

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Mark A. Sunderland, Otis E. Riden, Jr. and Robert A. Reck; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig; and, Confidential Clerk Shirley Haller. Solicitor Patricia Gardner was absent (vacation).

Joe Cannon of The Sentinel/County Observer was the only representative present from the news media.

Guests present were Dep. Treas. Deb Civitts; Co. Auditor Helen Kirk; Fin. Mgr. George Welsh; Anthony Geno; Jim Fosselman; Kevin Kodish; and Mike Reed.

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

I. A moment of silent prayer was observed as the Invocation.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Commissioner Riden to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2011 as received. Seconded by Commissioner Reck. Motion carried.

IV. County Treasurer's Report:

General Account Starting Balance		\$ 419.84
Deposits, Receipts #57262 – 57677		517,553.14
Transfer from Capital Reserve		277,246.00
Voided Checks – 16		1,064.79
	<i>Total Debits</i>	795,863.93
Bills paid – Ck. #86879 – 87248		507,145.08
Transfer to Payroll – Ck. #57452 – 57682		254,203.39
	<i>Total Credits</i>	761,348.47
Ending Balance (Interest @ 0.5%)		34,935.30
Liquid Fuels Account	JVB @ 0.5%	342,301.74
9-1-1 Telephone Account	JVB @ 0.5%	404,549.37
Capital Reserve Account	JVB @ 1.01%	
General Acct.	2,347,780.08	
911 Funds	1,564.30	
TRAN Acct.	1,298,724.46	
Total Capital Reserve Account		3,648,068.84

Motion was made by Commissioner Riden to accept the Treasurer's report as received, subject to audit. Seconded by Commissioner Reck. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Bills:

1. General Fund, Accounts Payable: Ck. #86879 to 87248 in the amount of \$507,145.08

2. Payroll Account: Ck. #57452 to 57682 in the amount of \$254,203.39

3. MCCDBG Accounts:

Ck. #1005 – MCCDBG 09 – Terry’s Home Improvement – Inv. #0169 - \$6,232.25
Ck. #1006 – MCCDBG 09 – Snedeker Energy LLC – Inv. #1127301 & 1130401 –
\$103.97
Ck. #1007 – MCCDBG 09 – Lake Chevrolet – 060221 - \$63.74
Ck. #1008 – MCCDBG 09 – James P. Lettiere – Meal Reimb. - \$6.38

4. 9-1-1 Telephone Account:

Wire Transfers: #1122 – Penelec - \$.93
#1123 – Verizon - \$3,952.24
#1124 – Verizon - \$ 130.75

5. LEPC Account:

Ck. #3460 – Lake Chevrolet – Inv. #58956 - \$3,450.00
Ck. #3461 – Phone Power – Inv. #111001585 - \$17.95
Ck. #3462 – Sheetz Advantage Card – Inv. #27691528 - \$401.76

6. Liquid Fuels Account:

Ck. #1513 – Wayne Twp. – Proj. #11-44210-01 - \$12,497.38

Motion was made by Commissioner Reck to approve payment of bills as listed above. Seconded by Commissioner Riden. Motion carried.

VI. Committee Reports:

Commissioner Riden: Human Services Quarterly Meeting
Regional Service Corp. AAA Board Meeting
Conservation District Board Meeting
Kish Bank Economic Outlook Meeting
Commissioner Reck: Dept. Head Meeting
Municipal/Retention Election
Count the Registered Recorded Ballots
Mifflin Co. Airport Authority Meeting
Kish Bank Economic Outlook Meeting
Mifflin Co. Solid Waste Authority Meeting
Commissioner Sunderland: Human Services Quarterly Meeting

VII. Public Comment:

Jim Fosselman introduced himself and said that last week, the Board enacted a contract with Susquehanna Group Advisors. He then asked why we incurred the County expense of some \$6,000 for that? What is the need? Fin. Mgr. Welsh said there was a gap between when the former Financial Manager left and when he started. We needed some training on the year-end closing. Mr. Fosselman said, nothing against Mr. Welsh personally, but you’re dealing with a very difficult software to learn. This is the “Cadillac” of software. He went on to explain the inadequacies of the system. He thought it was unnecessary for the County to spend this money to do journal entries.

Discussion continued in regard to auditors’ deadlines with Chairman Sunderland saying there will be specific deadlines in the new contract that are compliant with the single audit.

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business:

A. Reappointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – 2-yr terms – 12/31/2011 – 12/31/13:

- *Don Hartzler – Belleville, PA*
- *Dale Shehley – Burnham, PA*
- *Robert Schell – Lewistown, PA*
- *Howard Jackson – Lewistown, PA*

Motion was made by Commissioner Riden to approve the reappointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) as listed above. Seconded by Commissioner Reck. Motion carried.

B. Hiring of John Galbraith for part-time Correctional Officer at the Prison effective November 20, 2011:

Motion was made by Commissioner Riden to approve the hiring of John Galbraith as part-time Correctional Officer at the Prison effective November 20, 2011. Seconded by Commissioner Reck. Motion carried.

C. Request for Real Estate Refunds:

- *Parcel No. 13-08-112 located in Bratton Twp. – mobile home was removed from property and destroyed in August 2011 – County portion \$49.68*
- *Parcel No. 12-25-213 located in Armagh Twp. – an in-ground swimming pool and out-buildings were removed from the property in January 2011 – County portion \$25.97*

Motion was made by Commissioner Reck to approve the requests for real estate refunds for the above-listed parcels. Seconded by Commissioner Riden. Motion carried.

D. Appointment to the Mifflin County Airport Authority for a 5-yr term – 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2016:

Motion was made by Commissioner Reck to approve the appointment of Beth Reifsnyder to the Mifflin County Airport Authority for a 5-yr term. Seconded by Commissioner Riden.

*Vote on the Motion: Commissioner Riden – Yes
Commissioner Reck - Yes
Chairman Sunderland – No*

Commissioner Reck asked Chairman Sunderland to explain why he opposed the appointment of Beth Reifsnyder. Chairman Sunderland said she has only been around the Airport Authority for less than two months. There are other names who are much more experienced and have been around for 16 years. We contribute \$50,000 to this Authority and have no vote on that Authority. It is in our best interest to appoint someone with experience longer than 2 months.

Commissioner Reck said to Chairman Sunderland, don't you think the Airport Authority would like the people they recommend to be on the Board. How do you know she can't qualify? Do you know her personally? Chairman Sunderland answered that he does know her. They asked me to appoint and he has said why he voted "no".

Commissioner Riden said he would like to thank Mike Buffington for his participation on the Airport Authority. He did a good job. But, I do think that Beth Reifsnyder will fill in very ably as his replacement.

Next week's workshop is on Wednesday, November 23, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk