

MARCH 28, 2017 MINUTES
Formally approved April 11, 2017 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Jesse Kline, Treasurer; Tim Fitzgerald, Amber Depeu, Joe Stender, Doug Grubb, Tom Sokola, Eric Temmel, Geisinger Health System; Jennifer Wakeman, DRIVE; Jamie Shrawder, Danville Borough; Matt Hickey, Danville Little League; Bob Garrett, Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce; Chris Johns, Noah Koltenuk, Jarrett Walters, Linda Wen, Elizabeth Henning, Avani Yadav, Nate Cole, Darren Berry, Sahil, Patel, Danville High School; Lloyd Bunch, Amy Walters, Lucy Koltenuck, Public; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

Mr. Holdren asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Assistant Solicitor Michael Dennehy. 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. Hartman moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$480,960.40
General Account Receipts	\$357,370.84
General Account Checking .65%	\$493,330.75
Capital Reserve Fund .51%	\$29,750.67
Operating Reserve .51%	\$444,641.23
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$967,722.65
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .51%	\$167,724.48
Act 44 .65%	\$34,649.97
Children and Youth Checking .65%	\$556,383.76
Flood Mitigation .65%	\$1,851.01
Hazardous Material Account Checking .65%	\$20,019.48
Human & Community Services Checking .65%	\$50,882.34
Improvement Fund Checking .65%	\$16,436.55
Liquid Fuels Checking .65%	\$244,793.94
Medical Assistance Transportation .65%	\$104,242.36
Offender Supervision Account Checking .65%	\$50,825.60
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$25,611.05
Transit Fund Account Checking .65%	\$52,088.79
Uniform 911 Surcharge .01%	\$216,333.82

Mr. Holdren called for public comment. Ms. Shrawder reported plans to look at a possible new entrance to the middle school have been shelved, and that the replacement of barriers and decks on the pedestrian bridge on Montour Street is scheduled for next year. Ms. Shrawder also noted the borough can now provide elevation certificates for homeowners.

Mr. Holdren recessed the public meeting to convene a TEFRA (Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act) hearing in connection with a proposed bond issuance by the Geisinger Authority. Mr. Fitzgerald explained the Authority is seeking approval to borrow up to \$850 million. Of that amount, \$565,000,000 would refinance existing debt and \$285 million would be for new projects. In noting how Geisinger benefits the community and is charitable, Mr. Fitzgerald said 91 percent of Montour County residents received care through Geisinger last year and 2,500 Montour County residents are employed by the health system.

Mr. Sokola told the Board Geisinger has “lots of wishes” for project and improvements and is investing \$54 million in capital at its Woodbine Lane site in order to move outpatient services off the main campus. Another \$3 million will fund emergency department upgrades.

Mr. Holdren said Commissioners clearly appreciate all Geisinger does but with respect to the citizens the Board of Commissioners represent, he encouraged the health system to accelerate plans for the emergency department.

There being no further comment, Mr. Holdren adjourned the hearing and reconvened the public meeting.

Under old business, Mr. Holdren said the 911 Centers merger is still on target with mailings planned for residents in April and public meetings in May.

Under new business, Mr. Hartman moved to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2017, the Internal Revenue Code/Health Safety and Welfare Resolution approving the Geisinger Authority plan of finance on the bond issue. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hickey of the Danville Area Little League requested a \$10,000.00 grant from the Montour County Commissioners Tourism Fund. The grant money will improve baseball and softball complexes in order to host the NCSA college softball tournament. Mr. Hickey said the two-day tournament will result in 80 hotel room bookings in Montour County as well as money spent in local restaurants, retail stores and gas stations. Mr. Holdren moved to approve the request. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Solicitor Dennehy was asked to provide an opinion concerning an application by Jeannie Ford to participate in the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program due to a possible conflict-of-interest as Commissioner Hartman is the brother-in-law of Ms. Ford. Mr. Dennehy stated an exception is needed from DCED, noting Ms. Ford appears to be an eligible applicant, that her application was given no preferential treatment due to her

relationship with Mr. Hartman, that the exception does not violate state or local laws, that Mr. Hartman has no influence over the award of any contract with Ms. Ford and has

abstained from any vote or decision-making with respect to her application, and that the actions taken by the Board in general and Mr. Hartman in particular appear to satisfy the exception requirements set forth at 24 CFR 92.356. Mr. Finn moved to approve the issuance of a letter to DCED from Mr. Dennehy on the matter. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, Mr. Finn and Mr. Holdren voted in favor. Mr. Hartman abstained.

Mr. Finn moved to approve the FY 2017-2022 Probation Grant-in-Aid Funds Agreement with the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve the 2017-2022 Probation Supervision Funds Agreement with the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman approved a contract amendment with Adelphoi Village on behalf of Children & Youth Services. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to hire Michelle Getkin as CYS Fiscal Technician effective March 20, at an hourly rate of \$17.43, annualized to \$34,000.00. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a Family Medical Leave Act request from Shane Craig, Deputy Sheriff, from April 5 through May 31. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to accept a letter of resignation from Dick Johns, Montour County Housing Authority, effective immediately, with appreciation for his many years of exemplary service to the Authority. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to appoint Jack Gerst to fill the unexpired term of Dick Johns on the Housing Authority. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren announced that President Judge Thomas A. James appointed Michael A. Benjamin to fill an unexpired term through December 31 as Judge of Elections for Mahoning Township II.

The Board recognized Danville High School Forensics Team members Linda Wen, Elizabeth Henning, Avani Yadav, Nate Cole, Darren Berry and Sahil Patel for qualifying for the Grand National Tournament of the National Catholic Forensics League.

The Board recognized Danville High School wrestler Jarrett Walters for finishing as a medalist in the 220-pound weight category at the PIAA "AA" State Wrestling Tournament.

The Board recognized Noah Koltenuk for finishing sixth overall in the 500-yard Freestyle at the PIAA State Swim Meet.

Mr. Finn moved to proclaim the week of April 19 – 15 as National Telecommunicators' Week. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$423,430.11; Children & Youth, \$76,985.05; Liquid Fuels, \$974.53; Uniform 911, \$6,901.54; Human and Community Service, \$1,733.07. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk