

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Robert Postal; Kevin Kodish; Noah Wise; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig; Chief Clerk in Training Charity Larson; and Solicitor Steve Snook.

Guests present were, Treasurer Diane Griffith, Grants Liaison Madison Price, JVBDS Administrator Kathy Whalen, 911 Manager Josh Pennepacker, Tony Salso and Bill Womer from McVeytown EMS, Kristal Amaro and Michael Coldren from Fame EMS, Helen Kirk, and Ciara Williams and Jiliah Frazier from MCTV.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Postal.

- I. Invocation:** The Invocation was given by Commissioner Kodish.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.
- III. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to accept the minutes of the Regular Meetings of May 7, 2026. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

- 1. General Fund, Accounts Payable
Ck. #'s 154327-154513 and EFT #'s 605594-605604 in the amount of \$616,822.83
- 2. Payroll Account
Ck. #'s 80230-80234 and Direct Deposit Advice #'s 67602-67825 in the amount of \$383,859.15
- 3. 911 Account
Ck. #'s 53220-53338 and EFT #'s 80284-80286 in the amount of \$10,722.82
- 4. LEPC Account
EFT # 1634-1635 in the amount of \$2,019.61
- 5. CYS Account
Ck. #'s 1096-1117 in the amount of \$288,086.52
- 6. CDBG Account
Ck. #'s 1847-1852 in the amount of \$32,446.66
- 7. Act 137 Account
Ck. #'s 3174-3175 in the amount of \$172.01

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve payment of bills as listed above. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

v. Treasurer's Report:

TREASURER'S REPORT
5/5/2026-5/19/2026

General Account Starting Balance	\$1,627,824.91
DEBITS	
Deposits Receipts #129074-129248	1,384,724.19
Transfer from LEPC	625.95
Transfer from Reserve	0.00
Transfer from CYS	120,397.30
Interest	0.00
Voided Checks	0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,505,747.44
Bills Paid CK #'S 154327-154513 EFT #'S 605594-605604	616,822.83
Transfer to Payroll CK#80230-80234 DD#67602-67825	383,859.15
Transfer to CYS	1,009.84
NSF Checks	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,001,691.82
Ending Balance (Interest @ 4.050% as of 5/19/2026)	\$2,131,880.53
Reserve Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 4.050% as of 5/19/2026	\$9,779,552.76

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Treasurer's Report as received, subject to audit. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Meetings and Events:

Chairman Postal:

- PA Opioid Trust WG*
- J-Way: MC Historic Courthouse*
- LEO/WIOA Executive Committee*
- MC Record Improvement Fund*
- MC Airport Authority*
- MC Academy Signing Day*
- SC JRA Board Meeting*
- Insurance Agent/Policies Meeting*
- Mifflin Soaring Association/Gliders*
- Courthouse Tour with Belleville Students*
- CCAP Community & Economic Dev Committee*
- 2026 Primary Election*
- DLI Executive Committee*
- Provisional Ballot Review*
- Internal (MCCF; MCPD; Tax Services; MCHC; Bridges; Solicitor)*

Commissioner Kodish:

- Historic Courthouse Project Update*
- PIMCC Board – Harrisburg*
- MC Sports Hall of Fame Induction Dinner*
- County Record Improvement Fund*
- Area Agency on Aging Board*
- Meetings with County Project Manager*
- Workshop Meetings*
- Meeting with County Insurance Agent*
- Board of Elections – Election Day Activities*
- Visit to Celebration Village, Reedsville*
- Regional Services Corporation Board*
- Regional Services Finance Committee*
- CSP Meeting at The Journey Goes On Drop In Center*
- Provisional Ballot Review*

Commissioner Wise:

- MC Historic Courthouse Meeting*
- United Way Golf Tournament*
- MC Record Improvement Fund*
- Graduation Ceremony at the Armory*
- Youth Park Meeting*
- Meeting with County Insurance Agent*
- 911 Meeting*
- 2026 Primary Election Polling Location Visits*
- Visit to The Journey Goes On Drop In Center*
- United Way Meeting*

VII. Public Comment:

None

VIII. New Business:

A. Proclamation – May is Mental Health Awareness Month

JVBDS Administrator Kathy Whalen stated it has been a busy month for Mental Health Awareness. A CSP picnic was held earlier in the month. The picnic was very successful and they were able to provide the next day lunch for the drop in center from the leftovers. May 16th was the first annual cornhole tournament. It was not well attended however Ms. Whalen felt that was due to it being a new event in the area.

The light up green campaign has been successful in starting conversations about mental health helping to fight stigmas. The annual walk for mental health awareness will be held in October at Kish Park as usual.

Proclamation

“MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH”

May 2026

WHEREAS, Mental Health is the foundation of an individual’s thought processes, relationships, productivity, and community understanding and access to support services is vital to a person’s ability to handle stress, move forward, and lead a fulfilling life. Mental Health is a fundamental component that allows those living in Huntingdon, Mifflin and Juniata counties to live with joy, dignity, and purpose; and

WHEREAS, Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services strives to increase public understanding of the importance of mental health, and to promote mental health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, despite its prevalence, mental health remains shrouded in stigma, preventing many from seeking help;

WHEREAS, Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services, along with other agencies and organizations across the tri-county region, share a collective responsibility to address the community’s mental health needs and promote proactive wellness and prevention efforts; in addition to increasing the public’s knowledge that effective services and support are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Counties of Huntingdon, Mifflin and Juniata acting as Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services, in recognition of the importance of raising awareness, fighting stigma, and promoting mental health resources, do hereby proclaim **May 2026 to be “Mental Health Awareness Month”** in Huntingdon County, Mifflin County and Juniata County urging all citizens to challenge stigma, seek help, support organizations and create safe and supportive environments for open conversations about mental health. Together, we can create a community where everyone feels empowered to prioritize their mental well-being and seek help when needed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the item. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Proclamation – EMS Week – May 17 -23, 2026

Fame EMS Chief of Operations Michael Coldren expressed appreciation for recognition of EMS workers. Mr. Coldren stressed the importance of EMS services to the community stating it is local people helping other local people. He noted they are working with several younger people to move up through the ranks to become EMS workers.

EMS Week Proclamation

To designate the Week of May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services fills healthcare gaps by providing important, out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating the Emergency Medical Services Week; now

THEREFORE We the Mifflin County Commissioners, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 17 - 23, 2026, as

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the item. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Request for exoneration of the 2025 delinquent real estate taxes and relieve Kathy Whitsel, Assistant Director of Tax Services, from collecting these taxes:

- Parcel No. 08,20-0237--,001 – mobile home was removed

Motion was made by Commissioner Wise to approve the item. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Five-Year Tower HVAC Service Agreements with MGM Mechanical Inc., for 2026 through 2031 - \$4,360.00 per year

This is a continuation of an existing agreement for another term of five years.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wise to approve the item. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement for fiscal year 2025 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 - \$44,737.00

911 Supervisor Josh Pennepacker stated these funds are used to partially pay the salaries of the Emergency Services Director, GIS Tech/Planning Assistant, and himself. He noted this item always runs a year behind.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wise to approve the item. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

F. Budget Revision No. 1 FFY 2024 CDBG OBO Derry Township

- Reduce the Scattered Site Roof Replacement Project by \$3,720.00 and reallocate to the Yeagertown Area Road Reconstruction Phase 2

Grants Liaison Madison Price explained the reason for the reallocation as due to increased costs. The project originally was meant to cover the cost of four roofs however due to increases in material cost could now only cover three.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wise to approve the item. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

G. Personnel:

- Hiring of Michael Jones for LPN at the Correctional Facility effective May 14, 2026
- Hiring of Juan Rivera and Kolton Porch for Part-time Correction Officers effective May 26, 2026
- Retirement of Ronald Knable from Corrections Officer effective May 31, 2026
- Resignation of Daniel Treweek from 911 Telecommunicator effective May 15, 2026
- Hiring of Aija Binder for Judicial Assistant summer intern effective May 26, 2026
- Hiring of Trey Shoemaker for Judicial Assistant summer intern effective May 28, 2026
- Hiring of Matthew Rickert for Field Assessor effective June 1, 2026
- Hiring of Ansh Patel for an intern in the Public Defender's Office effective June 1, 2026

Motion was made by Commissioner Wise to approve the personnel items. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IX. Adjournment:

With no other business on the agenda, Commissioner Postal adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk