

Lewistown, PA

April 29, 2021

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Mark Sunderland, Robert Postal and Kevin Kodish; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig, and Fiscal Affairs Assistant Makyla Henry.

Brian Cox of The Sentinel was the only representative present from the news media.

Guests present: Treasurer Deb Civitts; Physical Plant Director Lonnie Griffith; Director of Veterans Affairs/ Voter Registration Jimmy Conway; Solicitor Alina Reed; Lisa Stalnaker; Lisa Bollinger and Bob Henry from JVBDS.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairman Sunderland.

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 Postal to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2021. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

1. General Fund, Accounts Payable:

Cks. #132633 to 132790 and EFT's #27777 to 27800 in the amount of \$723,896.48

2. Payroll Account:

Cks. #79111 to 79117 and Direct Deposit Advices # 37548 to 37800 in the amount of \$379,456.19

3. 911 Account:

Cks. # 52146 to 52152 and EFTs #20796 to 20801 in the amount of \$8,330.41

4. Act 137 Account

Ck #3115 in the amount of \$170.50

5. LEPC Account

Ck. # 1525 in the amount of \$90.86

6. Liquid Fuels Account Act 89 Account

EFT # 8104 in the amount of \$65.80

7. PIB Account

Ck. #2000003 in the amount of \$80,405.00

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

V. Treasurer's Report:

TREASURER'S REPORT

04/14/2021-04/27/2021

General Account Starting Balance	\$336,296.00
DEBITS	
Deposits Receipts #106209-106417	1,495,241.59
Transfer from	0.00
Transfer from CAPITAL RESERVE	100,000.00
Transfer from LEPC	0.00
Voided Checks	1,456.00
Transfer from 911	0.00
Interest	0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,596,697.59
CREDITS	
Bills Paid CK #'S 132633-132790, EFT'S # 27777-27800	723,896.48
Transfer to Payroll CKS 79111-79117, DD 37548-37800	379,456.19
Transfer to Act 137	3,703.00
NSF CHECKS	0.00
TRANSFER TO ACT 152	4,845.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,111,900.67
<u>Ending Balance (Interest @ 0.280% as of 04/27/2021)</u>	<u>\$821,092.92</u>
Liquid Fuels	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.280% as of 04/27/2021	\$408,471.78
Liquid Fuels - Act 89	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.280% as of 04/27/2021	\$382,426.65
911 Telephone Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.280% as of 04/27/2021	\$469,814.30
LEPC	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.280% as of 04/27/2021	\$28,670.89
Local Use Fund	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.280% as of 04/27/2021	\$471,625.22
Capital Reserve Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 0.950% as of 04/27/2021	\$10,304,755.65
Report Subject to Audit	

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

VI. Meetings and Events:

Chairman Sunderland: *Zoom Meeting w/ Jake Corman*
Record Improvement Fund
JVBDS
Meeting on PREA Grant
Budget Meeting
Enterprise Car Rental Meeting

Commissioner Postal: *JVBDS*
SEDA-COG Natural Gas Co-Op Executive and Board
Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce
PVC/ Broadford Presentation
DLI Executive
Mifflin County Human Reserve Council
County Record Improvement Fund
Mifflin County Planning Commission
Mifflin County Recreation Council
Internal Meetings w/ MCCF, 911, Elections, CYS, Tax
Services and the Annex Project

Commissioner Kodish: *Update Meeting with Senator Corman*
Record Improvement Fund Meeting
JVBDS Board
Regional Services Corporation Board
Library Board
Election Board
Solid Waste Authority Board
Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau Board
PREA Grant Meeting
SEDA-COG Board
SEDA-COG Local Development Corporation Board

VII. Proclamation:

“MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH”

May 2021

WHEREAS, Mental Health Month raises awareness of trauma and the impact it can have on the physical, emotional and mental well-being of children, families and communities

WHEREAS, Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services strives to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in the lives of Pennsylvanians and to celebrate recovery from mental illness

WHEREAS, mental health is essential for a person's overall health. Prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can recover from mental disorders and live full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services, along with other agencies and organizations across the tri-county region, is applying unique approaches to sharing the valuable opportunity to celebrate the tremendous strides made in central Pennsylvania promoting mental health and 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 the ongoing fight against mental health, do hereby proclaim May 2021 to be "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Huntingdon County, Mifflin County and Juniata County urging all citizens to renew a commitment to ridding our society of the stigma associated with mental illness, encourage those living with mental health conditions to get the help they need and reaffirm our pledge to ensure those who need help have access to the support, acceptance and resources they deserve.

Bob Henry from JVBDS spoke and thanked the commissioners for making May Mental Health Awareness Month. He said as Mr. Postal read, services are available regardless of your insurance coverage or your ability to pay. He is encouraging folks who are experiencing mental health issues to reach out and take advantage of the services available in our county. The access point for Mifflin County is Services Access and Management and the phone number is (717) 242-0351. They are available 24/7, 365 days a year. The crisis hotline number is 1-800-929-9583.

Lisa Bollinger also from JVBDS spoke and said that COVID hasn't always been a positive thing, but one positive thing to come out of it is the ability to join a lot of virtual trainings. With that being said, they have been in contact with York County. They started The Light The Way for mental health, The Green Light campaign in 2017. We have partnered with York County to join in the green light campaign. Part of May Mental Health Awareness month, we are kicking off the American foundation for suicide prevention out of darkness walk events. We have 3 green flood lights that will light up the old courthouse for mental health awareness.

VIII. Public Comment:

None to report.

IX. New Business:

A. Proclamation – May 2021 is Mental Health Awareness Month

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Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to make May Mental Health Awareness month. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Request for exoneration of 2021 county portion per capita taxes:

- Newton Hamilton Tax collector Melody Kane – 3

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the request for exoneration of 2021 per capita taxes. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Request for exoneration of 2021 county real estate tax bill and relieve the Tax Collector from collecting these bills:

- Parcel No. 14,03-0449 located in Brown Township – Department of Veteran’s Affairs has approved exempt status for this parcel - \$1,006.13
- Parcel No. 17,03-0113--,000, located in Granville Township – parcel did not receive preferential clean and green assessment and will be rebilled with August supplemental - \$559.05

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Annex Project (Electrical Contract) change order:

- No. 4-002 with Lobar Inc., Coroner Area and exterior control revisions – additional \$5,692.48

Mr. Griffith spoke and said after the project was bid to convert the un-used area as the Coroner’s Office. This is change order for the electrical and cooler in the coroner’s office. Mr. Postal asked if we will be done with changer orders and Mr. Griffith said there will be small things like flooring. When the bid first came out the extra area was going to be used as storage. When they decided to make it the coroner’s office that meant a few changes were going to be addressed. The HVAC system and exhaust system needed to be re-designed. On the coroner’s area we have spent \$30,904.23.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Annex Project (HVAC Construction Contract) change orders:

- No. 2-0002 with Hosler Corp., Probation Area Ductsox System Modified – additional \$979.00
- No. 2-0003 with Hosler Corp., Miscellaneous HVAC revisions – additional \$1,086.00

Mr. Griffith spoke and said they re-designed Probation and other offices to fit their current needs. We had to re-design how heating and cooling will be. When the basement was re-designed it was required to re-design all duct work in that area as well.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- F. *Project modification request for the Re-Entry Coordination Grant for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021*

Lisa Stalnaker spoke and said the only changes made were to personnel. Time, total and scope of the grant remains the same.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the project modification request. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- G. *Agreement with Curtis Wert, Lewistown, PA to provide Re-Entry Coordination Services during the period May 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 not to exceed \$25,000 to be paid through the Re-Entry Grant*

Lisa Stalnaker spoke and said this is our contract of service. Mr. Postal asked when the first meeting is and she said they have already started. He starts in May. There is training on May 11 and May 18. We want to have him hired before the trainings since they will be a big part of his responsibilities.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the Virtual Sequential Intercept Mapping Workshop. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- H. *Electronic Access Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Pennsylvania Crash Information Tool*

Mr. Postal explained that currently Mifflin County Regional Police Department administers the counties local regional highway safety grants related to aggressive driving and DUI's. They have asked us to partner with them to gain direct access for data from PennDOT, which they don't have right now, it's a way to make this more effective. They'll administer the grants. It will benefit all police departments because they will all have access to this data through regional police. We will be working with the regional police department and Chief of Police Andre French to finalize all the agreements and partnerships.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to sign the agreement. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- I. *Short-term rental agreement with the Lewistown Armory for election day on May 18, 2021*

Mr. Conway spoke and said it is the same contract we used for the November election. We can go set up early if need be. Commissioner Kodish asked how many people are receiving mail in ballots. Jimmy said they are at 1,600 right now. They have been separated and sealed. They will go out on May 3rd. A drop box will be installed and opened and closed on the day of election, May 18th. All polling locations are the same. We are short a few poll workers in a couple locations. They have floaters that can fill spots as needed. Training will be held tomorrow April 30, 2021.

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to approve the short-term rental agreement with the Lewistown Armory. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- J. *Personnel:*

- *Hiring of Joseph Taylor for Children and Youth Caseworker effective May 3, 2021*
- *Promotion of Matthew Bender from Caseworker I to Caseworker II in the Children and Youth office effective May 3, 2021*

Motion was made by Commissioner Postal to be approved. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IX. Adjournment:

With no other business on the agenda, Chairman Sunderland adjourned the meeting at 9:21 am.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk