

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Lisa Nancollas, Stephen Dunkle and Kevin P. Kodish; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig, Solicitor Steve Snook and Confidential Clerk George Welsh.

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

Guests present were Deputy Treasurer Stephanie Neff; Megan Stover, Supervisor, Children & Youth; Co. Auditor Helen Kirk; Co. Auditor Teresa Hobbs; Wendy Barton, Abuse Network; Douglas Cramer, Abuse Network; Brett Rogers; Timothy Mateer; Ed Fike and Vanessa Barron and Charli Henry, Mifflin County High School.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairman Nancollas.

- I. The Invocation was given by Timothy Mateer.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2016. Commissioner Dunkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**IV. Approval of Bills:**

- 1. General Fund, Accounts Payable:

Cks. #108621 to 108677 & 109118 to 109265 and EFTs #21630 to 21652 in the amount of \$443,225.64

- 2. Payroll Account: Cks. #77038 to 77057 and Direct Deposit Advices #6881 to 7095 in the amount of \$302,651.51

- 3. 911 Account:

Cks. #51202 to 51207 and EFT #20214 in the amount of \$5,253.11

- 4. LEPC Account:

Ck. #1320 in the amount of \$184.77

- 5. Liquid Fuels Act 89:

EFT #8031 in the amount of \$39.05

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve payment of bills as listed above. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.

**V. Treasurer's Report: 04/06/2016 to 04/19/16**

General Account Starting Balance	\$ 4,815,859.28
Deposits – Receipts #80806-81170	1,108,480.08
Total Debits	\$ 1,108,480.08
 Bills Paid – Cks. #108621-109265	
EFTs #21630-21652	\$ 443,225.64
Transfer to Payroll – Cks. #77038-77057	
DD #6881-7095	302,651.51
Total Credits	\$ 745,877.15

<i>Ending Balance – Interest @ 0.580%</i>		<i>\$ 5,178,462.21</i>
<i>Liquid Fuels</i>	<i>0.580% @ JVB</i>	<i>466,925.15</i>
<i>Liquid Fuels – Act 89</i>	<i>0.1% @ JVB</i>	<i>151,867.94</i>
<i>911 Telephone Account</i>	<i>0.580% @ JVB</i>	<i>393,988.23</i>
<i>911 Wireless Telephone Account</i>	<i>0.1% @ JVB</i>	<i>409,844.30</i>
<i>Capital Reserve Account</i>	<i>0.60% @ JVB</i>	
	<i>General Account Funds</i>	
	<i>Total Capital Reserve</i>	<i>\$ 1,910,924.72</i>

*In the absence of Treasurer Civitts, Commissioner Kodish presented the Treasurer's Report.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to accept the Treasurer's Report as received, subject to audit. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.*

## **VI. Meetings and Events:**

*Chairman Nancollas:*

*Thank you to Representative Kerry Benninghoff and to Representative Adam Harris and Senator Jake Corman. They brought Secretary Dennis Davin in and we had a wonderful tour of our area and showed where some of the money had gone from the Secretary of State, Secretary Davin of the CDBG funds. We had a tour of Ashers.*

*SEDA-COG: Kevin and I spent the day with them. They are really willing to help this town. We will be looking to them to provide some services for this community.*

*Election Update: Election ballots on the Democratic side need reprinted due to the State not knowing whether questions or candidates should be on the ballot. There will be an extra cost for that.*

*TIU Staff Training: Staff attended and learned many things.*

*CYS Advisory Board Meeting*

*Lewistown Hospital Meeting: We met with Dr. Feinberg and their staff. I would like to thank Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, Rep. Adam Harris and Sen. Jake Corman for sitting with us and talking to Dr. Feinberg. We talked about health issues for this community*

*Prime Care Meeting: They provide medical services for the jail.*

*We are hiring at the jail. If you know anybody who is looking for a job, we have part time openings. Please contact Bernie.*

*Youth Park Board Meeting: They are getting ready for all their summer activities.*

*Commissioner Dunkle:*

*Airport Authority Meeting: Things did not change dramatically as far as the agenda items, installation of the obstruction light and ordering their snow removal equipment.*

*Soil Conservation Meeting: The Federal government through the State government is forcing Soil Conservation to become an enforcement agency rather than its traditional role of an informational agency where information was given out to farmers on agricultural techniques and procedures to enhance the farming experience and make production much better. The concern is that by becoming an enforcement agency the*

*public will have a completely different opinion of what Soil Conservation is and the work it does. The only alternative for the local Soil Conservation District in Mifflin County to not becoming an enforcement agency is to determine if there could be funds from multiple sources that could pick up their salaries and then the enforcement would go to DEP and the State again.*

*County Extension Office: In Mifflintown what role should County Extension play in whatever post secondary education institution if it would come in Mifflin County. There was a discussion on where in Mifflin County they may be housed. They are in a transitional phase.*

*Annual Meeting of the Planning Commission: All three Commissioners attended.*

*Geisinger/Lewistown Hospital: Mr. Feinberg discussed genetics and the role in identifying the risk of certain diseases, and how we can be more proactive now, if you have a certain genetic disposition toward something, you can begin to get treatment before it becomes a major issue.*

*Commissioner Kodish:*

*Department Head Meeting; All three Commissioners attended.*

*Meeting with Secretary of DCED*

*Planning Commission Dinner*

*Regional Services Corporation Personnel Committee*

*Salary Board*

*Meeting with Senator Toomey Staff*

*Regional Services Corporation Board*

*SEDA-COG Orientation: SEDA-COG has a lot of potential to help us. One example is Mann Edge Terrace, there is a waiting list of 100 people which will quickly fill the 34 openings in Mann Edge II. This site is going to meet International Energy Standards. The estimate is that savings of 70% of energy costs. These two projects add beauty to the community. SEDA-COG can also help farmers and small businesses with loans.*

*Local Government TV Channel Committee*

**VII. Old Business: None**

**VIII. New Business:**

- A. *Proclamation – June 13-19 is Father’s Day Pledge PA Week*

## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, it is with great pleasure that we take the pledge to end gender violence; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence and sexual assault are at epidemic levels in the commonwealth, claiming the lives of 113 Pennsylvanians last year; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will be victims of severe violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, the Abuse Network, a member of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the nation's oldest statewide domestic violence coalition, is dedicated to ending domestic violence for the next generation; and

**WHEREAS**, PCADV has partnered with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape to promote a statewide PA Says NO MORE campaign to end domestic violence and sexual assault in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the men of Mifflin County Commissioners support PCADV, PCAR and the Abuse Network in their efforts and encourage other men in Mifflin County to take the 2016 #FathersDayPledgePA and sign the pledge to help end gender violence in their communities; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THAT The Mifflin County Commissioners** commends and salutes the Abuse Network for their awareness and prevention efforts; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED THAT** We, the Mifflin County Commissioners do hereby proclaim June 13-19 as Father's Day Pledge PA Week in Mifflin County and encourage all citizens, especially men, to say NO MORE to domestic violence and sexual assault by signing the pledge online at [www.pasaysnomore.com](http://www.pasaysnomore.com) or by signing in person at the Abuse Network.

Proclaimed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2016

*Mr. Cramer, Abuse Network: The Abuse Network is a non-profit organization in Mifflin County. The pledge board is here, we are doing this with the Pennsylvania Coalition on Domestic Violence and Coalition on Rape. This is not just a women issue but men need to be involved, not because the majority of our men are abusers, but because the majority of the men in our community are non-abusers. I am asking the men in our community to sign the pledge board as a role model to lead and teach our young men what it is to be a real man. Also to teach our young women what it is to look for in a real man. We all have significant women in our lives.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Proclamation – June 13-19 is Father's Day Pledge PA Week. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*B. Request for exoneration of 2016 per capita tax bills:*

- Union Township Tax Collector Jay Yoder – 19*
- Newton Hamilton Borough Tax Collector Melody Kane – 7*
- Armagh Township Tax Collector Linda Marks – 7*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the Request for exoneration of 2016 per capita tax bills. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*C. Rescind action taken on April 7, 2016 to exonerate Armagh Township Tax Collector Linda Marks from collecting 2016 per capita tax bill as presented (12) – one bill was duplicated*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to Rescind action taken on April 7, 2016. Motion was made by Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*D. Request for exoneration of 2016 county real estate tax bill and relieve the Tax Collector from collection this bill:*

- Parcel No. 06,02-309 located in Lewistown Borough – Department of Veterans Affairs has approved exempt status – County portion \$327.04*

- *Parcel No. 12,19-015N-,000 located in Armagh Township – the acreage was billed with another parcel – County portion \$53.44*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the Request for exoneration of 2016 taxes for Parcel No. 06,02-309 and Parcel No. 12,19-0105N-,000. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.*

- E. *Application for the Mifflin County Intermediate Punishment Plan Grant for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 - Applying for \$240,000.00*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the Application for the Mifflin County Intermediate Punishment Plan Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.*

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

- *United Cerebral Palsy, Lewistown, PA*

*Ms. Stover: UCP is a group home for older youths and adults with around the clock supervision.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement for use, if needed, by Children and Youth. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.*

- G. *Purchase of Service Agreement for use, if needed, by Children and Youth and Probation:*

- *Edmund L. Thomas Detention Center, Erie, PA*

*Ms. Stover: This is a center that provides State supervision of youth alleged to have committed a crime – juvenile probation.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement for use, if needed, by Children and Youth. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.*

- H. *Application for County Aid – 2016 Liquid Fuels Allocation:*

- *Derry Township - \$8,892.05*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the Application for county Aid – 2016 Liquid Fuels Allocation. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.*

- I. *Appoint Cathy Romig and Timothy Mateer to the Mifflin County Board of Elections*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to appoint Cathy Romig and Timothy Mateer to the Mifflin County Board of Elections. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.*

- J. *Hiring of Lauren Mowry for the Financial Manager position in the Commissioner's Office effective April 18, 2016*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the Hiring of Lauren Mowry. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.*

- K. *Hiring of Virginia Moyer for LPN position at the Mifflin County Correctional Facility effective May 2, 2016*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Hiring of Virginia Moyer. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*L. Transfer of Brittany Stoner from Case Aide position to Eligibility Clerk in the Children and Youth Department effective April 25, 2016*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Transfer of Brittany Stoner. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*M. Promotion of Kristin Matula from Caseworker I to Caseworker II in the Children and Youth Department effective April 25, 2016*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Promotion of Kristin Matula. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*N. Resignation of Pat Bell from Tipstaff in the Courts effective May 13, 2016*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the Resignation of Pat Bell. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.*

***O. Public Comment:***

*Ms. Kirk: It has been in the newspaper asking what is Ms. Mowry's salary.*

*Chairman Nancollas: \$47,500.00.*

***P. Adjournment***

*With no other business on the agenda, Chairman Nancollas adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.*

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*Secretary*

*ATTEST:*

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*Chief Clerk*