren Helbok, Adrienne Mael, Moose Exchange; Max VonBlohn, Danville Borough Council; Jamie Shrawder, SEDA-COG; Fred Gaffney, ColumbiaMontour Chamber of Commerce; Steve Phillips, BIDA; Steve Cappelli, High Co.; Laura Templeton, Rettew Associates; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

Mr. Finn asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Solicitor Robert L. Marks. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. The meeting was then opened.

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	\$1,339,352.72
General Account Receipts	\$1,500,483.95
General Account Checking .10%	\$2,230,960.02
Capital Reserve Fund .25%	\$26,774.88
Operating Reserve .25%	\$40,082.42
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$2,297,817.32
Act 44 .10%	\$56,306.38
Act 78 Checking .10%	\$8,163.84
Children and Youth Checking .10%	\$215,766.53
Domestic Relations Checking .10%	\$135,145.91
Domestic Relations Incentive	\$121,829.95
Flood Mitigation .10%	\$1,834.25
Hazardous Material Account Checking .10%	\$14,333.42
Human & Community Services Checking .10%	\$38,560.23
Improvement Fund Checking .10%	\$4,947.47
Liquid Fuels Checking .10%	\$102,266.43
Liquid Fuels MMA .45%	\$130,000.00
Medical Assistance Transportation .10%	\$71,901.15
Offender Supervision Account Checking .10%	\$62,381.39
Transit Fund Account Checking .10%	\$5,164.91
Wireless 911 .10%	\$180,656.55

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

Mr. Finn recessed the public meeting and convened a TEFRA (Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act) hearing on a proposed bond issue of up to \$800 million by Geisinger Authority as requested by Geisinger Health System. Mr. Fitzgerald, Vice President of Treasury Management, explained that \$230 million would be utilized for new projects, such as buildings, medical equipment and technology updates, and another \$55 million to refinance existing debt. The hearing's purpose is to help the Board of Commissioners' determine if the bond proceeds would benefit the health, safety and welfare of the people of Montour County, he said. In outlining the charitable and economic benefits of the health system to the County, Mr. Fitzgerald noted the health system gave away \$35 million in care last year. Geisinger employs 9,200 people in Montour County; of that number, 2,500 are Montour County residents, he said. Additionally 90% of County residents come to Geisinger for care. Mr. Neuner said the bond proceeds would likely be used to finance expansion of Geisinger's Woodbine Lane campus. There being no further comment, the hearing was adjourned.

Mr. Finn then opened the final CDBG 2013 public hearing, and turned it over to Ms. Strausser, who said the main point of the hearing was to solicit public comment. Ms. Shrawder said the Board previously approved the following projects to be paid for with an estimated \$211, 523.00 in funding: exploration of converting the former YMCA into a senior center, \$62,000.00; Cooper Township private sewer laterals, \$111,449.00. Mr. VonBlohn asked if the Borough would have two senior centers. Mr. Finn said at this point, the project is just exploratory in nature, and that the Library Board has indicated a willingness to look at the project, which could also include housing a children's library. There being no further comment, Mr. Finn adjourned the CDBG hearing and reconvened the public meeting.

Mr. Finn recognized Mr. Reeder and Ms. Pritchard from the Aging Office, who asked the Board to pass a proclamation designating June 17 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Montour County. Ms. Pritchard said the local Aging Office investigates 200 reports of elder abuse annually, and it is an escalating problem, especially in the area of financial fraud. Mr. Ward moved to approve the proclamation. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Helbok and Ms. Mael asked for \$5,000.00 in financial aid from the County Tourism Fund to support the Bluesburg blues festival planned for February 2014. The event would feature musicians playing at various venues throughout Columbia and Montour counties. Mr. Ward said the Board would take the request under advisement.

Mr. Ward noted receipt of a letter from Pennsylvania State Climatologist seeking volunteer weather observers in Montour County for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network.

Mr. Ward reported the Board had received a letter of thanks from the Danville Area  
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Community Center for a \$1,000.00 donation from the County's Marcellus Shale gas drilling funds from the state.

Under old business, Mr. Ward moved to accept a \$500,000.00 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant through the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide home repairs to low-income residents. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to accept engineer drawings for the Bridge 7 rehabilitation project. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Ward moved to approve Internal Revenue Code Resolution R-6-11-13, approving the Geisinger Authority plan of finance in conjunction with its bond issue. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2 of 2013 making the required health, safety and welfare determination for projects of the Geisinger Authority. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve Resolution R-6-12-13 approving the County's CDBG 2013 grant application to the Department of Community and Economic Development. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve an amendment to the 2011 CDBG Professional and Administrative Services agreement with SEDA-COG, which moves funding of \$2,100.00 from one budget line item to another. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the County, through its Human Services office, and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. Under the MOU, the PHFA will provide up to \$90,000.00 to assist with relocation costs for displaced residents of the Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park. Mr. Molter said under the program, each of the 15 displaced families can be eligible for up to \$5,000.00 in funding to find alternate housing. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the 911 Center and Susquehanna Emergency Health Services Council regarding medical dispatch protocol. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve application of a \$3,864.00 Victims of Juvenile Offenders grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to let bids on the sale of a 2002 Ford Explorer with bids due by 3:00 p.m. July 1. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to recommend the hiring of Justin Ramiza as a Children & Youth Services Caseworker at an annual salary of \$24,000.00 effective May 28. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the hiring of Tammy Shannon as a Children & Youth Services Clerk at an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour effective June 10. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the hiring of Brock Deihl as a part-time Custodian at an hourly rate of \$8.72 effective June 17. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the hiring of LaVerne Apple as a seasonal Call-In Transit Driver at an hourly rate of \$9.01 effective May 20. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to sign a proclamation recognizing Joseph R. Koons of Danville on his election as Supreme Governor of the Loyal Order of Moose, the highest elected office in the organization. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst recognized the efforts of Danville Police Officer Brad Harvey for his work at the Danville Fish Derby for children.

Mr. War commended David Curry of Boy Scout Troop 39 on achieving the status of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Gerst moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$1,337,212.07; Children & Youth, \$68,328.05; Transit, \$24,197.67; Liquid Fuels, \$13,078.37; Act 78, \$11,366.26; Domestic Relations, \$18,675.31; Human and Community Service, \$16,261.38. 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

