

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Mark Sunderland; Robert Postal; Kevin Kodish; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig; Solicitor Stephen Snook. Fiscal Affairs Assistant Charity Larson was absent.

Guests present were, Treasurer Diane Griffith, Physical Plant Director Lonnie Griffith, Warden Jason Kormanic, Director of Planning James Lettiere, Director of MIS Aaron Felker, Robin White from Human Services, Maria D'Isabella from the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Helen Kirk, Juanita Byler, and Erica Henry and Tressie Bender 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 August 31, 2023. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

1. General Fund, Accounts Payable

Ck. #'s 143109-143165 and EFT #'s 600650-600750 in the amount of \$220,645.13

2. Payroll

Ck. #'s 79689-79695 and EFT #'s 51812-52024 in the amount of \$329,044.83

3. 911 Account

EFT #'s 21057-21058 in the amount of \$975.77

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
8/30/2023-9/5/2023

General Account Starting Balance	\$2,872,426.67
DEBITS	
Deposits Receipts #117582-117646	576,094.52
Transfer from	
Transfer from 911	0.00
Voided Checks	0.00
Transfer from LEPC	0.00
Interest	14,023.63
TOTAL DEBITS	\$590,118.15
Bills Paid CK #S143109-143165 EFT #S 600650-600750	220,645.13
Transfer to Payroll CK 79689-79695 DD 51812-52024	329,044.83
Adjustment	0.00
NSF Check	0.00
Transfer to SFPP	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$549,689.96
<u>Ending Balance (Interest @ 4.550% as of 9/5/2023)</u>	<u>\$2,912,854.86</u>
Capital Reserve Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 4.550% as of 9/5/2023	\$19,936,154.05

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: Retirement Board
Register and Recorder 2024 Budget Meeting
GIS 2024 Budget Meeting
Treasurer 2024 Budget Meeting*

*Commissioner Postal: Retirement Board
DLI Executive Committee
JVBDS Executive Meeting
Electronic Poll Book Meeting
Internal Meetings: Register and Recorder 2024
Budget; GIS 2024 Budget; Treasurer 2024 Budget;
Maintenance/Bridge Program*

*Commissioner Kodish: Retirement Board
Register and Recorder 2024 Budget Meeting
GIS 2024 Budget Meeting
Treasurer 2024 Budget Meeting*

VII. Public Comment:

None

VIII. New Business:

A. September, 2023 – Hunger Action Month Proclamation

2023 Hunger Action Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Mifflin County where 11.5% of residents experience food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, Mifflin County is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Mifflin County is committed to working with Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and its partner agencies in educating people about the role and importance of food banks and food pantries in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and its partner agencies distributed 650,000 pounds of food in Mifflin County through their network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated "Hunger Action Month" in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to enlist the public in the fight to end hunger by taking action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to ensure nobody has to make an impossible choice between food and other necessities like medicine, utilities or childcare; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Mifflin County Commissioners, do hereby recognize September 2023, as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in Mifflin County and we call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

Proclaimed this 7th day of September, 2023.

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

- B. Cooperation Agreement for bridge replacement and rehabilitation with Decatur Township for the T-391 Bridge on Ertley Road

Physical Plant Director Lonnie Griffith explained this is for a project to get a structurally deficient bridge off the list. Estimated costs of the project are \$263,975.00. The County would cover up to \$237,575.00 of the cost. Decatur Township is committed to completing the work in house to save money.

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

- C. Resolution No. 29 of 2023 appointing James Lettiere as a voting member of the SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – term ending December 31, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 29 of 2023

Confirming the appointment of James Lettiere 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;

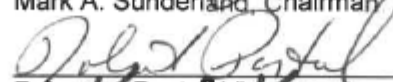
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mifflin County Commissioners hereby consent to and confirm the appointment of James Lettiere as a voting member of the SEDA-COG MPO, to serve in the term ending December 31, 2026.

Adopted this 7th day of September, 2023.

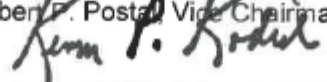
MIFFLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Mark A. Sunderland, Chairman



Robert P. Postal, Vice 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.

- D. Amendment to Lease with Greater Lewistown Corporation for the Agriculture Extension Office for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 - \$3,483.00 per month

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

E. COVID-19 Mitigation in Local and County Confinement Facilities Grant

Warden Kormanik stated this is through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Funds will support the detection and litigation of COVID-19 providing testing for inmates and staff. The available funds through the grant are \$68,872.00.

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

F. Three-year Agreement with Telesystem for the county phone system - \$4,778.67 per month

MIS Director Aaron Felker said this is an agreement for existing services which the county has had for about six years. Telesystem hosts the equipment used by the county and provides connectivity solutions in the event of the phone lines going down.

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

G. 2023 Certification Form for the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust

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

H. Subrecipient Agreement with the Mifflin County Solid Waste Authority for \$500,000.00 loan for access road improvements serving the Mifflin County Solid Waste Authority properties

Commissioner Postal explained this is the first loan project to be approved through the new improvement funding through the ARPA fund the county received. The loan is to be paid back over a period of 10 years making those funds then available again for loan out to other projects.

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

I. Children and Youth Custodial Parent Services Agreement with Dusharm Law LLC, Newport, PA to provide court-appointed counsel for custodial parents in child welfare cases for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for the sum of \$2,500.00 per month

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

J. Fiscal Year 2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Consent Agreement to Provide Cybersecurity during elections.

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

K. Personnel:

- Promotion of Dwayne Kurtz from Corporal to Lieutenant at the Prison effective September 3, 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 9:21 am.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk