

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Robert Postal; Kevin Kodish; Noah Wise; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig; Solicitor Steve Snook; and Fiscal Assistant Charity Larson.

Guests present were, Treasurer Diane Griffith, Chief Probation Officer Nick Wolfkiel, Planning Director James Lettiere, Grants Liaison Michael Fonti, Matt Harpster of EADS Group, Colette Hartzler from United Way, and Carter Lane and Aaden Stevens 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 January 2, 2025. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

- 1. General Fund, Accounts Payable
Ck. #'s 148899-149053 and EFT #'s 602691-602796 in the amount of \$920,349.18
- 2. Payroll Account
Ck. #'s 79965-79969 and Direct Deposit Advice #'s 59588-59803 in the amount of \$378,510.36
- 3. 911 Account
Ck. #'s 52930-52947 and EFT #'s 80127-80129 in the amount of \$306,401.83
- 4. LEPC Account
EFT # 1596 in the amount of \$1,740.00
- 5. Liquid Fuels Act 89 Account
Ck. # 1747-1748 in the amount of \$20,936.68
- 6. CDBG Account
Ck.# 1783 in the amount of \$1,188,693.59

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	
1/1/2025-1/14/2025	
General Account Starting Balance	\$906,220.31
DEBITS	
Deposits Receipts #123690-123910	1,506,376.73
Transfer from 911	29.17
Transfer from LEPC	305.90
Interest	0.00
Voided Checks	24,736.75
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,531,448.55
Bills Paid CK #S 148899-149053 EFT #S 602691-602796	920,349.18
Transfer to Payroll CK 79965-79969 DD 59588-59803	378,510.36
NSF Check	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,298,859.54
Ending Balance (Interest @ 4.550% as of 1/14/2025)	\$1,138,809.32
 Capital Reserve Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 4.550% as of 1/14/2025	\$11,810,925.81

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:

*Opioid Trust Dispute Committee
Meeting with Municipal Authority
Salary Board Reorganization Meeting
Joint Rail Authority
Prison Board
JBI Annual dinner
Mifflin County Airport Authority
DLI Executive Committee
MC Library Tour and Grant Approval
J-Way Construction
Opioid Trust Work Group 2
Meeting with 911 and Emergency Management
Internal: Personnel; Fiscal; Maintenance;
Tax Services; MIS; Elections; Sheriff*

Commissioner Kodish:

*Meeting with Municipal Authority
Salary Board Reorganization Meeting
Workshop Meetings
Prison Board
SEDA-COG Board
AAA Board
Meeting with 911 and Emergency Management*

Commissioner Wise:

*Burnham Borough Bridge Project
Future Water Projects Meeting
Prison Board
CCAP Member Meeting
Brown Township Meeting
United Way Meeting
Housing Authority Meeting*

VII. Public Comment:

None

VIII. New Business:

- A. Proclamation designating January 2025 as United Way Month

PROCLAMATION

TO DESIGNATE JANUARY 2025 AS UNITED WAY MONTH

WHEREAS, the United Way of Mifflin-Juniata has been involved in meeting the needs of the people living in the Juniata Valley for over 90 years; and,

WHEREAS, the United Way of Mifflin-Juniata’s mission is to improve people’s lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community – is best exemplified through its ability to bring people together to solve difficult problems; and

WHEREAS, United Way believes in creating opportunities for a better life for all by “**Living United**” and encourages our residents to designate their United Way contributions to their home communities; and

WHEREAS, government employees give generously to the United Way of Mifflin-Juniata;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the Mifflin County Commissioners proclaim the month of January 2025, as “United Way Month” to heighten public awareness.

AND FURTHER, we encourage our residents and employees to continue their support in this United Way fundraising campaign, to raise \$450,000 to benefit children, seniors and families throughout 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the Mifflin County Commissioners express our appreciation to the many volunteers on the Boards of Directors of the United Way and its partner agencies for their generous contributions of time and energy to these agencies which seek to enrich the lives of people of this great county and do hereby proclaim and urge all citizens to recognize and support these efforts and services.

Colette Hartzler of the United Way explained that a local group had partnered with the Chamber to form a Community Chest in January of 1935. Since then the United Way has been serving the area for 90 years to improve people’s lives by working with various agencies in the area of income, education, and health. They serve those people who have a job but have a hard time making ends meet. They strive to give kids and families opportunities to succeed.

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

B. Requests for refund of a portion of County real estate taxes:

- Parcel No. 08,01-0100 located in Burnham Borough – parcel is immune from taxation - \$2,239.37 (2024)

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

C. Tax Claim 2025 Fees and Costs – Effective March 3, 2025

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

D. Children and Youth Custodial Parent Services Agreement with Law Office of Brian Baker, LLC., Mifflintown PA to provide court-appointed counsel for custodial parents in child welfare cases for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 for the sum of \$2,500.00 per month

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

E. Re-appointment of Kay Semler to the Mifflin County Industrial Development Authority for a four-year term

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

F. Appointment of Donald Gearhart to the Agriculture Land Preservation Board for a three-year term

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

G. Change Order No. 2 for the Hawstone Sanitary Sewer Extension Project for C&R Directional Boring, LLC for a 180-day time extension

Grants Liaison Michael Fonti explained there is no change to the fund amount with this request, it is only a request for an extension of time to allow for material acquisition for the project.

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

H. Award Notification for the Adult Probation Grant in Aid for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 - \$32,016.00

Chief Probation Officer Nick Wolfkiel stated this is an annual grant. The amount of the grant has increased by approximately \$11,000.00 since last year however, requirements are more stringent. Mifflin County has no issues with meeting the requirements. One hundred percent of the funds go towards Adult Probation Officer salaries.

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

I. Appointment of Commissioner Kodish to the Central Counties Youth Detention Center Board

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

J. Personnel:

- Hiring of Ryan Taylor for a Deputy Coroner effective January 13, 2024
- Promotion of Craig Rutherford from part-time Correction Officer to full-time Lieutenant effective January 20, 2025
- Hiring of Seth Snyder, Khaleema Mack and Kevin Ulsh for part-time Correction Officers effective January 20, 2025
- Hiring of William Snook for part-time Security Guard effective January 21, 2025
- Resignation of Sarah Drayer from Court Tipstaff effective April 30, 2025

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 9:17 a.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk