

OCTOBER 14, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved October 28, 2025 meeting

FULL BOARD Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; Keith Rine, Zoning; Betsy Kramer, Ali Cassidy, Brittinity Wright, SEDA-COG; David Kurecian, CMVB; Lura Good, DBA; Kurt Brungard, Larson Design; Nicole Spring, Richard Jones, Emilie Hogg, Jean Fry, Dawn Winteresteen, James Tanner, John Rodman, Beth Goldman, Renee Goocey, Kelly Smith-Wells, Sam Burleigh, Aimee Bruckhart, Jean Litchard, Nikki Burrows, Kip Armstrong, Kurt Weiss, public; Drew Mumich, Press Enterprise; Anna Wiest, The Daily Item; Chet Bixler, Deputy Sheriff.

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

General Account Disbursements	\$353,197.13
General Account Receipts	\$108,825.37
General Account Checking	\$1,609,527.15
Capital Reserve Fund	\$44,818.94
Operating Reserve	\$1,552,045.15
Total Checking	\$32,063,921.24
Act 13 Highway-Bridge	\$227,449.92
Act 44	\$124,145.46
Act 89	\$282,236.90
Children and Youth Checking	\$892,163.72
Debt Service Fund	\$1,116,940.44
Flood Mitigation	\$2,903.04
Hazardous Material Account Checking	\$13,135.29
Human & Community Services Checking	\$110,634.02
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$17,339.88
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$283,978.15
Offender Supervision Account Checking	\$66,546.32
Opioid Settlement Fund	\$245,588.30
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$57,049.55
Uniform 911 Surcharge	\$1,086,186.88
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 signing of a lease agreement with Behavioral Health Associates to the agenda under old business. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to add a request from Cottontail Solar 3 for a time extension to the agenda under old business. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler called for public comment, requesting that comments be restricted to agenda items. Once agenda items are addressed, the floor would be open to all other comments.

On behalf of America250 PA, Ms. Goldman invited the public to attend the Bells Across America bell dedication at 9 a.m. October 21 at Canal Park.

Under old business, Mr. Finn moved to execute a rental agreement for the second floor of the Administration Center to Behavioral Health Associates from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to approve a request from Cottontail Solar 3 for a twelve-month time extension on a conditional use approval for a solar energy facility with an expiration date of October 25, 2026. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, bids for repairs to Bridge 7 were opened and read aloud as follows: Jay Fulkroad & Sons Inc., \$290,393.78, and H&P Construction, \$156,119.67. A third bid from Marr-Allen Concrete was received after the deadline for proposals. Mr. Finn moved to approve the low bid from H&P pending review by the County engineer and solicitor.

Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to approve a health insurance plan renewal with GHP for the years 2026 and 2027, which calls for an 18% premium increase cap. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to enter into an inmate boarding agreement with Schuylkill County, under which Schuylkill will pay a \$75.00 per diem with the agreement to automatically renew annually. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve the application of a Tourism Fund Grant proposal of \$9,500.00 by the Danville Business Alliance for its Hometown Holiday Downtown Danville event. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, Ms. Dressler and Mr. Lynn voted in favor. Mr. Finn abstained due to a conflict with his involvement in the event.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve a PCorp Loss Prevention Grant of \$11,485.00 to replace first-floor windows at the Prison. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to affirm the resignation of Nathan Montiel effective close of business October 13. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under recognition, Mr. Finn spoke of the contributions of the Central Pennsylvania Drone Response Team, which is located in Montour and is comprised of County employees Ed Burkland, Brad Bason, Ryan Craig, Mr. Finn and other community members who respond at a moment's notice to calls, most recently a search for a missing child. Mr. Finn recognized those volunteers as well as the service of all volunteers who work to keep the public safe.

A number of County residents spoke to the Board concerning Talen's petition to re-zone acreage in Anthony and Derry townships for industrial usage. Kelly Smith-Wells read the Future Farmers of America Creed and asked the Board to please consider the future of young people involved in agricultural pursuits.

Tara Cummings, whose family moved to Derry Township several years ago, read a letter in opposition of the rezoning, stating her concern over water resources.

Commissioners were asked what they perceive as advantageous to allowing the rezoning.

Ms. Dressler explained the Board cannot comment publicly at this point. Mr. Finn explained Commissioners must follow the law, the first step of which is a recommendation from the Planning Commission. There will be a public hearing at which

time testimony will be taken and a decision rendered. The next phase involves Talen submitting its plans for use of the land.

Ms. Dressler said the Board appreciates every comment received. Mr. Lynn said hearing from the public – whether for or against – will help them when it is decision-making time.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, 116,667.69; Children & Youth, \$97,518.20; Liquid Fuels, \$461.21; Human and Community Service, \$861.00; Operating Reserve, \$33,881.00; Other, \$45,362.88. 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