

SEPTEMBER 1 MINUTES
Formally approved September 29, 2015 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Jesse Kline, Treasurer; Jamie Shrawder, SEDA-COG; Dan Knorr, Danville Borough; Lloyd Bunch, Ken Holdren, Dan Hartman, Jim Donahue, Eric Petrazio, Public; Zabrina Finn, The Women’s Center; 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. Ward moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Gerst 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	\$285,976.44
General Account Receipts	\$75,758.15
General Account Checking .15%	\$1,794,646.86
Capital Reserve Fund .10%	\$29,627.65
Operating Reserve .10%	\$77,835.10
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$1,902,109.61
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .10%	\$127,370.09
Act 44 .15%	\$10,675.57
Act 78 Checking .15%	\$10,408.55
Children and Youth Checking .15%	\$74,336.29
Flood Mitigation .15%	\$1,840.14
Hazardous Material Account Checking .15%	\$17,897.30
Human & Community Services Checking .15%	\$38,074.90
Improvement Fund Checking .15%	\$11,088.11
Liquid Fuels Checking .15%	\$247,178.06
Medical Assistance Transportation .15%	\$38,960.66
Offender Supervision Account Checking .15%	\$38,982.55
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$35,792.30
Transit Fund Account Checking .15%	\$56,838.63
Wireless 911 .15%	\$192,140.08

Mr. Finn called for public comment. Ms. Finn invited the Board to a vigil and open house to be held at the Women’s Center office from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 14, in

observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She noted the Women's Center will

conduct free mandated child abuse reporter training October 8 at First Baptist Church of Danville. Representing Tri-County ABATE, Ms. Finn also asked for permission to utilize the Courthouse as a toy collection site for the organization's holiday toy run. Toys collected are distributed annually to Children & Youth Services in a three-county area as well as The Women's Center. Mr. Gerst moved to approve the request. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Knorr provided an update on Borough projects, noting that Railroad Street is closed this week for the first phase of repaving, and that the road will be closed again later in the month to finish the work. The sewer project is continuing with the levee coming down and an inflatable dam is on site as a contingency. The municipal parking lot is expected to be closed for several more weeks as sewer work continues.

Mr. Bunch asked if traffic lights are being installed at the intersection of Routes 54 and 642. Mr. Ward said PennDOT is still looking at ways to mitigate safety issues and that nothing has been decided yet.

Under old business, Mr. Gerst moved to adopt Resolution R-8-12-15 authorizing the receipt of 911 funds. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Attorney Marks said he has been in contact with Donald and Margaret Hunter on their request to purchase a piece of County land for flood control purposes. He explained to the Hunters a survey, which would be the Hunters' responsibility, is the first step in the process.

Under new business, Mr. Ward moved to approve a resolution to submit the county's 2015 CDBG application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to accept the Medical Assistance Transportation Program Participation and Grant agreement, effective July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to accept a Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant of \$115,400.00 for a flood buyout of the Achy property on River Road in Mahoning Township. The agreement is from July 15, 2015, through July 31, 2017. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to enter into the following purchase of service agreements: Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Services Inc., Yes Academy, Columbia County Family Center, Michael Wintersteen, and Law Offices of Marks, McLaughlin and Dennehy. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve an intermittent Family Medical Leave Act request by Craig Patterson, Children & Youth Services Director. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to hire Stephen Celli as a Part-time Correctional Officer at a rate of

\$11.62 per hour. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to hire Zachary Mutsko as a Part-time Correctional Officer at a rate of \$11.62 per hour. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward noted a request to by PPL to remove three light poles at the intersection of Route 54 and Schoolhouse Road. Mr. Ward said with new lighting and a traffic signal just installed, there is no advantage to having the extra poles there, as the new lighting standards are brighter than the current lighting. Mr. Finn moved to approve the removal of the poles and to have Mr. Ward execute the agreement on behalf of the county. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst extended a public thank you to state Senator John Gordner for his assistance in traversing state and federal bureaucracy to ensure the long-term lease acquisition of the Danville Senior Center with CDBG funds. Mr. Ward also thanked the senator for his recent assistance in helping to resolve a flood-repair reimbursement issue with PEMA from 2011.

Mr. Knorr thanked the Board of Commissioners for their role in coming up with the concept and advocating the utilization of CDBG funds for a long-term lease of the Danville Borough armory building for the Danville Senior Center. Mr. Knorr commented that rarely has he seen such a “win-win-win” use of dollars as Danville now has a long-term tenant, the seniors who utilize the center are happy and the Aging Office funds are freed up to utilize for other services.

Mr. Gerst commented on a nationwide drive - prompted by Congress readopting the motto “In God We Trust” - to have the motto displayed in every courthouse across the country. Mr. Gerst said he would like to see such a sign in the Commissioners’ conference room.

On a question from Mr. Holdren for an update concerning the state budget impasse, Mr. Ward said the deadlock is being felt at the County level. Children & Youth Services has already drawn down the County’s required matching funds for operations – this year in the amount of \$200,000.00 – which typically doesn’t occur until December.

Mr. Gerst moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$439,016.46; Children & Youth, \$81,428.05; Transit, \$21,759.25; Liquid Fuels, \$22,680.46; Act 78, \$34,763.90; Human and Community Service, \$2,299.37. 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

