

**MARCH 22, 2016 MINUTES**  
**Formally approved April 12, 2016 meeting**

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Linda Weaver, Register & Recorder; Oren Helbok, The Exchange; Fred Hunsinger, Tim Murphy, Columbia County; Edward Draugelis, Mahoning Township; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

Mr. Holdren 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. Hartman moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$145,127.43
General Account Receipts	\$175,336.83
General Account Checking .40%	\$1,062,143.99
Capital Reserve Fund .24%	\$29,651.74
Operating Reserve .24%	\$77,898.34
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$1,169,694.07
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .24%	\$127,471.49
Act 44 .40%	\$22,670.99
Children and Youth Checking .40%	\$396,188.30
Flood Mitigation .40%	\$1,842.68
Hazardous Material Account Checking .40%	\$15,986.44
Human & Community Services Checking .40%	\$47,788.13
Improvement Fund Checking .40%	\$12,807.23
Liquid Fuels Checking .40%	\$267,143.71
Medical Assistance Transportation .40%	\$101,081.96
Offender Supervision Account Checking .40%	\$48,107.92
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$30,611.05
Transit Fund Account Checking .40%	\$25,610.98
Uniform 911 Surcharge .01%	\$338,098.86

Mr. Holdren called for public comment. Mr. Draugelis, representing the Mahoning Township Authority, sought the Board's financial assistance via Marcellus Shale funds to help with the

replacement of a pressure reducing valve under Bloom Road, saying it is not only an authority problem but a property owner problem and a PennDOT problem, adding the work should be a shared cost. Mr. Finn recalled that a number of years ago the County attempted to help with those same runoff problems on Laura Drive. The creek bed was filled in by debris so the County met with township supervisors and state agencies and was able to obtain a permit to clear the bed out. However, the township, after consulting with an attorney, declined to continue as the lawyer advised supervisors if the township did this once, it would have to do it for everyone. More recently, Mr. Finn said there is work underway with the Conservation District, Sen. John Gordner and other agencies to obtain a Growing Greener grant to address the issue. However, Mr. Finn wasn't sure if the state budget impasse was holding things up.

The Board also told Mr. Draugelis that the County receives only a small stipend of Marcellus Shale funds to be used for parks, and that the lion's share of gas-drilling monies go to counties with actual drilling. Mr. Hartman asked if the Authority had any money of its own. Mrs. Kauwell stated the Authority has millions, enough money, in fact, that it recently hired a public relations firm on a \$5,000.00 retainer to address the "tarnished" image of the Authority chairman.

Mr. Holdren recognized Mr. Helbok, who reported on the success of the recent Destination Blues, noting the event finished in the black. Mr. Helbok said hotel stays were up and that the event drew visitors from 76 zip codes, almost double over last year, including attendees from New York, New Jersey, the District of Columbia and Boston.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Hartman moved to enter into a purchase of service agreement on behalf of Children & Youth Services with Clear Vision Residential Treatment Services. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to approve a request by the Danville Area Little League for \$10,000.00 in Hotel Tax funds to support Danville hosting the 2016 NCSA Regional Final Four Tournament for the North Atlantic and New England regions in April. It was noted the event will generate \$11,700.00 in hotel room revenues from players alone and does not take into account lodging for family accompanying the players. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to renew the PIMCC (Pennsylvania Inmate Medical Cost Containment) Program agreement for an annual fee of \$3,916.00. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve FMLA for Prison Lieutenant Scott Davis beginning March 22. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to authorize Chairman Holdren to negotiate and execute any agreement with Geisinger Health System over the use of the morgue. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

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Mr. Finn said due to the state budget impasse, the 4-H and Extension programs are in jeopardy of closing. Should that come to pass, he moved to direct the Commissioners'

staff to withhold any request for County funds by the Extension program and to instead use those funds to try to prop up the County's 4-H program. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren said he recently attended a 4-H banquet during which 44 4-H leaders – representing 481 years of service to the County's youth – were recognized. Noting the positive impression 4-H makes upon the lives of young people, he noted that local 4-H'er Daniel Kitchen is part of the Pennsylvania dairy judging team which took first place nationally and now will head to international competition in Europe.

Mr. Holdren recognized Danville High School Forensics competitors Rebecca Perez, Linda Wen, Sahil Patel, Patrick Zhu and Christina Perez, who have qualified for the Grand National Tournament in Sacramento, Calif., over Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Holdren also congratulated four Danville High School swimmers who qualified to compete in a state meet. Joe Malafronte took a bronze and Elizabeth Bason and Noah Koltenuch placed in the top 16. Emily Edelstein was also part of the quartet.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$201,339.51; Children & Youth, \$46,942.04; Transit, \$11,481.98; Liquid Fuels, \$422.34; Uniform 911, \$10,501.18; Human and Community Service, \$2,171.30. Mr. Harman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk

