

## DECEMBER 11, 2018 MINUTES

Formally approved at December 18, 2018 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; Sue Kauwell, Prothonotary; Brian Pufnak, ECEN; Tyler Dombroski, SEDA-COG; Mary Newman, Dale E. Bird, Rodney H. Bird, David E. Bird, David L. Bird, Brian Bird, Glen Wintersteen, Rodger Bower, Cindy Bird, Susan Bird, Pat Fahringer, Lloyd Bunch, Public; Leon Bogdan, PressEnterprise; 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. Finn moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$406,228.49
General Account Receipts	\$49,931.62
General Account Checking 1.95%	\$400,014.04
Capital Reserve Fund 2.12%	\$76,122.21
Operating Reserve 2.12%	\$236,579.90
Total Checking	\$712,716.15
Act 13 Highway-Bridge 2.12%	\$215,686.13
Act 44 2.17%	\$90,670.29
Act 89 2.12%	\$97,372.59
Children and Youth Checking 2.17%	\$313,143.81
Flood Mitigation 2.17%	\$2,693.01
Hazardous Material Account Checking 2.17%	\$17,309.26
Human & Community Services Checking 2.17%	\$72,094.57
Improvement Fund Checking 2.17%	\$23,344.59
Liquid Fuels Checking 2.17%	\$288,449.50
Offender Supervision Account Checking 2.17%	\$57,612.97
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$31,386.05
Uniform 911 Surcharge 2.11%	\$833,271.21

Mr. Hartman read a resolution honoring David E. Bird on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and in recognition of his 52 years as a Mayberry Township Supervisor.

Mr. Holdren called for public comment. Mr. Dombroski thanked the Board, DRIVE and Geisinger for their efforts on the broadband effort to bring high-speed internet to the County. While it will help underserved areas such as Washingtonville, Mr. Dombroski

said this is a positive change for the County as a whole, noting the initiative will place Montour County alongside Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg as far as speed.

Under old business, submissions for an \$800,000.00 Tax Anticipation Note were received as follows: First Columbia Bank & Trust Company, 2.48%; First National Bank, 2.79%; Fulton Bank, 2.395%; Jersey Shore State Bank, 2.87%; Northumberland National Bank, 2.25%; Susquehanna Community Bank, 3.85%. Mr. Finn moved to award the quote to Northumberland National with a low bid of 2.25%. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman addressed concerns voiced by Anthony Township residents over the replacement of Bridge 15, which washed out during summer flooding. He said bridge replacements can cost upwards of \$1,000,000.00 and take three years from start to finish. The county does not have the money to replace the bridge but has qualified for FEMA flooding assistance. However, how much the County may receive and when those funds would become available is unknown. Mr. Hartman said he hopes federal and state agencies will provide enough funding to replace the span.

Under new business, Mr. Holdren moved to approve the 2017 Professional and Administrative Services Agreement with SEDA-COG relative to the CDBG 2017 grant awards for Montour County and Danville Borough at a cost of \$67,420.00 Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to adopt Resolution R-12-1-18 granting Commissioner Finn signatory authority to execute agreements with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency on the County's behalf. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve Broadband Equipment Facility Lease Agreements with DRIVE allowing the placement of equipment on the County's communications towers on Bald Top and at the EMA building for a consideration of \$1.00 annually. The lease runs for 20 years. Mr. Finn said County government buildings will receive lightning-fast interest for the same cost it is paying now and that this is an advantage which will be brought to the entire County. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn presented updated Coroner Office fees for consideration as follows: Autopsy reports from \$100 to \$500.00; toxicology reports from \$50.00 to \$100.00; Cremation authorization set at \$50.00 with a \$10.00 administration fee; and coroners' reports set at \$100.00. Mr. Lynn said the Legislature passed Act 154 to increase the fees effective December 22. The fees, he said, haven't been changed for 28 years. Even with the increases, it by no means covers the cost of those services, he said, noting by no means will the higher fees cover the actual costs of the services. Autopsies, for instance, cost \$2,000.00 - \$3,000.00. Mr. Finn moved to approve the fees as presented. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Pennsylvania State Police for use of the Pennsylvania Statewide Radio Network (PA-STARNet). Mr. Hartman seconded. ECEN Director Brian Pufnak said the agreement will get things started on a movement to a digital radio system. Mr. Finn said the move will bring radio systems of first responders together. Mr. Pufnak said as things stand now, there is an

issue with interoperability as state and local police can't talk to each other. He said the initiative is a great move that will save a lot of money. Right now, it won't cost Montour anything, but this will allow more focused planning. Columbia County Commissioners have already signed the agreement, Mr. Pufnak said. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to approve an amendment changing the minimum fixed interest rate to the Deferred Fixed Annuity Contract with Nationwide Life Insurance Company. Mr. Hartman seconded. Mr. Holdren explained the retirement savings plan is 100% employee-paid. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to reappoint Pete George and Rachel Lapos to four-year terms as Montour County Conservation District Farmer Directors Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to reappoint Mr. Finn to a one-year term as Commissioner representative on the Conservation District Board. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

M. Hartman moved to accept a letter of resignation from Jean Hummel as Liberty Township Inspector of Election effective immediately. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to approve the 2019 holiday schedule as follows: New Year's Day, January 1; Martin Luther King Day, January 21; Presidents Day, February 18; Good Friday, April 19; Memorial Day, May 27; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, September 2; Columbus Day, October 14; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving, November 28 and 29; Christmas, December 24 and 25. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to approve the 2019 meeting schedule as follows: the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. beginning January 8 with the exception of meetings on December 3 and 17 and no meeting on May 28, August 27 or December 24. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to set 2019 Prison Board meetings as follows: February 4, May 20, August 19 and November 18, with all meetings to be held at 11 a.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room of the Courthouse. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Commissioners thanked Sen. John Gordner and Rep. Kurt Masser for sponsoring legislation to decrease the number of required monthly board meetings for 8<sup>th</sup> Class Counties to quarterly meetings.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$412,487.49; Children & Youth, \$18,835.25; Liquid Fuels, \$13,047.70; Uniform 911, \$0; Human and Community Service, \$1,293.86; Other Funds, \$12,723.85. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:  
Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk

