Lewistown, PA May 5, 2022

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Kevin Kodish; Mark Sunderland; Robert Postal; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig; Solicitor Stephen Snook; Treasurer Diane Griffith; and Fiscal Affairs Assistant Makyla Henry.

Tyler Rupert was present from The Sentinel.

Guests present were Tim Nilson, Chris McCoy, Elwood Barger, Colton Sunderland, Brian Fleegal, Matt Evans, Bill Womer, Mark Gisewhite, Gage Fultz, Eric Howell, Joy Byler, Bob Henry and Kathy Whalen from JVBDS, CYS Administrator Nicole Patkalitsky, Chastity Fultz, Tiffany Brought, Doug Marks, Ralph Aitkin, Brad Hill, Warden Jason Kormanic, Deputy Warden Eric Gates, Joshua Neff, Karen Laub, Johnna-Kay Bilger, President of Patriot Riders Steen Peterson, Morgan Kaniecki and Tessa Pavlova 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 21, 2022. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

1. General Fund, Accounts Payable

Ck. #'s 137178-137340 and EFT #'s 29493-29514 in the amount of \$764,683.97

2. Payroll

Ck. #'s 79377-79388 and Direct Deposit Advice #'s 44065-44301 in the amount of \$493,534.04

3. 911 Account

Ck. #'s 52354-52366 and EFT #'s 20908-20911 in the amount of \$23,547.47

4. CDBG Account

Ck. # 1598 in the amount of \$295,924.85

5. Liquid Fuels Act 89 Account

EFT # 8116 in the amount of \$63.83

6. LEPC Account

Ck. #'s 1551-1552 in the amount of \$308.03

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:

TREASURER'S REPORT 4/20/2022-5/3/2022

General Account Starting Balance	\$1,178,227.13
DEBITS	
Deposits Receipts #110972-111215	2,414,524.94
Transfer from	0.00
Transfer from CAPITAL RESERVE	0.00
Transfer from 911	0.00
Voided Checks	0.00
Transfer from LEPC	0.00
Interest	2,020.94
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,416,545.88
CREDITS	
Bills Paid CK's 137178-137340 EFT #'s 29493-29514	764,683.97
Transfer to Payroll CKS 79377-79388, DD 43065-44301	493,534.04
ADJUSTMENT	0.00
Transfer to SFPP	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,258,218.01
Ending Balance (Interest @ 1.080% as of 5/3/2022)	\$2,336,555.00
Liquid Fuels	
Invested at JV Bank @ 1.080% as of 5/3/2022	\$264,981.80
Liquid Fuels - Act 89	
Invested at JV Bank @ 1.080% as of 5/3/2022	\$442,400.99
911 Telephone Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 1.080% as of 5/3/2022	\$702,994.15
LEPC	
Invested at JV Bank @ 1.080% as of 5/3/2022	\$24,281.18
Local Use Fund	
Invested at JV Bank @ 1.080% as of 5/3/2022	\$539,804.82
Capital Reserve Account	\$13,786,472.26
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.350% as of 5/3/2022	
Report Subject to Audit	

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:

Discussion on future projects Proposal on Upward Broadband Meeting on MOV TIU with Warden Salary Board

Commissioner Postal:

SEDA-COG Natural Gas Co-Op Board MC Salary Board (2) Suspect Repository Property w/ Maintenance Greater Lewistown Corp regarding **MCDOR** Broadband meeting with IP PA DOS Election Security Webinar Voting Machine Testing MC Planning Commission MC Historical Society Annual Dinner Presentation of MC Rotary Meeting Meeting with Senator Judy Ward JVBDS Executive Committee and Workshop Internal Staff: Tax Services, MCCF, Maintenance, Planning, Elections, Human Services

Commissioner Kodish:

Board of Elections
Salary Board (2)
Rothrock Tree Planting
Century Link Broadband Planning
SEDA-COG Board
Discussion of County Projects
Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau Board
United Way Board
TIU Services – Jail (Discussion)
SEDA-COG Executive Board

VII. Public Comment:

Commissioner Postal announced about the pre-app for ARPA funds. It is online, and invite all municipalities and non-profits to submit their pre-apps.

Tyler Rupert; Lewistown Sentinel said there has been a lot of talk about extra funding for the jail employees with the left over COVID relief funds, is that correct? The commissioners said yes correct. Mr. Rupert asked what the criteria is for people to be eligible. Ms. Romig said it was discussed at yesterday's salary board meeting. It was when the governor declared the emergency proclamation. It was from March 6, 2020 through June 15, 2021 and essential employees that came in to work and worked every day, and are still a current employee right now. It went along with exposure. Mr. Rupert asked if it was like hazard pay. Commissioner Postal said it is calculated as premium pay, The American Rescue Plan Act, premium pay.

VIII. New Business:

A. Proclamation – Mental Health Awareness Month



"MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" May 2022

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 2022 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.

Mr. Henry spoke and thanked the commissioners for recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month. There are a few activities going on such as green lights being put up around the community for mental health awareness. The Old Courthouse and Bell Tower will be lit up. The Lewistown Borough Council is allowing green ribbons to be tied to the parking meters downtown. Two local coffee shops; Taste of the Valley and East End Coffee are going to use special green coffee sleeves for mental health awareness. The Mifflin County School District is going to have a green day on May 6, 2022 and encourage all students and staff to participate. To end the discussion, Mr. Henry said they are partnering with Peerstar and the Jana Marie Foundation to provide two (2) suicide prevention trainings on May 24. One session will be held in the morning, and the other will be in the afternoon. The trainings are each an hour and a half, free, and virtual.

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

B. Proclamation – Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

PROCLAMATION

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH

MAY 2022

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, 2022 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.

Proclaimed this 5th day of May 2022

Mr. Peterson, President of the local chapter Patriot Riders spoke and thanked the commissioner's for the proclamation. He said we give away free bicycles each year in June. We teach kids to not text and drive. That is our worst enemy. It used to be left hand turns. We have a program with ABATE (Operation Save a Life). We go into schools and present about motorcycle awareness and everything else going on. Because of the recent pandemic I haven't been able to approach the schools in a few years. For 2022-2023 I am going to talk to the right people and get the program in Mifflin, Juniata, Huntingdon and State College School Districts.

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

C. Corrections Employee Week Proclamation – May 1-7, 2022

PROCLAMATION Corrections Employee Week May 1-7, 2022

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 1-7, as **CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEE WEEK** in Mifflin County.

Proclaimed this 5th day of May, 2022

Warden Kormanic spoke and thanked the commissioners for the proclamation and their continuation of support. It has been a rough few years for correction facilities. It is a team effort from food service, to mental health counselor/case manager, maintenance, and officers. We run 24/7, so most staff work weekends and holidays, and they do it very well.

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

D. EMS Week Proclamation – May 15-21, 2022

EMS Week Proclamation

To designate the Week of May 15-21, 2022 as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services provide 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 field has grown to fill a gap 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 first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, 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 15-21, 2022, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

With the EMS Strong theme, <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.

Proclaimed this 5th day of May 2022

Mr. Nilson thanked the commissioner's for the proclamation for EMS Week. He said our EMS System consists of five agencies. Those 5 agencies run 17 vehicles, 24/7, 365 days a year. Currently the county has 168 providers who are certified. That doesn't mean all of them serve with an agency right now. In 2021 there were 12,850 EMS requests in the county, 6,621 911 requests, 6,086 senior responses, 535 ALS service needed BLS service to provide a higher level of care, 786 transports, 5,228 medical transports, and 215 stand-by's. On behalf of Department of Health I want to thank the providers who are out there, and they have put a lot of time and effort in providing that service.

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

E. CDBG Public Hearing

Chastity started out the public hearing by saying this is the first public hearing for CDBG federal fiscal year 2022 applications. We have not received our allocation funding notices yet for this year. We are going to base our numbers on last year. One big difference is Armagh did reach the threshold of population of 4,000 with the 2020 census. They are getting their own allocation of CDBG funding this year. That will decrease the county's share, we are not sure exactly how much. Looking back a few years when Brown became an entitlement municipality, we lost about 20,000 in funding. Based on that estimate, I am estimating we are going to receive a total of \$210,000.00 for CDBG funds this year. We will allow \$173,000.00 for projects, and \$37,000.00 for administration for planning and development department to administer the grant and do all the paper work and follow all regulations. Any eligible activity must meet a national objective. This objective includes all 70% of all activities funded must benefit low to moderate income persons. It can be a removal for slum or can be for a particular urgency. It's typically a weather related disaster. The kinds of projects we can fund are sewer/water line improvements and replacements, housing rehabilitation, construction of affordable housing, construction of facilities, public services that are new, and street improvements. The applications will be distributed to municipalities, non-profits and engineers. Applications are due June 16, 2022. All applicants will be required to attend a mandatory planning commission meeting June 23, 2022 at 3:30 pm to present the application. After that, we will have a CDBG advisory committee and review applications for them, and we will select projects and make sure we have a viable project. The second CDBG public hearing will be October 6, 2022 and we will announce all projects that are funded and we will have a resolution formally passed for those resolutions. Applications are due to PA-DCED by October 22, 2022. Sometimes there are competitive applications, and it has to be 100,000 no maximums. Commissioner Postal clarified that Mifflin County as a whole is not losing money because of Armagh, we will gain some. *Armagh is believed to get \$80,000-\$90,000.*

F. Resolution No. 11 of 2022 on behalf of Brown Township Supervisors approving budget modifications to the FFY 2020 CDBG Coronavirus Program

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-11

RESOLUTION OF THE

MIFFLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (MCC)

ON BEHALF OF THE BROWN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS (BTS)

APPROVING BUDGET MODIFICATIONS TO THE FFY 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-

CORONAVIRUS PROGRAM (CDBG-CV) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the MCC and on behalf of the BTS funded the fair share project of Laptop Devices for Mifflin County Students in the amount of \$34,164.75; and

WHEREAS, the Laptop Devices for Mifflin County Students Project will not be completed as the Mifflin County School District purchased devices for every student and negated the need for this project and the funds need to be reallocated to another eligible and fundable project; and

WHEREAS, the MCC and on behalf of the BTS are desirous of creating and funding the Reedsville Playground Project in the amount of \$34,164.75;

WHEREAS, the BTS adopted a resolution on May 2, 2022 during their regular meeting approving said budget modifications and authorizing the Mifflin County Planning and Development Department (MCPDD) to complete and submit said modification request and required documentation to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PADCED) for review and approval;

WHEREAS, the BTS conducted a public hearing on Monday, May 2, 2022 in accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan;

WHEREAS, it is the requirement of the PA-DCED to modify the FFY 2020 program funding budget, so as to complete the following actions:

- 1. Delete the FFY 2020 obo Brown Township Laptop Devices for Mifflin County Students Project.
- 2. Add the FFY 2020 obo Brown Township Reedsville Playground Project in the amount of \$34,164.75.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the MCC as follows:

- 1. That the program modifications affecting the FFY 2020 program budget are approved by the MCC and on behalf of the BTS through the adoption of this Resolution.
- 2. That the MCPDD is authorized to complete and submit said modification request and required documentation to the PA- DCED for review and approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if CDBG funds are determined by the PA-DCED to be expended on ineligible program costs or do not meet a national objective, the MCC and the BTS agree to repay the proportion deemed ineligible from non-federal sources.

Ms. Fultz said this resolution is in response to the recent funds around for the CDBG coronavirus funds. We have initially funded the laptops for students, and that project went away. Brown Township had a public hearing and adopted their resolution. They are putting the remaining funds they have of \$34,164.75 in to provide additional playground equipment for the playground. The laptop project is completely deleted, and the CDBG CV funds will be used.

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

G. Resolution No. 12 of 2022 county portion per capita taxes:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-12
RESOLUTION OF THE
MIFFLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (MCC)
APPROVING BUDGET REVISIONS
TO THE FFY 2019 CDBG PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the MCC funded the Wayne Township Stormwater Improvements Project in FFYs 2017, 2018 and 2019 in the amount of \$1,030,296.74 and the project is over budget;

WHEREAS, the MCC are desirous of adding \$100,000.00 towards the budget deficit of the Wayne Township Stormwater Improvements Project by reducing the Juniata Terrace Stormwater Management Improvement Project currently funded in the amount of \$187,153.00, leaving a balance of \$87,153.00;

WHEREAS, it is the requirement of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA-DCED) to revise the Mifflin County FFY 2019 program funding budgets, so as to complete the following actions:

- 1. Reduce the FFY 2019 Juniata Terrace Stormwater Management Improvement Project in the amount of \$100,000.00.
- 2. Adding \$100,000.00 to the already approved Wayne Township Infrastructure Improvements Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the MCC as follows:

- 1. That the program budget revisions affecting the County's FFY 2019 program budgets are approved by the MCC through the adoption of this Resolution.
- 2. That the Mifflin County Planning and Development Department is authorized to complete and submit said budget requests and required documentation to the (PA- DCED) for review and approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if CDBG funds are determined by the PA-DCED to be expended on ineligible program costs or do not meet a national objective, the MCC agree to repay the proportion deemed ineligible from non-federal sources.

Ms. Fultz said we budgeted a million dollars for this project. Bids came back last summer and they were over budget. Wayne Township used some of the ARPA funds to pay for the overage. Our CBC pipe for the water line was unavailable and we had to switch to ductile iron. We want to provide \$100,000.00 from our 2019 COVID fund towards this project. This project is almost complete.

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

- H. Request for exoneration of 2022 county portion per capita taxes:
 - Menno Township Tax Collector Cynthia Clever 3

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

- I. Request for exoneration of 2022 county real estate tax bill and relieve the Tax Collector from collecting this bill:
 - Parcel No. 17,14-0123D-,202 located in Granville Township mobile home was destroyed \$67.02
 - Parcel No. 17,14-0123D-,310 located in Granville Township mobile home was removed \$141.14

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

- J. Purchase of Service Agreement for use, if needed, by Children and Youth for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:
 - Children's Choice Inc., Chester, PA
 - Families United Network, Inc., Muncy, PA

- Neuropsychological Services of Clear Vision, Williamsport, PA
- Children of the Ark Day Care Center, Lewistown, PA
- Bobbie L. Rabuck, Esquire, State College, PA
- Language Line Services, Inc
- Pressley Ridge, Pittsburgh, PA

Ms. Patkalitsky said Children's choice is foster care services and the lowest is \$17.50 per day up to \$53.38 per day. Families United Network is foster care and residential services and the lowest is \$29.51 per day and up to \$274.31 per day. Neuropsychological Services of Clear Vision is counseling services and \$150.00 per hour. Children of the Ark Day Care Center is child care for \$30.00 per day. Bobbie Rabuck is the conflict solicitor for the agency and is \$65.00 per hour. Language Line Services is interpret services and is \$1.85 per minute up to \$2.00 per minute. Pressley Ridge is foster and residential care behavioral services with the lowest being \$85.53 per day and up to \$509.35 per day. Commissioner Kodish asked if Language Line and Pressley Ridge are heavily used. Ms. Patkalitsky said one (1) or two (2) kids use Pressley Ridge foster care services. We try to stay away from residential as much as possible. The interpreter that was being used is having trouble with clearances, so Language Line is going to be used for now. Commissioner Postal asked about ELRC for Families United Network and Ms. Patkalitsky was going to check on that.

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

K. Master Sales Agreement with Guard1, Solon, OH, for the Prison guard tour system which tracks/ensures rounds are done - \$16,491.14

Warden Kormanic said this new system is to replace the current one. It has been in place for five (5) years, and it's starting need new parts. The main thing at the jail is safety for staff, inmates, and the community. Guard1 system will make sure rounds are done safely and more durable. We will be spending less money on replacing stuff, and the annual fee is cheaper. They will provide training for the new system. Solicitor Snook asked about the total to make sure the annex facility is not factored in, and the Warden assured him it was not.

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

L. Personnel:

- Resignation of Part-time Corrections Officer Christian Dunn effective April 27, 2022
- Resignation of Nathaniel Dillion from Probation Officer effective May 6, 2022
- Resignation of Emily Solt-Marks from Part-time LPN effective May 9, 2022
- Resignation of Kathryn Mumper from Children and Youth Caseworker effective May 10, 2022
- Resignation of Joseph Taylor from Children and Youth Caseworker effective May 13, 2022

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 9:45 am.

Secretary		

ATTEST:		
Chief Clerk	 	