

Lewistown, PA

April 5, 2018

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Kevin Kodish, Stephen Dunkle and Robert Postal, Jr.; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig and Fiscal Affairs Assistant Angela Shuey. Solicitor Stephen Snook, BMZ Law was absent.

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

Guests present: Treasurer Deb Civitts; County Auditor Helen Kirk; Chief Probation Officer Todd Harpster; Children & Youth Employees as follows: Dana Bubb; Jennifer Hepner; Sara Krumenaker; Nicole Patkalitsky; Lydia Flickinger; Mikayla Brumbaugh; Rachel Jimenez; Daris Ciecierski; Megan McMahon; Katie Mumper; Erin Miller; Rylan Bargo; Hannah Wert; Mackenzie Veet; Cortney Terry; Brenda Dobson and Courtney Bernardini; Alyssa Hanford and John Morris, MCTV

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

I. Invocation: The Invocation was given by Commissioner Postal.

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

III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 29, 2018. Commissioner Postal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

1. General Fund, Accounts Payable:

Cks. #118609 and EFTs # 23937-23941 in the amount of \$5,416.69

2. 911 Account

EFTs #20444 in the amount of \$638.14

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve payment of bills as listed above. Commissioner Dunkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Treasurer's Report:

**TREASURER'S REPORT
03/28/2018-04/03/2018**

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| General Account Starting Balance | \$2,650,892.99 |
| DEBITS | |
| Deposits Receipts #90686-90870 | 478,956.58 |
| Transfer from 911 | 0.00 |
| Transfer from Capital Reserve | 0.00 |
| Interest | 3,295.94 |
| Voided Check | 0.00 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$482,252.52 |

CREDITS

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| Bills Paid CK # 118609, EFT'S # 23937-23941 | 5,416.69 |
| Transfer to Payroll | 0.00 |
| NSF CKS | 0.00 |
| Transfer to Capital Reserve | 1,900,000.00 |
| Transfer to Act 137 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$1,905,416.69 |

Ending Balance (Interest @ 01.390% as of 04/03/2018) **\$1,227,728.82**

Liquid Fuels

Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 04/03/2018 \$236,371.79

Liquid Fuels - Act 89

Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 04/03/2018 \$201,693.40

911 Telephone Account

Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 04/03/2018 \$2,245,081.64

LEPC

Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 04/03/2018 \$23,621.42

Capital Reserve Account

Invested at JV Bank @ 01.61% as of 04/03/2018 4,065,840.34

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Invested at FNB @ 1.75% 3,000,000.00

Report Subject to Audit

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the Treasurer's Report as received, subject to audit. Commissioner Dunkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Meetings and Events:

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| <i>Chairman Kodish:</i> | <i>Regional Services Corporation Executive Committee Board of Elections CARS Board Meeting with Penelec Representative CARS Board Executive Committee Prison Board</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Dunkle:</i> | <i>Meeting with Penelec Representative Prison Board Mifflin County Agriculture Farmland Preservation Board – 23 farms totaling 2,559 acres have been preserved in Mifflin County Board of Elections</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Postal:</i> | <i>Board of Elections JVBDS Executive Board Prison Board</i> |

*Meeting with Penelec Representative
Armagh Township Meeting*

VII. Public Comment:

None to report.

VIII. New Business:

A. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, children are the future of our community and county; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes into contact with a child to protect that child's right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and,

WHEREAS, in 2017, Mifflin County Children and Youth investigated over 363 cases of suspected child abuse and 47 children were determined to be the victims of abuse; and,

WHEREAS, in 2017, Mifflin County Children and Youth received almost 2,730 reports concerning the welfare of children living in our County; and,

WHEREAS, Mifflin County has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child abuse and maltreatment and to help families obtain the assistance they need; and,

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child abuse prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and,

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mifflin County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of April, 2018, to be

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH,

A special month for Mifflin County residents to celebrate and treasure our children, Mifflin County's greatest resource and the community leaders of tomorrow.

Proclaimed this 5th day of April, 2018

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to adopt the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation. Commissioner Postal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. County Recognition Day for National Service Proclamation

***County Recognition Day for National Service
PROCLAMATION***

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's counties are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century, to fighting the opioid epidemic, to responding to natural disasters, to supporting veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with county officials nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and county officials across the country for the County Recognition Day for National Service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mifflin County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 5, 2018, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our county; to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Proclaimed this 5th day of April, 2018

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to adopt the County Recognition Day for National Service proclamation. Commissioner Postal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Purchase of Service Agreements for use, if needed, by Children and Youth:

- Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA*
- Clear Vision Residential Treatment Services, Inc., Montgomery, PA*
- LifeSpan Family Services of PA, LLC, Punxsutawny, PA*
- Families United Network, Inc., Muncy, PA*
- The Children's Aid Society of Franklin County, Chambersburg, PA*

Ms. Bubb stated that Cornell Abraxas Group is a residential and community-based alternative education detention and shelter service. Clear Vision Residential focuses on 13-18 year old females in a residential treatment facility and group home. LifeSpan Family Services supports foster families and licenses foster care parents. Families United Network is a foster home licensing agency. The Children's Aid Society of Franklin County has a crisis nursery, parental support groups and a 24-hour hotline/advocacy center. Ms. Bubb also added that we have about 60 foster families in the county. That number fluctuates not only because there are times when relatives get licensed as foster parents when a crisis takes a child out of their home, but also because some foster families opt to permanently adopt their foster children.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the purchase of service agreements. Commissioner Dunkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program Grant for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020 - \$216,000.00

Mr. Harpster discussed that this grant is a two-year grant funded through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime Delinquency (PCCD). It is for programming, salaries, counselling and electronic monitoring. We've been receiving this grant now for the last 10-15 years and it renews every two years. The amount of the grant is down from last year, but in recent years, the grant has made available unused funding near the end of the year for those counties who have intermediate punishment treatment programs. This unused funding was originally allocated to other counties, but gets redistributed if said counties don't use their full allocation. In the last 3-4 years, we've been able to utilize those funds as well.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program grant. Commissioner Dunkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Contract with Susquehanna Accounting & Consulting Solutions, Inc. to prepare the Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for the years ending 2017, 2018 and 2019

- 2017 - \$7,000.00
- 2018 - \$7,210.00
- 2019 - \$7,425.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the contract with Susquehanna Accounting & Consulting Solutions, Inc. Commissioner Postal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

F. Purchase a new gas fryer from Johnnies Restaurant & Hotel Service, Inc., Chambersburg, PA at a cost of \$14,990.00

Chairman Kodish mentioned that this is for the Mifflin County Correctional Facility.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the purchase of a new gas fryer from Johnnies Restaurant & Hotel Services, Inc. Commissioner Postal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

G. Request for exoneration of 2016 and 2017 county real estate tax bills and relieve the Tax Collector from collecting these bills:

- *Parcel No. 14,10-0125--,000 located in Brown Township - value on parcel was incorrect and will be re-billed at correct amount: 2016 - \$872.56 and 2017 - \$979.71*

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the request for exoneration of 2016 and 2017 county real estate tax bills. Commissioner Dunkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

H. Personnel:

- *Hiring of Christina Pauly for Caseworker I in the Children and Youth Department effective April 9, 2018*
- *Promotion of Kara Strawser from Caseworker I to Caseworker II in the Children and Youth Department effective April 9, 2019*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to accept the above personnel items.
Commissioner Dunkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

IX. Adjournment:

With no other business on the agenda, Chairman Kodish adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk