

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Mark Sunderland; Robert Postal; Kevin Kodish; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig; and Solicitor Stephen Snook. Fiscal Assistant Charity Larson was absent

Guests present were, Treasurer Diane Griffith, Planning Director James Lettiere, Lisa Smith and Frank Welsh from the Solid Waste Authority, Children and Youth Administrator Nicole Patkalitsky, Nick Felice from MCIDC and Ethan Sunday and Addie Parsons 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 October 19, 2023. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. **Approval of Bills:**

- 1. **General Fund, Accounts Payable**
Ck. #'s 143489-143779 and EFT #'s 600901-600916 in the amount of \$1,512,533.48
- 2. **Payroll**
Ck. #'s 79720-79730 and EFT #'s 52685-52908 in the amount of \$422,913.89
- 3. **911 Account**
Ck. #'s 52680-52688 and EFT #'s 80008-80012 and in the amount of \$8,425.46
- 4. **LEPC Account**
Ck. # 1582 in the amount of \$89.14
- 5. **Liquid Fuels Account**
Ck. # 1727 in the amount of \$1,600.00
- 6. **Liquid Fuels Act 89 Account**
EFT # 8134 in the amount of \$61.53
- 7. **CDBG Account**
Ck. #'s 1703-1706 in the amount of \$182,953.81
- 8. **Act 137 Account**
Ck. #'s 3153-3154 in the amount of \$75.00

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
10/18/2023-10/31/2023**

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| General Account Starting Balance | \$1,553,517.16 |
| DEBITS | |
| Deposits Receipts #118178-118336 | 470,277.92 |
| Transfer from | |
| Transfer from 911 | 0.00 |
| Voided Checks | 13,116.26 |
| Transfer from LEPC | 0.00 |
| Interest | 7,694.34 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$491,088.52 |
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| Bills Paid CK #S143628-143779 EFT #S 600901-600916 | 1,512,533.48 |
| Transfer to Payroll CK 79720-79730 DD 52485-52908 | 422,913.89 |
| Adjustment | 0.00 |
| NSF Check | 0.00 |
| Transfer to SFPP | 0.00 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$1,935,447.37 |
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| Ending Balance (Interest @ 4.550% as of 10/31/2023) | \$109,158.31 |
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| Capital Reserve Account | |
| Invested at JV Bank @ 4.550% as of 10/31/2023 | \$20,227,554.54 |

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:

*Warden Inmate Contracts
Tax Services
Human Services Quarterly
2024 County Budget Meeting
Library Board
Prison Board
Arcadia Health Representatives*

Commissioner Postal:

*Tri-County Drug and Alcohol
JVBDs Executive Meeting
Salary Board
Valley View Anniversary Celebration
Measure the Candidates Night
Mifflin Juniata United Way Board
Mifflin County Planning Commission
Township Annual Banquet
SEDA-COG EPA Council
Mifflin Juniata Human Services Quarterly Meeting
Internal (MCCF: Budget: Tax Services: MCPD; Library
Project)*

Commissioner Kodish:

*Salary Board
Meeting with the Warden
Meeting with Chief Assessor
Human Services Quarterly Meeting
SEDA-COG Board
2024 County Budget Meeting
Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau Board
Elected Officials Dinner
Library Project Review Meeting
Prison Board*

VII. Public Comment:

Commissioner Postal reminded mail-in ballot voters to properly sign and date their envelopes.

VIII. New Business:

A. Proclamation Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Mifflin County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mifflin County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Mifflin County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans Mifflin County, hereby declares from November 6 through November 12th 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Mifflin County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6th through the 12th, 2023.

Proclaimed this 2nd day November, 2023.

MIFFLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mark A. Sunderland


Robert P. Postal


Kevin P. Kodish



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

B. Request for exoneration of 2023 county portion per capita taxes:

- Newton Hamilton Borough Tax Collector Melody Kane – 1

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

C. Resolution No. 35 of 2023 Amending and Restating Delegation of Powers for the Mifflin County Solid Waste

Amended and Restated Delegation of Powers Resolution # 35 of 2023

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made on this 2nd day of November, 2023, between MIFFLIN COUNTY, a County of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a principal place of business at 20 North Wayne Street, Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania (the "County")

AND

MIFFLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, a Municipal Authority created under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with a principle place of business at 87 Landfill Road, Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania ("MCSWA").

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS the County is given the primary responsibility, power and duty to carry out the goals of ACT 101, known as Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act, in the County under 53 P.S. 4000.303.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4000.303 (d), the County has the power to delegate the fulfillment of the County's responsibilities for municipal waste planning and implementation of the approved county plan by written agreement.

WHEREAS, the County has created the Mifflin County Solid Waste Authority (MCSWA), which was organized on December 30, 1975 pursuant to the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended to, among other duties, operate facilities and equipment for the collection, removal or disposal of waste materials.

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement entered into a Delegation of Powers Resolution and Agreement 04-07 dated February 24, 2004, which the parties intend to amend and restate in this Agreement (the "2004 Delegation Agreement").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms set forth below, it is agreed as follows:

1. The County confers upon MCSWA all of the County's delegable duties and powers pursuant to Section 4000.303(d) of Act 101, including the authority to enforce ordinances, resolutions, regulations and standards promulgated by the County for municipal waste planning and implementation of the county plan; the authority to apply for, accept, and spend grants from the Commonwealth as described in Chapter 9 of Act 101; and any other duties created or powers necessary, now or in the future, for MCSWA to regulate municipal waste planning and disposal under Act 101.
2. MCSWA promises to fulfill all duties, use the powers conferred upon it, and to actively enforce compliance of any ordinance, resolutions, regulations and standards promulgated by the County

or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to implement and regulate municipal waste planning and the county plan.

3. The County may enact, and MCSWA shall enforce any ordinances as may be needed to further the goals of Act 101 and to aid the County and MCSWA in the fulfillment of responsibilities for municipal waste planning.
4. This Agreement shall supersede the 2004 Delegation Agreement.

IN WITNESS, the parties, intending to be legally bound, have executed this Agreement on the date set forth above.

MIFFLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE
AUTHORITY:

By: _____

Print name and title

By: _____

Print name and title

MIFFLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

By: 

Mark A. Sunderland, Chairman

By: 

Robert P. Postal, Vice-Chairman

By: 

Kevin P. Kodish, Secretary

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

- D. Ten-year Physician Services Agreement with Shawn P. McGlaughlin, MD, Mifflinburg, PA, commencing January 1, 2024 to provide medical services to the inmates at the Mifflin County Correctional Facility - \$1,275.00 per week

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

- E. Agreement with Juniata County to house their inmates for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027

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

- F. Application for County Aid – 2023 Allocation:

- a. Wayne Township - \$4,929.00
- b. Brown Township - \$5,192.00

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

- G. Purchase of Service Agreement for use, if needed, by Children and Youth: (Children and Youth Administrator Nicole Patkalitsky)

- Centre County Youth Services Bureau, State College, PA at \$79.00-\$247.00/day
- Blaise Erzar, Lewistown, PA at \$20.85 per hour
- Concern Professional Services, Fleetwood, PA at \$66.41-\$215.54 per day
- Community Specialist Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA at \$310.80-\$399.83 per day

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

- H. Re-appointment of William Campbell, Jr., Lewistown, PA and Michele Bair, Lewistown, PA to the Mifflin County Planning Commission for four-year terms

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

I. SEDA-COG EPA Program

Commissioner Postal explained Mifflin County is submitting an application on this with SEDA-COG taking the lead. It is a coalition including Mifflin, Clinton, and Northumberland Counties. The application to EPA is for technical assistance for blight remediation. There is no cost to the county.

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

J. Reappointment of Michael Krentzman, Lewistown, PA, to the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority for a five-year term

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

K. Subrecipient Agreement with the Mifflin County Industrial Development for \$500,000.00 loan for demolition and development of select buildings located within the MCIDC Plaza

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

L. Personnel:

- Resignation of Tiffany Brought from CDBG Grants Fiscal Manager effective November 3, 2023
- Hiring of Justice Wise for Part-time Planning Technician effective November 6, 2023
- Promotions of Eleana Eckley and Julia Lyter from Children and Youth Caseworker I to Caseworker II effective November 6, 2023
- Promotion of Nathan Reese from Children and Youth Caseworker II to Caseworker III effective November 19, 2023
- Hiring of Joseph R. Lyter, Jr. and Andrew P. Thierwechter for Sheriff Security Guards effective November 6, 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 9:15 am.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk