

MARCH 27, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved April 29, 2024 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; Will McKenna, Sheriff; Greg Molter, Planning/VA; Geralee Zeigler, Melissa Matthews, SEDA-COG; Mike Kuziak, Carl Jensen, James Black, David Ackley, Len Prosseda, Lenaire Ahlum, Hank Baylor, SVCEP; Joe Burke, Richard Jones, Beth Goldman, Public; Anna Wiest, The Daily Item; Drew Mumich, Press Enterprise.

Ms. Dressler asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Rev. Molter. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. The meeting was then opened.

Mr. Lynn moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$224,250.59
General Account Receipts	\$265,528.31
General Account Checking	\$993,283.15
Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,074.23
Operating Reserve	\$1,165,045.09
Total Checking	\$2,163,402.47
Act 13 Highway-Bridge	\$112,938.59
Act 44	\$109,868.42
Act 89	\$230,231.91
American Rescue Plan	\$716.90
Children and Youth Checking	\$1,074,350.64
Debt Service Fund	\$1,267,682.06
ERAP 2	\$21,007.92
Flood Mitigation	\$2,870.46
Hazardous Material Account Checking	\$12,931.95
Human & Community Services Checking	\$121,568.61
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$14,850.11
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$262,307.59
Offender Supervision Account Checking	\$65,526.72
Opioid Settlement Fund	\$121,768.74
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$52,078.55
Uniform 911 Surcharge	\$648,649.28
Whole Homes Repair	\$76,504.00

Mr. Finn moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler called for public comment. There was none.

Mr. Finn moved to add the following items to the agenda_ Snyder County inmate boarding agreement, PEMA cyber security grant and NRG utilities agreement. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Dressler welcomed Geralee Zeigler of SEDA-COG who updated the Board on the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program activities in Derry and Anthony townships. She noted \$728,405.43 in federal funds were used for buyouts on seven flood-prone properties with the Derry project in the closeout phase. Additional work continues in Anthony. A project in Danville Borough was discontinued when homeowners opted to not participate. Currently, work is being done with the Wyoming Valley Levee Raising Project to fund a buyout in Cooper Township.

Representatives of the Susquehanna Valley Community Education Project presented a business plan for the college as well as an overview of a proposed purchase of the Villa Sacred Heart to utilize as the site of the institution. Project members said the goal is not to reinvent the wheel but to fill the needs of employment and educational gaps. In order to apply for state funding, a sponsor is required, with County government being the most stable sponsor. A commitment of a \$15.00 per household levy and a letter of intent from the County would allow the project to start an application with the Commonwealth.

Ms. Dressler questioned the need for physical space when partnerships could be forged with robust adult education programs already in existence. Ms. Dressler asked if local businesses have committed funding to the project.

Ms. Ahlum said the business community is waiting for the County's commitment and after that, "You will see others come on." Once start-up funds are in place, the county's portion will decrease by way of endowments and business community support. She further noted that while none of the surrounding counties have fully supported the endeavor to date, at least one commissioner in each county does approve of the project.

Ms. Dressler indicated support of educational opportunities, but not with a commitment of tax dollars.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Finn moved to approve an agreement to board Montour prisoners at the Columbia County Prison at a \$60.00 per diem for calendar year 2024. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve an agreement to board Montour prisoners at the Union County Prison at a \$70.00 per diem for calendar year 2024.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a temporary easement/agreement of sale/settlement statement with Andrew and Rebecca Fisher for the Bridge 12 replacement project. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn affirmed the hiring of Ryan Potopsky as a Deputy Sheriff at a rate of \$17,000.00 effective March 18. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve an inmate boarding agreement with Snyder County at a per diem of \$65.00 for calendar year 2024. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a consent agreement with PEMA to participate in the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program at no cost to the County. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to enter into an agreement with Direct Energy Business and NRG Business Marketing for procurement of electric power at a purchase price of 9.498 cents per kilowatt hour for a three-year period. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve Resolution R-3-26-2024 recognizing March 29 as Vietnam War Veterans Day. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$343,358.28; Children & Youth, \$37,463.73; Liquid Fuels, \$58.22; Human and Community, \$5,671.32; Other, \$53,328.41. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk