

APRIL 28, 2015 MINUTES
Formally approved May 12, 2015 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Linda Weaver, Register & Recorder; Ray Gerringer, Sheriff; Scott Lynn, Coroner; Walter Peters, 911/EMA Director; Marvin Shrawder, Magisterial District Judge; Alek Matunis, Eagle Scout; Aidan, Adam and Kimberly Matunis, Frank Dombroski, Ken Holdren, Darlis Dyer, Public; Sue Norton, Danville Rotary Club; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

Mr. Finn asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Assistant Solicitor Michael Dennehy. The Pledge of Allegiance, led by Eagle Scout Aleksander Matunis, 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	\$129,468.52
General Account Receipts	\$625,741.47
General Account Checking .15%	\$1,781,747.69
Capital Reserve Fund .10%	\$29,617.75
Operating Reserve .10%	\$77,809.08
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$1,889,174.52
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .10%	\$87,340.88
Act 44 .12%	\$10,670.20
Act 78 Checking .15%	\$8,311.77
Children and Youth Checking .15%	\$425,767.36
Flood Mitigation .15%	\$1,839.22
Hazardous Material Account Checking .15%	\$18,527.60
Human & Community Services Checking .15%	\$57,452.30
Improvement Fund Checking .15%	\$9,652.75
Liquid Fuels Checking .15%	\$265,661.63
Medical Assistance Transportation .15%	\$39,057.44
Offender Supervision Account Checking .15%	\$32,181.93
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$31,298.55
Transit Fund Account Checking .15%	\$59,536.93
Wireless 911 .15%	\$212,365.90

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

The Board congratulated Alek Matunis for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Alek, a member of Troop 49, beautified the entrance to the Hess Recreation Area by repairing a gate, trimming brush, landscaping and creating new signage, as his Eagle Scout project.

Commissioners welcomed MaryAnn Blosky and Dr. Edward J. Kenton III of Geisinger Health System, who gave a brief presentation on stroke prevention. Dr. Kenton said the word FAST is a good way to know signs of stroke. F stands for facial pulling, A for arm numbness, S for slurred speech and T for time, meaning call 911 immediately. Mr. Gerst read a proclamation designating May as Stroke Awareness Month in Montour County.

Commissioner Finn recognized members of the Danville Rotary Club, thanking the organization for donating a flat screen television for use as an electronic office directory on the first floor of the courthouse. The donation was made as part of the first-floor renovation project. Rotarian Sue Norton said the donation is representative of the club's civic mission to make better and improve the local, national and international community.

Under correspondence, Mr. Ward said the Board received a letter from the Department of Community and Economic Development on the Department of Housing and Urban Development's response on utilizing CDBG funds for the Valley Township Municipal Authority's proposed sewer reconstruction project. One of the criteria in the utilization of CDBG funds is job creation. Jobs created prior to the initiation of the sewer extension cannot be counted toward job creation, according to HUD, and as that is the case in Valley, CDBG funds cannot be used for the project. Mr. Ward said the Board was disappointed by the ruling, and still supports Valley Township's efforts.

Mr. Ward noted receipt of a letter from Danville Borough rejecting the County's request to remove two trees in front of the courthouse, which are pushing up decorative bricks on surrounding sidewalks and creating a trip hazard. In consulting with the borough's street department, it was determined the trees are actually owned by the County, so no permission is needed from the borough. An arborist examined the trees, and since they are healthy, the County will look for ways to fix the problem, he said. In the meantime, the sidewalk has been spray-painted to alert pedestrians of the heaving brickwork.

Correspondence was received from Matt Hickey, general manager of the Holiday Inn Express, thanking the Board for its ongoing support of the NCSA Collegiate Softball regional championships, which brought in an estimated \$14,000.00 in hotel bookings last weekend. Mr. Hickey indicated the tournament organizers wish to return to Danville next season. Mr. Ward moved to continue support of the tournament. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under old business, Mr. Gerst moved to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2015, establishment and joining DRIVE, an economic development council of governments serving the greater Columbia and Montour Counties areas. The motion to adopt included approval of the articles of agreement between Montour and Columbia Counties. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Peters presented the Board with an agreement from Environmental Products and Services of Vermont, Inc., to provide certified hazardous materials response team services. Mr. Peters said the company has an office in Williamsport, and services Columbia, Lycoming and Union counties. Under the agreement, Montour County would not be billed for any services unless its technicians were unable to identify the responsible party in a spill. In such an event, Montour would pay no more than

\$2,500.00. Mr. Ward moved to enter into the agreement. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Peters also presented an agreement for \$4,645.00 with SwiftReach Networks Inc. to provide notifications to landlines, cell phones and first responders in severe emergencies such as tornadoes or haz-mat incidents. Mr. Peters said the state previously served as the purchaser of such services for counties but will no longer do any software or service procurement for them. Instead, it will pay for the services retroactively. Under the new protocol, the County would pay the bill up front and submit the bill to the Anti-Terrorism Task Force, which would then resubmit the bill to the state for reimbursement, said Mr. Peters, who recommended approving the contract pending receipt of a letter from PEMA guaranteeing reimbursement. Mr. Ward moved to enter into the agreement, pending receipt of the PEMA letter. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the hiring of Melodie Long, Children & Youth Services Casework Supervisor, effective April 30 at a salary of \$32,000.00. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to ratify the resignation of Tracie King, District Attorney's Office Paralegal, effective May 1. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the resignation of Correctional Officer Chad Tanner, effective April 20. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to accept a letter of resignation from Carole Gavoni, Derry Township Judge of Elections, effective immediately. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to ratify the hiring of Janelle Pratt as Office Manager/Executive Assistant/Administrator for the District Attorney's Office at a salary of \$29,607.22. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the hiring of Kelsey McAllister as Victim Witness Coordinator at a salary of \$22,751.98, effective May 4. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to send a letter of congratulations to the staff of the Prison for once again earning a full compliance designation during the 2015 inspection by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$322,364.00; Children & Youth, 56,517.98; Transit, \$13,630.99; Liquid Fuels, \$1,325.69; Act 78, \$4,503.21; Human and Community Service, \$1,169.28. 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

