

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved September 23, 2025 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Chuck Jenkins, Treasurer's Office; Ryan King, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Keith Rine, Zoning Officer; Beth Goldman, Linda Shupp, Paul Goocey, Renee Goocey, Craig High, Larry Bieber, Public; Michael Komar, Northumberland-Montour Airport Authority; Brian O'Neill, Bluewave Energy; Anna Wiest, The Daily Item; Drew Mumich, Press Enterprise.

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

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

General Account Disbursements	\$264,881.81
General Account Receipts	\$173,729.52
General Account Checking	\$2,157,178.92
Capital Reserve Fund	\$44,742.63
Operating Reserve	\$1,580,932.16
Total Checking	\$3,782,853.71
Act 13 Highway-Bridge	\$226,788.82
Act 44	\$124,089.37
Act 89	\$281,416.55
Children and Youth Checking	\$1,036,295.29
Debt Service Fund	\$1,541,362.86
Flood Mitigation	\$2,901.73
Hazardous Material Account Checking	\$13,135.29
Human & Community Services Checking	\$112,191.90
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$17,179.14
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$673,654.01
Offender Supervision Account Checking	\$63,484.53
Opioid Settlement Fund	\$235,351.87
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$57,049.55
Uniform 911 Surcharge	\$1,083,029.78
Whole Homes Repair	\$9,395.57

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

Mr. Finn moved to add the letting of bids for Bridge 7 to the agenda. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler called for public comment. Twelve-year-old Paul Goocey introduced himself as a member of Scout Troop 258 in Milton and said his attendance was part of a

requirement to earn a communications merit badge, which will help him learn active listening skills and to improve his communication skills.

Mr. High sought information concerning a non-disclosure agreement signed by County personnel for a meeting with Talen. He asked if all Commissioners were aware of the NDA. Ms. Dressler and Mr. Lynn said they were not. Mr. Lynn said a meeting to which all three Commissioners were included was canceled and supposed to be rescheduled. Mr. Finn said he was aware of the NDA. Mr. High asked if the Solicitor was aware of the NDA, to which Mr. Finn replied in the affirmative. Mr. High told the Board he asked Mr. Molter if he had signed and Mr. Molter said he had not. Mr. High asked Mr. Molter if he attended a meeting with Talen and he said no, which Mr. High termed a “flat out lie.”

Mr. High asked Mr. Finn what he hoped to gain by the meeting with Talen. Mr. Finn said he attended the meeting as a representative for DRIVE and has signed NDAs several times. He termed it a normal course of business in the business of economic development and it “happens all the time.” The hope in such meetings is to gain information but no decisions are made, and attendees cannot speak about it. Ms. Goocey asked if Zoning personnel had signed an NDA at the same meeting. Mr. Finn answered affirmatively.

Ms. Goocey said she was present at the Planning Commission meeting where Mr. Molter was asked if he had been at the Talen meeting. Mr. Molter denied attending the Talen meeting but indicated he took a phone call with Talen sometime in July. Mr. Finn cautioned he did not want anyone to “hang” Mr. Molter as he was not present to defend himself. Ms. Goocey asked if any other meeting had transpired since the original one with Talen. Mr. Finn said none have been held but the County has had a number of open records requests as a result.

Ms. Shupp asked the Board if they were familiar with Senate Bill 939 creating Community Opportunity Zones. Commissioners indicated they were not aware of the legislation.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Finn moved to adopt resolution R-9-9-2025 authorizing the Northumberland/Montour County Airport Authority to enter into a lease agreement for the installation of a solar energy panels and to honor that lease going forward should the airport’s own lease with Montour and Northumberland counties not be renewed or the authority be terminated. Mr. Lynn seconded. Airport Authority member Mike Komar said the Bureau of Aviation has already signed off on the project. He said the authority has had great success in securing grant dollars to make capital improvements. Aside from the grants, the authority receives no public income. The lease revenues will easily double its income, he said. Mr. O’Neill noted the project meets FAA criteria. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve Resolution R-9-10-2025 adopting the Montour County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ms. Dressler seconded. Mr. Finn explained the plan is a requirement to qualify for PEMA assistance in the event of a disaster emergency. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to adopt Resolution R-9-8-2025 urging the Governor and Legislature of Pennsylvania to finalize the state budget with no further delay. Mr. Finn seconded. Mr. Lynn said as the budget stalemate continues, counties are left without state reimbursements, making it difficult to continue to provide needed services. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve a provisional ballot affidavit redesign grant agreement with the Department of State, under which the DOS will provide up to \$500.00 for the County to purchase a new version of provisional ballot envelopes for upcoming elections. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, Ms. Dressler and Mr. Lynn voted in favor. Mr. Finn voted against.

Mr. Lynn moved to approve a PCorp Loss Prevention Grant Program application of \$12,308.13 for purchase of a compressor for the second floor of the annex building. The motion further moved to assign Commissioner Finn signatory authority. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to approve a PComp Safety Improvement Program Grant Application of \$6,380.00 for cloud-based access control doors for the EMA building. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to affirm the hiring of Daniel Strailey as a certified part-time Deputy Sheriff at an hourly rate of \$18.00 effective September 8. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to let bids for Bridge 7 repairs with bids due October 14. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler read a proclamation recognizing the 175th anniversary of Montour County, and thanked Beth Goldman for the ceremony celebrating the occasion on September 5th.

Ms. Dressler moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$401,686.64; Children & Youth, \$99,207.18; Liquid Fuels, \$389,168.94; Human and Community Service, \$852.15; Operating Reserve, \$5,000; Other, \$10,081.25. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk