

December 16, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved January 13, 2026 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Chuck Jenkins, Treasurer-elect; Greg Molter, Planning; Bob Stoudt, MARC; Renee Goocey, Frank Rishel, Planning Commission; Bob Montgomery, Sheriff's Office; Beth Goldman, Kit Kelley, Kathy Kelley, Craig High, Public; Drew Mumich, Press Enterprise; Anna Wiest, The Daily Item.

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

General Account Checking	\$450,420.56
Capital Reserve Fund	\$44,958.23
Operating Reserve	\$1,448,618.91
Total Checking	\$1,943,997.70
Act 13 Highway-Bridge	\$203,693.83
Act 44	\$136,870.31
Act 89	\$295,476.84
Children and Youth Checking	\$1,112,759.54
Debt Service Fund	\$1,127,735.13
Flood Mitigation	\$2,905.58
Hazardous Material Account Checking	\$11,803.75
Human & Community Services Checking	\$122,381.27
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$17,318.04
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$273,819.39
Offender Supervision Account Checking	\$65,810.66
Opioid Settlement Fund	\$246,422.32
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$57,049.55
Uniform 911 Surcharge	\$1,047,627.51
Whole Homes Repair	\$9,395.57

Mr. Lynn moved to add the resignation of Frank Dombroski from the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority to the agenda. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

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 related to agenda items. Mr. Kelley asked the Board to look at a map for a right-of-way. Ms. Goldman reminded everyone that a public kickoff for the America250 observance is scheduled for 11 a.m. January 21 at the Admin Center.

Under old business, Ms. Dressler moved to adopt the 2026 General Fund budget of \$11,416,912.14 in revenues and \$11,254,819.60 in expenditures. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to set the real estate tax at 5.19 mills and debt service tax at .26652 mills. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to adopt the Liquid Fuels budget of \$736,258.90 in revenues and \$700,274.63 in expenditures. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Ms. Dressler moved to adopt the 2026 Tax Resolution to levy millage and set forth collection rates in discount, face and penalty periods. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler reported quotes on a \$1,000,000.00 Tax Anticipation Note were received as follows: M&T Bank, 3.96%; Journey Bank, 4.05%. Ms. Dressler moved to accept the low rate. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to adopt Resolution R-12-16-2025 authorizing the acceptance and execution of the TAN quote from M&T Bank. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler introduced Mr. Stoudt, who requested the Board draft a letter to the DCNR seeking a one-year extension on the Hopewell Park Rehabilitation and Pump Track Development Grant. Mr. Stoudt also asked the Board to consider engineering and construction contracts for the project.

Mrs. Dressler moved to send a letter to DCNR seeking a one-year extension to the pump track grant through December 31, 2026. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve a contract with Brinkash & Associates for engineering services on the pump track project at a cost of \$16,000.00, pending final approval from DCNR. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve an agreement with American Ramp Company for pump track construction at a cost of \$160,000.00, conditional on DCNR final approval. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve submission of a \$10,000.00 grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for equipment, outreach activities, and veterans' services. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve the annual signal maintenance agreement with TRA Electric Inc. for the Route 54 and Old Valley School Road signal. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a five-year renewal with RTI at \$40,000.00 annually for IT-related services. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve an annual service agreement with Forensic Pathology Associates for services to the Coroner's Office with the cost of routine autopsies increasing by \$100.00. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to reappoint Renee Goocey to a four-year term on the Planning Commission and Tom Benfer and Richard Jones to one-year term extensions on the Planning Commission. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to accept the resignation of Frank Dombroski from the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority and to appoint Terry Brown to a five-year term on the JRA through December 31, 2030. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to affirm a letter of retirement from Bonita Hartzell, Deputy Treasurer, effective December 31. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Lynn moved to hire Bonita Hartzell as a part-time, call-in administrative assistant assigned to the Treasurer's Office effective January 2, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$17.39. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to affirm the resignation of Chet Bixler as Deputy Sheriff effective December 6. Ms. Dressler seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn affirmed the resignation of Jessica Bogart as Jury Clerk effective December 5. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to postpone the hearing on Talen Energy's request to change the zoning map in portions of Anthony Township from agricultural to industrial from December 17 to January 23, 2026, at First Baptist Church of Danville. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve 2026 meeting dates as follows: second and fourth Tuesdays at 11 a.m. beginning January 13, with the exception of a meeting on December 30, 2026. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to approve 2026 holidays as follows: New Year's, January 1; Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19; Presidents day, February 16; Good Friday, April 3; Memorial Day, May 25; Flag Day, June 15; Independence Day, July 3; Labor Day, September 7; Columbus Day, October 12; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving, November 26 and 27; Christmas, December 24 and 25. Mr. Lynn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Dressler moved to close County offices December 26. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Denney thanked the planning Commission for all their work on the Talen zoning request. He also noted that the agenda for the upcoming hearing on January 23 is posted on the County website as are FAQs.

Mr. Rishel thanked the Commissioners for replacing Bridge 12 on Crawford Road in Anthony Township.

Mr. Finn gave an update on two other bridge projects, noting repairs to the Keefer Mill Covered Bridge were delayed as contractors were unable to obtain timber. That project is expected to be done in mid-January. Repairs to the Samel Wagner Covered Bridge, jointly owned with Northumberland County, have been delayed as more issues with the span have been uncovered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk