

Lewistown, PA

July 29, 2021

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Kevin Kodish; Mark Sunderland; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig; Treasurer Deb Civitts and Fiscal Affairs Assistant Makyla Henry. Commissioner Robert Postal was absent.

No one was present from The Sentinel.

Guests present were Director of Voter Registration/Veterans Affairs James Conway, Tax Claim Bureau Director Rebecca Ganoë, Chastity Fultz, and Isaac Hallock from MCTV.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner 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 Sunderland to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2021. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

1. *General Fund, Accounts Payable:*

Cks. 133754 - 133978 and EFT #'s 28158 - 28182 in the amount of \$1,652,075.43

2. *Payroll Account:*

Cks. #79174 - 79184 and Direct Deposit Advices # 39273 - 39519 in the amount of \$458,527.12

3. *911 Account:*

Cks. # 52192 - 52204 and EFT # 20823 - 20828 in the amount of \$19,184.31

4. *LEPC Account:*

Ck. # 1530 in the amount of \$90.59

5. *Act 137 Account:*

Ck. # 3120 in the amount of \$ 100.00

6. *CDBG Account:*

Cks. # 1561 - 1562 in the amount of \$25,183.40

7. *Liquid Fuels Act 89 Account:*

Ck. # 8107 in the amount of \$50.13

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

V. **Treasurer's Report:**

TREASURER'S REPORT
07/14/2021-07/27/2021

General Account Starting Balance	\$1,029,088.52
DEBITS	
Deposits Receipts #107484-107630	370,347.86
Transfer from	0.00
Transfer from CAPITAL RESERVE	910,000.00
Transfer from LEPC	0.00
Voided Checks	0.00
Transfer from 911	0.00
Interest	0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,280,347.86
CREDITS	
Bills Paid CK #'S 133754-133978, EFT'S # 28158-28182	1,652,075.43
Transfer to Payroll CKS 79174-79184, DD 39273-39519	458,527.12
Transfer to Act 137	0.00
NSF CHECKS	0.00
TRANSFER TO ACT 152	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,110,602.55
<u>Ending Balance (Interest @ 0.300% as of 07/27/2021)</u>	<u>\$198,833.83</u>
Liquid Fuels	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.300% as of 07/27/2021	\$445,136.15
Liquid Fuels - Act 89	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.300% as of 07/27/2021	\$402,740.39
911 Telephone Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.300% as of 07/27/2021	\$955,690.99
LEPC	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.300% as of 07/27/2021	\$27,550.28
Local Use Fund	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.300% as of 07/27/2021	\$587,095.30
Capital Reserve Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.350% as of 07/27/2021	\$15,080,609.28

Report Subject to Audit

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

VI. Meetings and Events:

Chairman Sunderland:

*Salary Board
CDBG Staff Meeting
Tele psych MH Services
Conservation District
SEDA-COG
ARPA Meeting SEDA-COG
ATC Meeting
Staff Meeting*

Commissioner Postal:

*Commissioner Postal was
absent from meeting*

Commissioner Kodish:

*Salary Board
CDBG Funding Meeting
Regional Services Board
Tele psychiatry Services
Meeting
Solid Waste Authority Board
Enterprise Program Review
SEDA-COG Meeting – ARPA
Juniata Valley Visitors
Bureau Board
Adult Treatment Court
Funding Review*

VII. Public Comment:

None to report.

VIII. New Business:

A. Veterans Affairs Director James Conway

Mr. Conway handed out a synopsis on a comparison over the last 3 years of retroactive payments that veterans are entitled too, but never received. The numbers have gone up significantly from 2018 to 2021. In the years 2018-2019 it was \$157,599.17. Now in the years 2020 to March of 2021 it is \$869,644.93. Commissioner Kodish made the comment how Mr. Conway and past directors have always done a great job in getting money back that are due to our veterans. Mr. Conway also mentioned that there is close to \$10,000 in grant money being used on home repairs for veterans.

B. Tax Claim Bureau Director Rebecca Ganoë announcing new Tax Sale rules

Rebecca spoke and said that the Commonwealth of PA recently passed Act 33, which goes into effect in August. It requires the tax claim bureau to pre-register prospective bidders for upset judicial sales. A packet will be available in the Tax Services office located on the 2nd floor of the courthouse. It will also be available online. An affidavit will be in the packet and it will need notarized. The affidavit states that the bidder must not have any delinquent real estate taxes anywhere within the commonwealth, no delinquent municipal utility bills more than 1 year outstanding, not bidding for or acting as an agent for a person who has been barred from tax sales, have not had any citations for uncorrected housing code violations within the last 3 years or that they failed to maintain any property owned by them that has resulted in a threat to health or safety of people. Once we get a list of everyone we will send it off to the taxing authorities and they will verify that these people don't have any municipal violations and send it back to us. If they do have any violations they will be banned from coming to this sale. Registration is open from August 2nd – 27th. There is a registration fee that's permitted within this bill. The sale date is September 13th.

C. Request for exoneration of 2021 county portion per capita taxes:

- *Granville Township Tax Collector Billi Weaver – 82*
- *Juniata Terrace Borough Tax Collector Billi Weaver - 7*

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to be approved. Commissioner Sunderland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Approval of payment to SEDA-COG for administration of the CHIRP program:

- *Invoice No. 4 - \$680.00*
- *Supplemental Invoice - \$3,200.00*

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to be approved. Commissioner Sunderland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Sub recipient agreement with Juniata Terrace for a CDBG Storm water Project

Chastity spoke and said this is right along the terrace boulevard. They want to re-do some of the piping, storm water inlets and the curbing around the center island that is the entire length of the terrace boulevard. The total cost of the project is \$426,825. CDBG 2019 and 2020 funds are contributing \$369,240. The Juniata Terrace is responsible for the remaining \$57,585. Engineering is already underway because the terrace is paying for that.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to be approved. Commissioner Sunderland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

F. Personnel:

- *Hiring of April Vodopija for part-time Corrections Officer effective July 27, 2021*
- *Appointment of Micaiah Hendricks for an unpaid intern in the Probation Office effective July 19, 2021*
- *Promotion of Dillon Harlon from Caseworker I to Caseworker II in the Children and Youth Department effective August 2, 2021*
- *Rescind the hiring of Ashlee Leshner for part-time Corrections Officer effective July 26, 2021*

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to be approved. Commissioner Sunderland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IX. Adjournment:

With no other business on the agenda, Commissioner Sunderland adjourned the meeting at 9:14 am.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk