

## November 18, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved November 25, 2025 meeting

FULL BOARD present; Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; David Kurecian, CMVB; Nikki Burrows, Colby Wesner, Kristina Yarish; Beth Goldman, Kit Kelley, James Tanner, Robert Sexton, Ken Mertz, John Zaktansky, Sharon Waltman, Renee Goocey, Paul Goocey, Craig High, Michael Kinney, Mark Giesen, Kelly Smith-Wells, Public; Drew Mumich, Press Enterprise; Anna Wiest, The Daily Item.

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

General Account Disbursements	\$418,221.22
General Account Receipts	\$202,945.50
General Account Checking	\$998,094.26
Capital Reserve Fund	\$44,893.17
Operating Reserve	\$1,528,389.27
Total Checking	\$2,571,376.70
Act 13 Highway-Bridge	\$228,106.72
Act 44	\$124,203.28
Act 89	\$283,051.91
Children and Youth Checking	\$747,070.08
Debt Service Fund	\$1,122,518.82
Flood Mitigation	\$2,904.39
Hazardous Material Account Checking	\$11,785.96
Human & Community Services Checking	\$105,585.57
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$17,496.90
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$262,348.80
Offender Supervision Account Checking	\$66,073.08
Opioid Settlement Fund	\$245,995.03
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$57,049.55
Uniform 911 Surcharge	\$1,044,678.71
Whole Homes Repair	\$9,395.57

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

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

Ms. Dressler called for public comment. Scout Paul Goocey addressed the Board to ask if, after the meeting, he could interview one of the Commissioners on the Talen rezoning request for his Citizenship in Communication Badge.

Under old business, Ms. Dressler affirmed the award by the Danville Area Community Center of low bidder EAS for its HVAC pool project. EAS bid \$597,560.00 The other bidder was EAS with a quote of \$847,248.00. The DACC will utilize a Local Share

Assessment Grant and in-house funds to pay for the project, which is expected to begin in late March. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Finn moved to approve a \$500,000.00 Local Share Assessment Grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for a county-wide warning system. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to grant EMA Coordinator Ed Burkland signatory authority for the LSA grant. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to adopt Resolution R-11-19-2025, which imposes a moratorium of 180 days on the acceptance, processing, and approval of any applications, permits, rezonings, or approval for data centers or similar large-scale digital/technology facilities. She said there are currently no pending applications for data centers, and the moratorium would allow the Planning Commission's ad-hoc committee to continue working on a data center ordinance. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to approve a personal services agreement with Attorney James Bathgrate to assist the Planning Commission in drafting a zoning ordinance amendment for data centers at an hourly rate of \$175.00. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a Liquid Fuels encumbrance of \$156,120.00 for Bridge 7 repairs. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve an annual application by MARC for funding through the Montour County Hotel Tax, per a memorandum of understanding for the Commission to receive 58 percent of Montour County Hotel Tax receipts each year. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to accept a letter of resignation from Tyler Dombroski from the Montour County Agricultural Land Preservation Committee. Mr. Finn seconded, noting that Mr. Dombroski was the committee's first chair and under his leadership, it was able to save several family farms. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler affirmed the resignation of Sophia Greely as part-time Deputy Coroner effective close of business November 26. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, Ms. Dressler and Mr. Finn voted in favor. Mr. Lynn abstained.

Mr. Lynn moved to affirm the resignation of Jamie Weaver as Deputy Register of Wills effective November 10. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve the termination of probationary employee Matthew Elsmore effective November 10. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve the hiring of Christopher McClintock as a Correctional Officer at a rate of \$17.51 per hour effective November 17. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to affirm the promotion of Leah Llanso from part-time to full-time Deputy Coroner at her current rate of \$16.57 effective December 22. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, Ms. Dressler and Mr. Finn moved in favor. Mr. Lynn abstained.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$267,9087.02; Children & Youth, \$77,320.78; Liquid Fuels, \$1,074.16; Human and Community Service, 1,750.6494; Uniform 911, \$238,080.09; Operating Reserve, \$62,469.00; Other, \$26,556.07. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

The floor was then opened to public comment on Talen Energy's application to rezone land in Anthony Township from agricultural to industrial. Questions were raised on transparency and the process of the hearing scheduled for December 17. Mr. Finn said hearing process questions would be answered in an email from the solicitor and directed to the Middle Susquehanna Riverkeepers Association, which could disseminate the answers to interested parties.

Mr. Wesner directed a number of questions and comments to Mr. Finn, including knowledge of Project Anvil, non-disclosure agreements, zoning map adjustments, and when County officials became aware of information regarding potential data centers. Mr. Marks expressed discomfort over Mr. Wesner's line of questioning specific to Mr. Finn, likening it to a deposition. Mr. Wesner said he was "trying to get as much information" as he could.

Mr. High voiced his concern over what he saw as a lack of transparency, stating any information Commissioners possess regarding the rezoning request is "information the public ought to know."

Mr. Finn said the County should not be in the zoning business as the majority of municipalities in Montour handle their own zoning or joined with other municipalities in a joint council of governments, leaving only Anthony, Mayberry, and Liberty townships, and Washingtonville Borough under County jurisdiction. He suggested to Mr. High that Anthony could handle its own zoning. Mr. High said the township is looking into that.

Ms. Yarish reminded the Board of their oath of office to "take care of people" and not to "underestimate the will of the people."

Mr. Finn said he will ask pointed questions at the zoning hearing based on his knowledge and will do "what is in the best interest for the people in Montour County."

On a question from Mr. Kelley, the Board said the deadline for public comment is December 12.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk