Lewistown, PA May 4, 2023

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Mark Sunderland; Robert Postal; Kevin Kodish; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig; Solicitor Stephen Snook; and Fiscal Affairs Assistant Charity Larson.

Guests present were, Treasurer Diane Griffith, Physical Plant Director Lonnie Griffith, CDBG Administrator Chastity Fultz, Community Development Assistant Madison Price, Mifflin County Correctional Facility Warden Jason Kormanic, Planning Director Carrianne Love, Adult Probation Supervisor Colton Spade, FAME EMS personnel Donald Warntz, Patrick Shoop, Matthew Evans, and Zachary Leitzel, McVeytown EMS personnel Sam Alexander, Elwood Barger, Jen Lynch and Don Lynch, Big Valley EMS personnel Joy Byler, Seven Mountains EMS personnel Tim Nelson, Steen Peterson from ABATE of Pa Patriot Riders #53, Auditor Helen Kirk, JVBDS Administrator Kathy Whalen, and Ella Knepp and Anastin Bilger from MCTV.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Sunderland.

- I. Invocation: The Invocation was given by Commissioner Kodish.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.
- III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2023. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

1. General Fund, Accounts Payable

Ck. #'s 141555-141735 and EFT #'s 600112-600128 in the amount of \$1,498,628.90

2. Payroll Account

Ck. #'s 79615-79623 and Direct Deposit Advice #'s 49810-50035 in the amount of \$420,321.82

3. 911 Account

Ck. # 52577-52584 and *EFT* # 21016-21021 in the amount of \$9,271.65

4. LEPC Account

Ck.# 1574 in the amount of \$55.71

5. CDBG Account

Ck. # 1657-1662 in the amount of \$155,956.22

6. Liquid Fuels Account

Ck. # 1719 in the amount of \$10,800.00

7. Liquid Fuels Act 89 Account

EFT # 8028 in the amount of \$67.27

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve payment of bills as listed above. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Treasurer's Report:

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF MIFFLIN COUNTY

DIANE L GRIFFITH COUNTY TREASURER

DANIEL Z SEARER SOLICITOR



STEPHANIE J NEFF 1ST DEPUTY TREASURER

SUZANNE KOCHENDERFER 2ND DEPUTY TREASURER

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TREASURER'S REPORT 4/19/2023-5/2/2023

General Account Starting Balance	\$4,043,505.84
DEBITS Deposits Receipts #115366-115449 Transfer from	1,765,279.87
Transfer from 911 Voided Checks Transfer from LEPC Adjustment	53.86 30,913.76 0.00 0.00
Interest	9,145.77
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,805,393.26
CREDITS Bills Paid CK #'S141299-141390 EFT #'S 30951-30958 Transfer to Payroll CKS 79599-79609, DD 49352-49579 Adjustment Transfer to SFPP TOTAL CREDITS	1,498,628.90 420,321.81 0.00 0.00 \$1,918,950.71
Ending Balance (Interest @ 2.300% as of 5/2/2023)	\$3,929,948.39
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Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the Treasurer's Report as received, subject to audit. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Meetings and Events:

Chairman Sunderland:

Human Services Quarterly Meeting

Mifflin County Wireless

Commissioner Postal:

Human Services Quarterly Meeting

SEDA-COG Finance & Natural Gas Co-op

Mifflin County Planning Commission

Broadband/ISP Meeting United Way Propane Review Union Township Meeting
Menno Township Meeting
JVBDS Executive Committee
JVBDS Open House
Meeting on IT Policy
Mifflin County Measure the Candidate Night
Internal Meetings; MCP; Maintenance; Tax
Services; GIS; EMS

Commissioner Kodish: SEDA-COG Board

VII. New Business:

A. Proclamation – Corrections Employee Week, May 7 – 13, 2023

PROCLAMATION Corrections Employee Week May 7-13, 2023

Whereas, Pennsylvania's correctional system is the oldest in the nation, evolving from the establishment of Philadelphia's Walnut Street Jail in 1773 and the Eastern Penitentiary in 1829; and

Whereas, the "Pennsylvania System," as it became known, was the leading influence in the development of penology throughout the 19th Century and the forerunner of modern corrections; and

Whereas, in the face of the current public health crisis, correctional employees throughout our county have risen to the challenge of implementing increased health and safety precautions to ensure the well-being of all those in their care; and

Whereas, much is expected from the men and women who supervise offenders in correctional facilities every day, and without whose daily hard work and sacrifices the justice system could not operate; and

Whereas, correctional employees are skilled professionals who must act as counselors, communicators, educators and experts at crisis interventions, and must protect our safety while maintaining their professional demeanor, often in a challenging environment; and

Whereas, we take this week to celebrate the people preforming honorable, and sometimes difficult and dangerous work, and we thank them for their outstanding service to the people of Mifflin County.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mifflin County Board of Commissioners proclaim May 7-13, as **CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEE WEEK** in Mifflin County.

Warden Jason Kormanic expressed his thanks to the Commissioners. Mr. Kormanic stated he can't say enough about the Mifflin County correctional employees and claimed they are one of the best groups of people he has had the pleasure to work with.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Proclamation - Mental Health Awareness Month

"MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" May 2023

WHEREAS, Mental Health Month raises awareness of trauma and the impact it can have on the physical, emotional and mental well-being of children, families and communities

WHEREAS, Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services strives to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in the lives of Pennsylvanians and to celebrate recovery from mental illness

WHEREAS, mental health is essential for a person's overall health. Prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can recover from mental disorders and live full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services, along with other agencies and organizations across the tri-county region, is applying unique approaches to sharing the valuable opportunity to celebrate the tremendous strides made in central Pennsylvania promoting mental health awareness and increasing the public's knowledge that effective services and support are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Counties of Huntingdon, Mifflin and Juniata acting as Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against mental health, do hereby proclaim May 2023 to be "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Huntingdon County, Mifflin County and Juniata County urging all citizens to renew a commitment to ridding our society of the stigma associated with mental illness, encourage those living with mental health conditions to get the help they need and reaffirm our pledge to ensure those who need help have access to the support, acceptance and resources they deserve.

Kathy Whalen from JVBDS thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to light up the Courthouse in green to raise awareness about mental health and help fight the stigma around mental health. Ms. Whalen noted the upcoming Juniata Valley Out of the Darkness Walk in October, the green ribbon campaign, Green Day in the Mifflin County School District, a reduced stigma training at the Compass Center on May 9th, a fundraiser at Harshbarger's Sub and Malt on May 23rd, and a benefit bingo at Heritage Fire Company on June 4th.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Proclamation – Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month

PROCLAMATION MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2023

Whereas, the safety of all Pennsylvania motorists is an issue of the highest consequence and all highway users should unite in the safe sharing of roadways throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of people across the Commonwealth and our nation; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth's licensed motorcyclists are required to keep their vehicles inspected and obey current laws relative to operator safety equipment; and

Whereas, in efforts to reduce the number of motorcycle crashes and fatalities, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation encourages all motorcyclists to take advantage of free training courses through Pennsylvania's Motorcycle Safety Program and pledge to be one less fatality by visiting www.LiveFreeRideAlive.com; and

Whereas, it is especially important that the citizens of our Commonwealth be aware of motorcycles on the streets and highways and recognize the importance of staying alert, practicing safe driving techniques, and promoting motorcycle safety; and

Whereas, during the month of May, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education of Pennsylvania (ABATE), and the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Dealers Association (PMDA) will continue their advocacy of motorcycle safety.

Therefore, in recognition of motorcycle safety on our Commonwealth's roads and highways, we, the Commissioners of Mifflin County do hereby proclaim May, 2023 as MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

AND AWARENESS MONTH. We encourage all motorcyclists to continue their efforts to promote safety and motorcycle awareness and all drivers to share the road and respect the unique safety needs of motorcyclists.

Steen Peterson, President of the local Chapter 53 Patriot Riders. Mr. Peterson stated the Riders offer an educational program called Save a Life where they go into the schools and teach kids to look twice and save a life. They also have charitable events like the annual bicycle give away and basket raffles. All money raised in the county stays in the county. They are now also part of the Bob Burks Fund which helps cancer victims and their families.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. EMS Week Proclamation – May 21-27, 2023

EMS Week Proclamation

To designate the Week of May 21-27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of Emergency Medical Services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services have grown to fill a gap – becoming the national "Healthcare Safety Net" - by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services System consists of emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, paramedics, prehospital registered nurses, prehospital physician extenders, prehospital physicians, dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of Emergency Medical Services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of Emergency Medical Services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mifflin County Commissioners in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2023, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

With the EMS Strong theme, EMS Week: <u>Rising to the Challenge</u>, and encourage the citizens of Mifflin County to join us in observing this week and recognizing our local EMS agencies and providers.

Joy Byler, a board member of Seven Mountains EMS Council, thanked the Commissioners for their support. Ms. Byler stated the theme for this year's EMS Week is "EMS Where Emergency Care Begins"

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. CDBG Public Hearing

Community Development Block Grant Administrator Chastity Fultz held a public hearing starting at 9:31 am. Ms. Fultz started the hearing by explaining what CDBG stands for and stating the funds come from HUD. The goal is to assist counties and municipalities in viable communities by providing suitable living environment, decent houses, and a standing economic opportunity principally for low to moderate income individuals.

Any municipality within the county is eligible however, there are five municipalities within Mifflin County that have their own applications and are not eligible for funds through CDBG. Those municipalities are Armagh, Brown, Derry, Granville Township, and Lewistown Borough.

The 2023 allocation has not yet been announced however, based on last year, the allotment is expected to be \$233,100.00. \$183,000.00 would be used for projects and \$40,100.00 for administration items including staff salaries and other items needed to properly run the program.

To be eligible for funding activities must meet one of the following national objectives:

- 1. 70% of activities must primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons
- 2. Removal of slum/blight
- 3. Meet a particular urgency

Kinds of projects typically funded include water and sewer line replacement and improvement, housing rehabilitation, construction of affordable housing, construction or reconstruction of public facilities, public services that are new or provide a qualifiable increase in delivery of service, street improvements, removal of architectural barriers, acquisition and relocation, and clearance and demolition.

If activities are undertaken that result in the displacement of families or individuals, the applicant is responsible for replacing all low- and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of the use of CDBG funds. No displacement is anticipated and every effort will be made to avoid or minimize displacement and relocation.

This year's applications have been distributed and are also available on the county website.

Applications for County funds are due to the Planning Department by June 15th at 3 pm. All applicants are required to attend and present their projects at the Planning Commission meeting on June 22nd at 3:30. The CDBG Advisory Committee will meet the following week to review and rank the applications.

The second public hearing and adoption of cumulative resolution for the County and all OBOs will be held on October 5th at 9:00 a.m. All projects chosen to be funded will be announced at this hearing.

Competitive applications will also be entertained this year. There is a minimum request of \$100,000.00 and no maximum. Applications are due to DCED by February 2024.

Ms. Fultz further explained Lewistown Borough requested a slip lining of the sewer project on the 2022 application. DCED recognized this project as an inflow and infiltration project that ultimately benefits the sewage treatment plant and the beneficiaries are those households whose sewage is treated at the plant. 40% of the EDUs are in Derry Township and the project now requires a survey. Lewistown Borough is going to move their funding into the Southside paving project that came in over budget.

Ms. Fultz then opened the floor to public comment. Commissioner Postal asked if competitive applications are on the same schedule as the block grant. Ms. Fultz stated they are not. The applications do have a three-year completion timeframe. Mr. Postal then asked if these funds can be used to fill gaps from previous years. Ms. Fultz confirmed they can.

There was no further public comment. The hearing concluded at 9:38 am.

- F. Request for exoneration of 2023 county portion per capita taxes:
 - Menno Township Tax Collector Cynthia Clever 15

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- G. Request for exoneration of delinquent real estate taxes and relieve Kathy Whitsel, Assistant Director of Tax Services from collecting these taxes:
 - Parcel No. 12,16-0113,001 located in Armagh Township mobile home was removed

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- H. Request for refund of a portion of County real estate taxes for 2021 supplemental
 - Parcel No.'s 12,19-0111R & 12,19-0111T located in Armagh Township errors in building locations, square footage and occupancy date \$174.25

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

I. Professional Services Contract with J-Way Architectural for the architectural, engineering design, bidding and contract administration assisting services for the Mifflin County Library accessibility and enhancement project - \$128,000.00

Physical Plant Director, Lonnie Griffith stated this is a phase 1 project. The project will deal with a lot of mechanical concerns within the library building. Mr. Postal added the library is a County owned building that has had little to no improvements since it's construction in the early 1970s.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

J. Renewal Agreement with Rochester Midland Corporation for water management services at the Courthouse and Jail for the period June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024 - \$4,400.00

Physical Plant Director, Lonnie Griffith specified this is simply a renewal of an already existing agreement.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

K. Five -year software support quote from Global Jail Tracker for the jail management system - \$6,870.98 per year

Warden Jason Kormanic stated he is requesting a five-year extension to this current program. This is for prisoner record management. Mr. Kormanic stated he is very pleased with the current program and feels it works well for Mifflin County Correctional Facility needs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

L. Application for the Intermediate Punishment Grant for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$95,000.00

Adult Probation Supervisor Colton Spade stated the funds for this grant would be used for salaries, identification of offenders, case management services, and substance abuse treatment among other things.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

M. Termination of Amended Articles of Agreement with Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services vacating the premises on Green Avenue

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

N. Resolution No. 16 of 2023 appointing Planning Director, Carrianne Love as a voting member of the SEDA-COG MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization)

RESOLUTION NO. 16 of 2023

Confirming the appointment of Carrianne Love as a voting member of the SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), to serve in the term ending December 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, the SEDA-COG MPO has the authority to conduct transportation planning and programming activities for the Bloomsburg-Berwick Urbanized Area, and the entire eight-county region that includes: Clinton, Columbia, Juniata, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, Article III of the adopted SEDA-COG MPO bylaws provides that the Mifflin County Commissioners must appoint Mifflin County's voting member on the SEDA-COG MPO; and

WHEREAS, SEDA-COG MPO voting members should be re-affirmed following a term of four years by the appointing authority, except that the terms of the members first appointed shall be so fixed that no more than four shall be reappointed or replaced during a calendar year; and

WHEREAS, SEDA-COG MPO voting membership may change as members resign, as appointing authorities replace their representatives, or as recommended by the MPO for approval; and

WHEREAS, the success of the SEDA-COG MPO is ensured by regular, active participation and input from its members; and

WHEREAS, the Mifflin County Commissioners desire to have their county's voice and perspective considered through the SEDA-COG MPO forum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mifflin County Commissioners hereby consent to and confirm the appointment of Carrianne Love as a voting member of the SEDA-COG MPO, to serve in the term ending December 31, 2026.

Adopted this 4th day of May, 2023.

MIFFLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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A. Sunderland, Chairman

Kevin P. Kodish, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Cathy L. Romig, Chief Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

O. Resolution No. 17 of 2023 establishing the fair market value of three individual lots located at the former Black's Hospital site and authorize the execution of a sales agreement with each high bidder for the sale and disposition of each individual lot

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-17

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF COUNTY PROPERTY CONSISTING OF THREE (3) LOTS LOCATED AT THE FORMER BLACK'S HOSPITAL SITE PURSUANT TO 16 P.S. § 2306 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT OF SALE WITH EACH HIGHER BIDDER FOR THE SALE AND DISPOSITION OF EACH RESPECTIVE LOT

A resolution of the Board of Commissioners for Mifflin County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter "Board of Commissioners"), establishing, pursuant to 16 P.S. § 2306, the fair market value of three (3) vacant lots located at the former Black's Hospital site in the Borough of Lewistown, and authorizing the Chairman of said Board of Commissioners to sign, on behalf of the County of Mifflin, an Agreement of Sale with each high bidder for each respective lot.

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WHEREAS, the County is the owner of three (3) vacant lots of real property located in the Borough of Lewistown at the former Black's Hospital site and more fully described in Schedule "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the County determined that it was in the best interest of the County to sell these three (3) lots; and

WHEREAS, the County procured the services of a duly qualified auctioneer who adequately marketed and advertised the three (3) lots prior to a public auction held on April 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, after competitive bidding, the high bidder for each respective lot was as follows: (i) Lot 1 – Lisa K. Snyder - \$42,000; (ii) Lot 2 – David S. Runk - \$35,000; and (iii) Lot 3 – David S. Runk - \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, 16 P.S. 2306 of the Pennsylvania County Code requires that the fair market value of property to be sold by County commissioners "shall be determined by the commissioners in consultation with two (2) of the following: the county assessor, certified broker-appraisers, or certified real estate appraisers doing business within the County"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners consulted with a certified real estate appraiser and the County assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners determined that, given the adequate marketing and advertising completed for the three (3) lots and the ample time for any prospective buyer to attend and bid on the three (3) lots, the aforesaid high bids are indicative of the fair market value of each of the three (3) individual lots; and

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

P. Rescind Resolution No. 13 of 2023 that established the fair market value of the Green Avenue property and that authorized the sale and disposition of the property

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Q. Personnel:

- Transfer of April Vodopija from part-time to full-time Corrections Officer effective April 30, 2023
- Hiring of Thomas Bulick for Security Guard in the Sheriff's Department effective May 8, 2023
- Hiring of part-time Corrections Officers Cassidi Wileman, Tyler Wileman and Kyler York effective May 8, 2023
- Promotion of Samantha Snook from Children and Youth Caseworker I to Caseworker II effective May 8, 2023
- Resignation from Children and Youth Caseworker Jacob Yoder effective May 10, 2023

- Resignation of Robert Grassmyer from part-time Corrections Officer effective May 12, 2023
- Resignation of Brayden Powell from part-time Corrections Officer effective May 15, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IX. Adjournment:

With no other business on the agenda, Commissioner Sunderland adjourned the meeting at 9:48 am.

	Secretary	
ATTEST:		
 Chief Clerk		