

Lewistown, PA

February 20, 2020

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Mark Sunderland, Robert Postal and Kevin Kodish; Solicitor Stephen Snook, BMZ Law; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig and Assistant Chief Clerk Angela Shuey.

Bradley Kreitzer of The Sentinel/County Observer was the only representative present from the news media.

Guests present: Director of Fiscal Affairs Mike Baker; Treasurer Deb Civitts; County Auditor Helen Kirk; Director of Voter Registration and Elections Zane Swanger; Director of Voter Registration and Elections Pamela Powell; Physical Plant Director Lonnie Griffith; Planning Director Mark Colussy; Public Safety Director Phil Lucas; Warden Josh Garver; Attorney Mark Remy; Lucas Parkes, EADS Group; Kay Hamilton; Haylee Shreffler and Katelyn Carolus, MCTV.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman 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 February 6, 2020. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

1. General Fund, Accounts Payable:

Cks. #127272 to 127429 and EFTs # 26020 to 26109 in the amount of \$1,086,664.99

2. Payroll Account:

Cks. # 78815 to 78824 and Direct Deposit Advices # 30214 to 30453 in the amount of \$364,771.09

3. 911 Account:

Cks. #51910 to 51920 and EFT #20669 to 20672 in the amount of \$50,193.44

4. CDBG Account:

Cks. #1496 in the amount of \$1,605.23

5. Act 137 Account:

Cks. # 3066 to 3069 in the amount of \$11,180.91

6. LEPC Account:

Ck. #1484 in the amount of \$84.93; voided ck # 1485

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
02/05/2020-02/18/2020**

General Account Starting Balance	\$1,354,365.24
DEBITS	
Deposits Receipts #100609-100734	399,950.70
Transfer from 911	0.00
Transfer from Capital Reserve	0.00
Transfer from LEPC	0.00
Voided Checks	4,997.00
Interest	0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$404,947.70
CREDITS	
Bills Paid CK #'S 127272-127429, EFT'S # 26020-26109	1,086,664.99
Transfer to Payroll CKS 78815-78824, DD 30214-30453	364,771.09
Transfer to CDBG	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,451,436.08
<u>Ending Balance (Interest @ 01.390% as of 02/18/2020)</u>	<u>\$307,876.86</u>
Liquid Fuels	
Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 02/18/2020	\$409,987.33
Liquid Fuels - Act 89	
Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 02/18/2020	\$325,917.43
911 Telephone Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 02/18/2020	\$888,089.84
LEPC	
Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 02/18/2020	\$35,674.98
Local Use Fund	
Invested at JV Bank @ 01.390% as of 02/18/2020	\$426,632.30
Capital Reserve Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 01.92% as of 02/18/2020	\$6,831,256.35
Report Subject to Audit	

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: Retirement Board Meeting

*Opened Repository Bids
JVBDs Joinder Board Meeting
Airport Authority Meeting
Grant Funding Meeting
CJAB Meeting
PennDOT – County Engineer Selection Process
Operation Fairness Meeting
Re-entry Sub-committee Meeting
Meeting to discuss Prison Counseling Services
Conservation District Board Meeting*

*Commissioner Postal: Operation Fairness Meeting
Re-entry Sub-committee Meeting
SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Meeting
Meeting to discuss Prison Counseling Services
Department Head Meeting
Central Counties Youth Detention Board Meeting
National Association of Counties Conference Call
County Bridge Program Meeting
DLI Executive Committee Meeting*

*Commissioner Kodish: Retirement Board Meeting
JVBDs Joinder Board Meeting
Grant Funding Meeting
Library Board Meeting
Opened Repository Bids
PennDOT – County Engineer Selection Process
Operation Fairness Meeting
Department Head Meeting
Meeting to discuss Prison Counseling Services
Regional Services Personnel Committee Meeting
Giant Food Donation Program Launch
County Bridge Program Meeting*

VII. Public Comment:

None to report.

VIII. New Business:

A. *Proclamation recognizing NuVisions Center for 75 years of Service to Mifflin County*

PROCLAMATION

Recognition of NuVisions Center for 75 Years of Service to Mifflin County

WHEREAS, *the NuVisions Center has been improving the lives of people with visual, physical and mental impairments through services and employment since February 25, 1945; and,*

WHEREAS, *the Nuvisions Center provides training and meaningful employment for people with blindness and various disabilities while delivering and producing a variety of quality services and products; and*

WHEREAS, *the Nuvisions Center serves Huntingdon, Juniata and Mifflin Counties from its headquarters in Mifflin County with a variety of programs and services; and*

WHEREAS, the NuVisions Center helps all those who are visually impaired remain in their own homes and active in their schools and communities; and

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** we the Mifflin County Commissioners recognize the NuVisions Center for its 75 years of service and encourage our residents to support the NuVisions Center.*

Proclaimed this 20th day of February, 2020

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

Ms. Hamilton, Board Chair for NuVisions, said she was very pleased with the Proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for it. She mentioned that the CEO for NuVisions planned to be in attendance but she got stuck in traffic. She stated NuVisions does a lot of good for a lot of people.

B. Offer for Parcel No. 16,42-0048--,000, located in Derry Township that is currently in repository for unsold properties - \$602.00

C. Offer for Parcel No. 16,42-0072--,000, located in Derry Township that is currently in repository for unsold properties - \$602.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve Items B. and C., Offers for Parcel No. 16,42-0048--,000 and Parcel No. 16,42-0072--,000, both located in Derry Township and currently in repository for unsold properties - \$602.00 each. Commissioner Postal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Appointments to the Mifflin County Board of Assessment Appeals for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023:

- Michael Baker, Lewistown, PA*
- Kay Semler, Reedsville, PA*
- Rick Smeltz, Lewistown, PA*

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the appointments to the Mifflin County Board of Assessment Appeals for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Resolution No. 28 of 2020 appointing Mark Colussy as a voting member of the SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

RESOLUTION NO. 28 of 2020

Confirming the appointment of Mark Colussy as a voting member of the SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), to serve in the term ending December 31, 2022.

WHEREAS, the SEDA-COG MPO has the authority to conduct transportation planning and programming activities for the Bloomsburg-Berwick Urbanized Area, and the entire eight-county region that includes: Clinton, Columbia, Juniata, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, Article III of the adopted SEDA-COG MPO bylaws provides that the Mifflin County Commissioners must appoint Mifflin County's voting member on the SEDA-COG MPO; and

WHEREAS, SEDA-COG MPO voting members should be re-affirmed following a term of four years by the appointing authority, except that the terms of the members first appointed shall be so fixed that no more than four shall be reappointed or replaced during a calendar year; and

WHEREAS, SEDA-COG MPO voting membership may change as members resign, as appointing authorities replace their representatives, or as recommended by the MPO for approval; and

WHEREAS, the success of the SEDA-COG MPO is ensured by regular, active participation and input from its members; and

WHEREAS, the Mifflin County Commissioners desire to have their county's voice and perspective considered through the SEDA-COG MPO forum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mifflin County Commissioners hereby consent to and confirm the appointment of Mark Colussy as a voting member of the SEDA-COG MPO, to serve in the term ending December 31, 2022.

Adopted this 20th day of February, 2020.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve Resolution No. 28 of 2020 appointing Mark Colussy as a voting member of the SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- F. Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Mifflin and the Pennsylvania State Police to allow the Mifflin County 911 Center to program the Pennsylvania State Police, Lewistown, dispatch channels into Mifflin County Dispatch Console*

Mr. Lucas explained this is a partnership with the Pennsylvania State Police and the State Government in total to allow the 911 Center to communicate with State Agencies on existing radios. This will decrease response times and increase the amount of information sharing that occurs with local police departments, fire and EMS with the State Police and any other State level law enforcement agency. The goal is to improve communications and make sure communication occurs with the right people at the right time. This is new and is part of the radio system upgrade. Grant funding was received two years ago to install the new radio system for law enforcement, which is encrypted. Our law enforcement, including the Sheriff's Department, Prison and other County Agencies will be encrypted and can talk directly to the State Police. This agreement finalizes the process.

Commissioner Postal pointed out it is a 20-year agreement but can be terminated by either party with a 30-day notice.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Mifflin and the Pennsylvania State Police to allow the Mifflin County 911 Center to program the Pennsylvania State Police, Lewistown, dispatch channels into Mifflin County Dispatch Console. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- G. 2020-2021 Statewide Interconnectivity Grant supporting operations in the Mifflin County 911 Center - \$54,538.00*

Mr. Lucas discussed this grant agreement is part of the wireless 911 funding. It provides for salaries, benefits and completion of various NextGen 911 projects within the 911 Center. It's an annual grant that's being used for operating expenses and data conversion. There is no match requirement for this grant.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the 2020-2021 Statewide Interconnectivity Grant supporting operations in the Mifflin County 911 Center - \$54,538.00. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

H. Ratification and letter of understanding between the County of Mifflin, acting by and through the Mifflin County Correctional Facility and Direct Dental Care for dental services to inmates for calendar year 2020 and to ratify services performed in 2019

Mr. Garver explained this is for one year. The County will pay the Act 22 amount and Direct Dental will accept our payment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the ratification and letter of understanding between the County of Mifflin, acting by and through the Mifflin County Correctional Facility and Direct Dental Care for dental services to inmates for calendar year 2020 and to ratify services performed in 2019 conditional upon Direct Dental approving and executing this agreement. Commissioner Postal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

I. Tower Service Agreements with Controls, Service and Engineering Co., Inc., for the period April 1, 2020 through April 1, 2021:

- Blue Mountain Tower - \$1,198.00*
- New Lancaster Tower - \$832.00*
- Jack's Tower - \$832.00*
- Allensville Tower - \$832.00*

Mr. Griffith explained that these are all one-year renewals for the 911 tower sites. The only change is that in the terms of the agreement, we typically don't allow automatic rollovers, but because these are critical locations that have to have these services, there is a rollover for a six-month period. There is a slight increase of about \$16.00 over last year. The difference in cost between the different sites is because one location has three units while the other locations each have two.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve Tower Service Agreements with Controls, Service and Engineering Co., Inc., for the period April 1, 2020 through April 1, 2021. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

J. Personnel:

- Promotion of Pamela Powell to Voter Registration/Elections Director effective February 18, 2020*
- Resignation of Alina Reed from Law Clerk effective February 28, 2020*
- Resignation of Zane Swanger from Voter Registration/Elections Director effective March 6, 2020*
- Resignation of James Lettiere from Community Development Administrator/Assistant Planning Director effective March 6, 2020*
- Resignation of Todd Harpster from Chief Probation Officer effective March 27, 2020*

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

Commissioner Kodish thanked Jim Lettiere for his years of service. He also thanked Todd Harpster for his 35 years of service to Mifflin County in the Probation Department.

IX. Adjournment:

With no other business on the agenda, Chairman Sunderland adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk