

Lewistown, PA

April 1, 2021

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Mark Sunderland, Robert Postal and Kevin Kodish; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig, and Fiscal Affairs Assistant Makyla Henry.

Brian Cox of The Sentinel was the only representative present from the news media.

Guests present: Treasurer Deb Civitts; Executive Director of Mifflin County Library Susan Miriello; Board President of Mifflin County Library Chris Wagner; Auditor Helen Kirk; Director of Fiscal Affairs Mike Baker; Physical Plant Director Lonnie Griffith; Chief Probation Officer Nick Wolfkiel, Solicitor Alina Reed; Administrator of Children and Youth Dana Bubb; Veteran Don Wright; Jim Smith; Lucas Parks, Bill & Mary Ann Stratton; Trent Shade and Tristan Yoder from MCTV.

The meeting was called to order at 8:58 a.m. by Chairman 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 March 18, 2021. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

1. *General Fund, Accounts Payable:*

Cks. #132139 to 132365 and EFTs # 27657 to 27675 in the amount of \$501,114.31

2. *Payroll Account:*

Cks. #79092 to 79103 and Direct Deposit Advices # 37060 to 37300 in the amount of \$464,389.17

3. *911 Account:*

Cks. # 52131 to 52139 and EFTs #20790 to 20792 in the amount of \$9,941.06

4. *CDBG Account:*

Cks. # 1545 & 1546 in the amount of \$29,794.35

5. *Act 137 Account*

Ck #3113 in the amount of \$1,406.36

6. *LEPC Account*

Ck. # 1522 in the amount of \$90.59

7. *Liquid Fuels Account*

Ck. # 1693 in the amount of \$1,244.56

8. *Liquid Fuels Act 89 Account*

EFT # 8103 in the amount of \$68.53

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

03/17/2021 – 03/30/2021

General Account Starting Balance **\$397,055.64**

DEBITS

Deposits Receipts #105705-105934	1,131,976.67
Transfer from	0.00
Transfer from CAPITAL RESERVE	300,000.00
Transfer from LEPC	0.00
Voided Checks	1,180.80
Transfer from 911	0.00
Interest	0.00

TOTAL DEBITS **\$1,433,157.47**

CREDITS

Bills Paid CK #'S 132139-132065, EFT'S # 27657-27675	501,114.31
Transfer to Payroll CKS 79092-79103, DD 37060-37300	464,389.17
Transfer to HSDF	16.21
NSF CHECKS	0.00

TOTAL CREDITS **\$965,519.69**

Ending Balance (Interest @ 0.260% as of 03/30/2021) **\$864,693.42**

Liquid Fuels

Invested at JV Bank @ 0.260% as of 03/30/2021 **\$439,577.32**

Liquid Fuels - Act 89

Invested at JV Bank @ 0.260% as of 03/30/2021 **\$382,401.39**

911 Telephone Account

Invested at JV Bank @ 0.260% as of 03/30/2021 **\$496,941.41**

LEPC

Invested at JV Bank @ 0.260% as of 03/30/2021 **\$29,863.14**

Local Use Fund

Invested at JV Bank @ 0.260% as of 03/30/2021 **\$471,512.96**

Capital Reserve Account

Invested at JV Bank @ 0.950% as of 03/30/2021 **\$9,371,331.66**

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: Salary Board Meeting
SEDA-COG Conference Call
Ag Land Preservation
Meet with Architect on Blacks Hospital and Streetscape*

*Commissioner Postal: Salary Board Meeting
CCAP Virtual Spring Conference & Follow up
SEDA-COG Activities
Mifflin County Municipal Authority
APR with Senator Casey, Congress Keller, and Senator Corman
Communities that Care
Emergency Food and Shelter Program
Annex Renovations and Progress
MC Planning
MC Library
Brown Township for Lumber City Bridge
Internal Meeting: Tax Services, Planning, Mapping, DHS, Elections and CDBG*

*Commissioner Kodish: Salary Board
SEDA-COG Activity Report
United Way Board
SEDA-COG Local Development Corporation Board
SEDA-COG Board
Regional Services Corporation Property Committee*

VII. Proclamation:

*National Library Week 2021
Proclamation*

WHEREAS, today's libraries are accessible and welcoming places that foster a sense of community and belonging;

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, libraries have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their users;

WHEREAS, libraries serve people of all ages, interests and backgrounds providing the resources and space to engage in life-long learning;

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, we recognize librarians as information professionals who provide expertise, services and guidance for patrons to access credible sources and material, making their own informed decisions about the world today;

WHEREAS, librarians and library staff thoughtfully develop collections and programs that are wide-ranging and explore the diversity of our changing society;

WHEREAS, the theme for National Library Week, “Welcome to Your Library,” promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services and explore the books;

WHEREAS, America is celebrating National Library Week, including April 6 as National Library Workers’ Day and the immeasurable contributions made by library workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Mifflin County Commissioners, proclaim National Library Week, April 4-10, 2021 in Mifflin County. During this week, all residents are welcome to visit our libraries, either in person or online, to obtain a library card and explore new worlds through access to books and eBooks, educational programs and technology.

Proclaimed this 1st day of April, 2021

VIII. Public Comment:

Don Wright; Army Veteran of Belleville, Pa voiced how he would like the County Commissioners to consider making Mifflin County a 2nd Amendment County.

Commissioner Postal recognized how Geisinger Lewistown Hospital was in the top 100 rural and community hospitals in the United States.

IX. New Business:

A. Request for exoneration of 2021 county real estate tax bill and relieve the Tax Collector from collecting this bill:

- Parcel No. 17,12-011--,006 located in Granville Township – buildings have been removed - \$9.27*

Commissioner Postal made a motion to approve the exoneration of the 2021 county real estate tax bill located in Granville Township. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Request for exoneration of delinquent real estate taxes and relieve Rebecca Ganoë, Tax Claim Bureau Director from collecting these taxes:

- Parcel No. 17,06-0105N located in Granville Township – Exempt status approved by board of Assessment Appeals due to worship room*

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the request for exoneration of delinquent tax bills. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Offer for Parcel No. 02,01-0304--,000, located in Lewistown Borough that is currently in repository for unsold properties - \$201.00

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

D. Offer for Parcel No. 16,25-0210--,000, located in Derry Township that is currently in repository for unsold properties - \$201.00

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

E. Offer for Parcel No. 16,42-0072--,000, located in Derry Township that is currently in repository for unsold properties - \$201.00

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

F. Purchase of Service Agreement for use, if needed, by Children and Youth:

- *Huntingdon County Children's Services, Huntingdon, PA*

Dana Budd, Administrator of Children and Youth spoke and said this is for a licensed foster home. The rate was \$16.00 and now went up to \$47.00 based upon the dependent use and need. This is a new contract.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement for Children and Youth. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

G. Project Modification Request for the Adult Treatment Court Grant

Chief Probation Officer Nick Wolfkiel spoke and said they are requesting a program modification for our Adult Treatment Court. This is facilitated by staff changes, and the impact of COVID-19. Under the salary portion of it we are trying to get the current officer and current coordinator put into the grant as well as their current salaries. Additional modifications were made in the supply sections for PPE, breathalyzers, and technology. These are things that help keep the adult treatment in the court running smoothly during this pandemic. Modifications were also made in the consultant area due to the decrease in face-to-face counseling, meetings that were happening during this time period. Additional supplies are being requested now to the consultant area to help get them get up to date with technology and continue to have the treatment court run smoothly. The term is not changing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to make the changes to the Adult Treatment Court. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

H. Adult Treatment Court Grant Agreements:

- *Clear Concepts Counseling – Therapy and Counseling - \$6,220.00*
- *Clear Concepts Counseling – Therapy - \$18,337.50*
- *Brighter Visions – Therapy - \$9,090.00*
- *Brighter Visions – Therapy - \$18,337.50*
- *Juniata Valley Tri-County Drug and Alcohol – Case Management - \$5,450.00*
- *Juniata Valley Tri-County Drug and Alcohol – Case Management - \$6,600.00*

Chief Probation Officer Nick Wolfkiel spoke and said these are our signed contracts with these service providers and the totals that are being put in the grants.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Adult Treatment Court Grant Agreements. Commissioner Postal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

I. Personnel:

- *Promotion of Angela Crisswell from District Judge Case Coordinator II to Common Pleas Case Coordinator I effective March 19, 2021*
- *Rescind resignation of Public Safety Operation and Training Officer Brian Fleegal*
- *Hiring of Jessica Rogers for Children and Youth Caseworker effective April 5, 2021*
- *Hiring of part-time Corrections Officers Jason Ciccolini and Marissa Long effective April 5, 2021*

- *Hiring of temporary part-time Building and Grounds Assistant Brian Haubrick effective April 6, 2021*
- *Resignation of Field Assessor Duane McMullen effective April 16, 2021*

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve of the following personnel items. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business:

Chairman Sunderland read a letter from The Sentinel regarding the water authority. They believe that all of the outlying municipalities deserve a chance to have their voices heard. That is the only fair thing to do when so many of their constituents are rate payers who have helped build the water authority into what is it today. Members of the borough council even echoed those same words back in the fall when everybody thought this matter was reaching a settlement mutually agreeable to everybody. We still think there is a chance to have those voices heard, that's why we are asking President Shade and the borough council to halt anymore actions or steps on this matter until we can have a meeting with representatives from municipalities that can be present along with members of the borough council to ensure that all concerns are heard and addressed. The county will gladly help facilitate that meeting by providing the space in the courthouse. We look forward to hearing from President Shade on a time that will work for her so we can get this meeting scheduled and this process moving forward in a manner that is best for the entire county.

IX. Adjournment:

With no other business on the agenda, Chairman Sunderland adjourned the meeting at 9:24 am.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk