

Lewistown, PA

June 7, 2018

*The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 7, 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 from the meeting.*

*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; Physical Plant Director Lonnie Griffith; Children and Youth Administrator Dana Bubb; Rylan Bargo; Mackenzie Veet; Cortney Terry; Casey O'Dell; Katie Mumper; Brenda Stayrook; Kenzie McCarter and Seth Phillips, MCTV*

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

**I. Invocation:** *The Invocation was given by Chairman Kodish.*

**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 May 31, 2018. Commissioner Postal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

**IV. Approval of Bills:**

1. *General Fund, Accounts Payable:*

*Cks. #119451 to 119584 and EFTs # 24126 – 24189 in the amount of \$721,430.07*

2. *Payroll Account:*

*Cks. #78303 to 78319 and Direct Deposit Advices #19574 to 19809 in the amount of \$335,121.63*

3. *CDBG Account:*

*Cks. #1396 to 1398 in the amount of \$55,316.26*

4. *911 Account:*

*EFT #20464 in the amount of \$638.14*

5. *Act 137 Account:*

*Cks. #3009 to 3010 in the amount of \$235.25*

*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**  
**05/31/2018-06/05/2018**

**General Account Starting Balance** **\$1,325,532.23**

**DEBITS**

Deposits Receipts #92027-92135	277,895.90
Transfer from 911	0.00
Voided Check	0.00
Interest	2,397.40
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$280,293.30</b>

**CREDITS**

Bills Paid CK # 119451-119584, EFT'S # 24126-24189	721,430.07
Transfer to Payroll CKS 78303-78319, DD 19574-19809	335,121.63
NSF CKS	0.00
Transfer to Act 137	0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$1,056,551.70</b>

Ending Balance (Interest @ 01.390% as of 06/05/2018) **\$549,273.83**

**Liquid Fuels**

Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 06/05/2018 \$303,386.01

**Liquid Fuels - Act 89**

Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 06/05/2018 \$222,440.92

**911 Telephone Account**

Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 06/05/2018 \$2,229,682.67

**LEPC**

Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 06/05/2018 \$26,595.58

**Local Use Tax**

Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 06/05/2018 77,990.17

**Capital Reserve Account**

Invested at JV Bank @ 01.94% as of 06/05/2018 10,739,799.84

**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:**

*Chairman Kodish:*

*Salary Board  
Regional Services Personnel Committee  
Board of Elections – Casting of Lots  
Senior Games Opening  
CARS Board  
Prison Board*

*Commissioner Dunkle:                   Salary Board  
Board of Elections – Casting of Lots  
Menno Township Supervisors Meeting  
Prison Board*

*Commissioner Postal:                 Salary Board  
Board of Elections – Casting of Lots  
Senior Games Opening  
Menno Township Supervisors Meeting  
Armagh Township Engineers – Bridge Program  
JVBDS Executive Committee  
Prison Board  
MCIDC*

**VII.   Public Comment:**

*Helen Kirk wanted to know the date of the JVBDS Board meeting. Chairman Kodish mentioned that it is scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2018.*

**VIII.   New Business:**

*A. Proclamation recognizing the Children and Youth Staff*

***Proclamation Recognizing the Staff of Mifflin County Children and Youth***

***WHEREAS***, the week of June 4-8, 2018 has been proclaimed as Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week by Governor Wolf, recognizing the efforts of child welfare professionals serving the children of Pennsylvania; and

***WHEREAS***, every day in Mifflin County, local children are at risk of child abuse and neglect. Some have been removed from their homes due to such abuse and neglect; and

***WHEREAS***, we, the Commissioners of Mifflin County recognize the risks and need to intervene to protect the children of this County; and

***WHEREAS***, the challenging work of investigating child abuse and providing services to families services to assure that the children of Mifflin County are provided with healthy, nurturing care, support as they transition into adulthood, and needed services in the family to be able to reunify falls to Children and Youth; and

***WHEREAS***, the work of these dedicated professionals requires them to enter into situations in which their personal safety may be put at risk; and

***WHEREAS***, our committed professionals work with children who have been victimized by physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and other forms of maltreatment; and

***WHEREAS***, the professionals of Children and Youth must develop great skill in working with families who are in crisis situations, struggling with mental health challenges, suffering from drug and alcohol afflictions, poverty, and other difficult issues; and

***WHEREAS***, the professionals of Children and Youth must possess substantial knowledge and skills in a myriad of areas to effectively serve the families of Mifflin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff of Children and Youth endeavor to protect the children of Mifflin County, often with long hours, tremendous demands, little appreciation and great criticism; and

**WHEREAS**, many injuries and possibly deaths of children in Mifflin County have been averted due to the efforts of Children and Youth;

**Therefore**, in special recognition of the efforts of Children and Youth, We, the Commissioners of Mifflin County, do hereby issue this Proclamation recognizing the staff of Children and Youth for their dedicated efforts in protection of the children of Mifflin County.

Proclaimed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018

*Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to adopt the Proclamation recognizing the Children and Youth Staff. Commissioner Postal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*Ms. Bubb thanked the Commissioners for recognizing this Proclamation. She said it speaks volumes to the commitment of the entire staff. The current team is very young and their work ethic, drive and sense of commitment toward the safety of the families in Mifflin County is beyond words. She mentioned they have a lot to be proud of in terms of the work they do. Mifflin County surpasses many other counties in how they engage and interact with families. She is very proud to be a part of the Children & Youth team.*

*Chairman Kodish thanked the Children & Youth employees for their service. He mentioned that they have an unbelievably difficult job that must be every day and sometimes at night. He said we can't thank them enough for all they do for Mifflin County's children.*

*Commissioner Dunkle concurs with Chairman Kodish. He stated that they are very indebted to the Children & Youth employees for what they do. It is a thankless job and oftentimes presents a no-win situation. Regardless of the decisions that the Children & Youth employees make, somebody will inevitably be very unhappy. He congratulated the staff on their dedication and reiterated that the Commissioners are appreciative of their efforts.*

*The meeting was recessed at 9:11 a.m. for a photo with the Proclamation.*

*The meeting resumed at 9:15 a.m.*

*B. Offer for Parcel No. 17,21-0314--,000 located in Granville Township that is currently in repository for unsold properties - \$200.00*

*C. Offer for Parcel No. 17,21-0313--,000 located in Granville Township that is currently in repository for unsold properties - \$200.00*

*A joint motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to accept Items B. and C., the offers for Parcel No's. 17,21-0314--,000 and 17,21-0313--,000 currently in repository for unsold properties - \$200.00 for each property. Commissioner Postal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*D. Award the Guss Road Bridge Repairs Contract:*

- Mar-Allen Concrete, Ephrata, PA - \$35,319.00*

*Mr. Griffith stated that the Guss Road Bridge is a county-owned bridge in Decatur Township. The bridge was closed at the recommendation of our engineers in January 2018 due to a motor vehicle accident. Several options were discussed for this bridge, but ultimately it was decided to make repairs to it. There were no bids received the first time*

*they were requested, so the project was re-bid. Two bids were received in the re-bid. The bidders were Mar-Allen Concrete Products and Jay Fulkroad and Sons. Mr. Griffith and the engineer on the project recommend that the low bid of \$35,319.00 be awarded to Mar-Allen Concrete Products. In a brief discussion with Mar-Allen before awarding the bid, they indicated they would be able to start the project rather quickly and possibly be able to re-open the bridge by July 4, 2018. Mr. Griffith said that he appreciates the patience shown by the residents affected by this closure.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to award the Guss Road Bridge Repairs Contract to Mar-Allen Concrete, Ephrata, PA for \$35,319.00. Commissioner Dunkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*Commissioner Postal added that he appreciates the cooperation and patience of the residents as well. As Mr. Griffith pointed out, this project had to be re-bid, which delayed the project. The County will be paying for this contract, in addition to engineering fees beyond this contract. He thanked the Decatur Township supervisors as well for their help in this matter.*

*Chairman Kodish expressed his gratitude to the residents for their patience. He noted that there is a process involved when things like this happen. We have a couple hundred bridges in our County and only eight that are County-owned. The accident happened to hit one of those eight. We decided to have it repaired rather than close it permanently. We would have liked to have it fixed sooner, but the first time through the bidding process, there were no bidders.*

*Commissioner Dunkle pointed out that the irony in this case is that the accident causing the damage was created by a person that lives a few hundred feet from the bridge.*

- E. Physicians Contract Addendum with Evangelical Medical Services Organization to provide physician services at the prison for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the Physicians Contract addendum with Evangelical Medical Services Organization to provide physician services at the prison for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023. Commissioner Dunkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*Chairman Kodish stated this is a contract with Dr. McLaughlin, who is a staff member at Evangelical Medical Hospital in Lewisburg. It's an addendum to extend the current contract. We've had him for the last year and he's been doing a fantastic job with our medical staff at the prison.*

- F. One-Year Lease Agreements with the Juniata Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau for office space at the Historical Courthouse*

*Commissioner Postal discussed that the Historic Courthouse is occupied by the Chamber of Commerce, the Visitor's Bureau and the Mifflin County Historical Society. These agencies have occupied said space since 2004. The leases needed to be extended, so we have extended them one year at a time, at the same rate and terms. They are good tenants and it benefits us to have the space occupied. We would like to continue the relationship we have with these agencies going forward.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the One-Year Lease Agreements with the Juniata Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau for office space at the Historical Courthouse. Commissioner Dunkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*G. Personnel:*

- *Resignation of Joseph LeFevre, II from part-time corrections officer effective June 15, 2018*

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

***IX. Adjournment:***

*With no other business on the agenda, Chairman Kodish adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.*

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*Secretary*

*ATTEST:*

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*Chief Clerk*