

Lewistown, PA

February 3, 2022

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Kevin Kodish; Mark Sunderland; Robert Postal; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig; Solicitor Stephen Snook; Treasurer Diane Griffith; and Fiscal Affairs Assistant Makyla Henry.

Brad Kreitzer was present from The Sentinel.

Guests present were Human Services Director Allison Fisher, Chief Probation Officer Nick Wolfkiel, Helen Kirk, and Tessa Pavolva from MCTV.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Commissioner Sunderland.

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 Postal to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2022. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

1. General Fund, Accounts Payable

Ck. #'s 136037-136180 and EFT #'s 29108-29126 in the amount of \$620,039.60

2. Payroll

Ck. #'s 79304-79316 and Direct Deposit Advice #'s 42415-42663 in the amount of \$445,860.14

3. 911 Account

Ck. #'s 52303-52308 and EFT #'s 20882-20884 in the amount of \$115,122.44

4. Liquid Fuels Act 89 Account

Ck. # 8113 in the amount of \$70.29

5. LEPC Account

Ck. #'s 1542-1543 in the amount of \$2,387.10

6. Act 137 Account

Ck. # 3129 in the amount of \$658.56

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
1/19/2022-2/1/2022

General Account Starting Balance	\$97,409.61
DEBITS	
Deposits Receipts #109795-109921	510,782.40
Transfer from	0.00
Transfer from CAPITAL RESERVE	750,000.00
Transfer from 911	0.00
Voided Checks	0.00
Transfer from LEPC	0.00
Interest	367.01
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,261,149.41
CREDITS	
Bills Paid CK's 136037-136180 EFT #'s 29108-29126	620,039.60
Transfer to Payroll CKS 79304-79316, DD 42415-42663	445,860.14
ADJUSTMENT	0.00
NSF CHECKS	0.00
TRANSFER TO SFPP	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,065,899.74
<u>Ending Balance (Interest @ 0.440% as of 2/1/2022)</u>	<u>\$292,659.28</u>
Liquid Fuels	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.44% as of 2/1/2022	\$264,510.27
Liquid Fuels - Act 89	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.44% as of 2/1/2022	\$441,812.83
911 Telephone Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.44% as of 2/1/2022	\$464,522.36
LEPC	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.44% as of 2/1/2022	\$21,330.60
Local Use Fund	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.44% as of 2/1/2022	\$538,844.25
Capital Reserve Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.350% as of 2/1/2022	\$9,811,305.23
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:

Salary Board

*School Tax billing with Assessment
Bond Refinancing Presentation
Human Services Quarterly Meeting
911 renovations briefing
Prison Board*

Commissioner Postal:

*Salary Board
SEDA-COG Natural Gas Board
YMCA Open House with new Director
EFSP with DOHS
Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce
NACO Policy Call
CCAP News Conference
CCAP Board of Directors
Prison Board
Internal Meetings: 911, MCCF, Fiscal, Tax
Services, MCP/ARPA*

Commissioner Kodish:

*Salary Board
SEDA-COG Board
United Way Board
Human Services Quarterly Meeting
Regional Services Corporation Board
Prison Board
SEDA-COG Executive Committee
SEDA-COG Personnel Committee
Regional Services Personnel
Meeting with Bond Counsel
911 Renovations Meeting*

VII. Public Comment:

None.

VIII. New Business:

A. 2022 CCAP Priorities

Commissioner Postal said “As chair of its Community and Economic Development Committee, I am a Board member at the County Commissioners Association of PA. At last week’s Board meeting of the Association, county leaders announced their seven legislative priorities for 2022. There are seven that, through a process of deliberation and voting, were selected by Pa counties. The top priority is: Appropriate funding for the mental health system. Counties, as providers of mental health services, see that the demand for services exceed state funding levels. State funding has lagged far behind the needs and caseloads for years. We are asking for adequate and sustainable funding in order to meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens. Other priorities are: Human Services Crisis, Broadband Expansion, Funding for Children and Youth Services, 911 Funding and Reauthorization, and funding for elections. Counties alone cannot find solutions to these problems. The County Commissioners Association wants to work with our legislators to arrive at effective solutions so we can deliver critical services to the people and communities of Pennsylvania. I have more to say about these and the progress at our meetings through 2022. I did want to bring these to the public’s attention since these were just announced a few days ago”.

B. Human Services Director, Allison Fisher, 2021 review

Ms. Fisher started out by saying in 2021 we were awarded 29 grants, which totals \$2,213,890.50. We are very proud of that, it is a lot of grant dollars to bring into the community. The Money in your Pocket tax program nearly doubled last year. There were 207 tax returns filed in Juniata County, and 202 in Mifflin County. Area Agency on Aging is offering tax programs again this year. We are happy it will continue this year. It was a different year for our housing programs. Our more traditional programs like HAP (Housing Assistance Program) saw a reduction in numbers. The human services department still has the Veterans Outreach grant that allows the department to provide housing and transportation for veterans. They are also working with both Juniata and Mifflin County veteran's affairs offices to host a veteran's outreach event on February 22, 2022 from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Port Royal Community Building in Juniata County. It is for all veterans of Mifflin and Juniata County. The human services department largest program in 2021 was the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) in which they served 797 households. Out of the 240 working days throughout the year, that averages to 13 people each day. The annual Walk for Warmth fundraiser event for the Mifflin-Juniata Energy Bank Program this Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 9:30 am at Kish Park. Ms. Fisher also said the no one in our community should go hungry. If you are in need of food, please contact one of the local food banks. To conclude the 2021 review she said there is a new resource called MJHSlings.org. It is a searchable website, and they can search what they are looking for and a local resource will pop up.

C. Rural Violent Crime Reduction Grant Sub-Grantee Agreements:

- Center for Community Resources – Employment of a Mental Health Co-Responder - \$35,000.00*
- Mifflin-Juniata Human Services – Grant Technical Assistance and Management - \$9,985.85*
- Mifflin-Juniata Human Services – Crisis Intervention Training - \$5,014.00*

Ms. Fisher said this is a grant to expand the Co-Responder program.

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

D. Amending the action taken on June 17, 2021 to exonerate Brown Township Tax Collector Cheryl Hartzler from collecting 2021 per capita tax bills as presented (72) – corrected total 71

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

E. Amending the action taken on June 17, 2021 to exonerate Bratton Township Tax Collector Connie Peachey from collecting 2021 per capita tax bills as presented (10) – corrected total 9

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

F. Award notification for the Mifflin County Adult Treatment Court Expansion Grant for the period January 1, 2022 through September 29, 2022 - \$166,678.00

Mr. Wolfkiel said this is the award for the expansion of our treatment court. This grant helps with our salaries, travels, supplies, and consultant fees.

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

G. Request for exoneration of delinquent real estate taxes and relieve Rebecca Gano, Tax Claim Bureau Director from collecting these taxes:

- *Parcel No. 12,17-0104D,001 located in Armagh Township – mobile home was removed from the tax rolls in March 2021*

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

H. Inmate Housing Agreement with Union County for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

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

I. Personnel:

- *Resignation of Probation Officer Seth O'Donnell effective January 28, 2022*
- *Resignation of Part-time LPN Melissa Wilson effective February 10, 2022*

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

IX. Adjournment:

With no other business on the agenda, Commissioner Sunderland adjourned the meeting at 9:23 am.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk