

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024 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, Jenny Landis and Buffie Boyer from the Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau, Planning Director James Lettiere, Candace Rager, Mark Baker, Cody Wian, Mina Philips, Alivia Sudam, Helen Kirk and Lily Rivera and Dakota Schulz 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 November 11, 2024. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

- 1. *General Fund, Accounts Payable*
Ck. #'s 148290-148422 and EFT #'s 602550-602553 in the amount of \$855,404.81
- 2. *911 Account*
Ck. #'s 52909-52911 and EFT #'s 80112-80113 in the amount of \$3,874.00
- 3. *CDBG Account*
Ck. #'s 1775-1777 in the amount of \$453,799.98
- 4. *Liquid Fuels Account*
Ck. #'s 1744-1745 in the amount of \$8,072.00

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
11/13/2024-11/19/2024

General Account Starting Balance	\$411,746.50
DEBITS	
Deposits Receipts #123184-123258	148,913.27
Transfer from Capital Reserve	1,000,000.00
Transfer from LEPC	0.00
Interest	0.00
Voided Checks	9,373.56
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,158,286.83
Bills Paid CK #'S 148290-148422 EFT #'S 602550-602553	855,404.81
Transfer to Payroll	0.00
Transfer to SFPP	18,232.15
NSF Check	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$873,636.96
Ending Balance (Interest @ 4.550% as of 11/19/2024)	\$696,396.37

Capital Reserve Account
Invested at JV Bank @ 4.550% as of 11/19/2024 **\$12,570,793.31**

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:

*Board of Elections Activities
Bridge Program Meeting
Meeting with Emergency Management Director
Meeting with District Attorney
Workshop Meeting
Conservation District Meeting*

Commissioner Kodish:

*CCAP Deferred Compensation Committee
Board of Elections Activities
Regional Services Board
Meeting with the District Attorney
Workshop Meeting
Library Board
Bridge Program Meeting
Meeting with Emergency Management Director*

Commissioner Wise:

*Meeting with Auditor Helen Kirk
Board of Elections Activities
Bridge Program Meeting
Meeting with Emergency Management Director*

VII. Public Comment:

None

VIII. New Business:

A. Jenny Landis and Buffie Boyer – Visitors Bureau

Buffie Boyer provided information on the 27th Annual Festival of Ice to take place on December 5th and 6th from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. This year’s theme will be Christmas Around the World. There will be new ice designs and the annual crazy parade will be a royal crazy parade in honor of England. Local restaurants will be serving international food items and the scavenger hunt will be a word scramble. There are many other activities and sights for attendees to enjoy. Proceeds from the annual gingerbread house competition will benefit the Primary Health Network Dental Clinic. Last year over 13,000 people attended the event.

Jenny Landis talked about the Goose Day celebrations. Over 3200 goose dinners were served and over 700 goose tacos, nachos, and other items were also consumed. Lucky Friday was very popular this year with around 5000 attendees. Mifflin County’s Goose Day Celebration is beginning to get statewide recognition.

Ms. Landis also noted, The Steelworks Pump Track in Yeagertown is now open and is expected to be a good tourism draw which will bring money into the area. She also stated there are now over 40 fiberglass geese throughout the county.

B. Reappointments to the Mifflin County Conservation District:

- a. Raymond Snyder, PA – Farmer Director – four-year term
- b. Robert Postal, Lewistown, PA – Commissioner Member – one-year term

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

C. Resolution No. 49 of 2024 designating Planning Director James Lettiere to serve as Municipal Broadband Champion for municipalities

Resolution No. 49 of 2024

WHEREAS, Mifflin County seeks to provide support for municipalities to obtain designation as a Broadband Ready Community from the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA); and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Ready Community designation allows for increased opportunities for broadband infrastructure investment through the reduction of procedural, policy, and permitting barriers to broadband deployment at the municipal level; and

WHEREAS, municipalities throughout Mifflin County will be promoted by the PBDA to internet service providers and broadband implementation firms for obtaining Broadband Ready Community designation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Mifflin County authorizes the Mifflin County Planning and Development to serve as Municipal Broadband Champion for its municipalities who have been notified of your resolution;

Name of County Representative: James P. Lettiere, AICP, Planning Director

Adopted by the Mifflin County Commissioners this 21st day of November 2024

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

- D. Contract renewal with Geisinger Health Plan for employee group health coverage for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 and Loyalty Credit Addendum

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

- E. Agreement to provide planning services to Derry Township for the year 2025 in the amount of \$1,500.00

Planning Director James Lettiere explained this agreement is for preparing staff comment reports and attending their Planning Commission meetings. Primarily this is to review subdivision and land development activity and to assist the township Planning Commission with compliance with zoning and subdivision ordinances.

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

- F. Display the 2025 budget on November 21, 2024 for final adoption December 19, 2024

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

- G. Personnel:

- Hiring of Lisa Rogers for part-time Correction Officer effective November 25, 2024
- Promotion of Megan McMahon from Children and Youth Supervisor to Children and Youth Assistant Administrator effective November 25, 2024
- Promotion of Gyasi Lear from Children and Youth Caseworker I to Caseworker II effective November 25, 2024
- Resignation of Brian Fleegal from the 911 Operations and Training Officer effective December 2, 2024
- Appointment of Madison Christmas for an Intern in the Sheriff's Department effective January 2, 2025
- Hiring of Kallie Weaver for a part-time Judicial Assistant effective January 14, 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 9:22 a.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk