

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Robert Postal; Kevin Kodish; Noah Wise; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig; Solicitor Stephen Snook; and Fiscal Assistant Charity Larson

Guests present were, Treasurer Diane Griffith, Physical Plant Director Lonnie Griffith, Planning Director James Lettiere, Juvenile Probation Officer Supervisor Hillary Worley, Warden Jason Kormanic, Micaela Mills of Juniata Valley Tri-County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Helen Kirk, and Arika Henry and Mara Gallo 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 February 1, 2024. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. **Approval of Bills:**

- 1. **General Fund, Accounts Payable**
 Ck. #'s 144932-145069 EFT #'s 601306-601414 in the amount of \$554,989.47
- 2. **Payroll Account**
 Ck. #'s 79782-79787 and Direct Deposit Advice #'s 54236-54465 in the amount of \$357,015.12
- 3. **911 Account**
 Ck. #'s 52744-52747 and EFT #'s 80040-80042 in the amount of \$19,784.58
- 4. **Liquid Fuels Account**
 EFT # 1732-1733 in the amount of \$37,334.03

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
1/31/2024-2/13/2024

General Account Starting Balance	\$353,680.22
DEBITS	
Deposits Receipts #119421-119573	325,966.22
Transfer from	
Transfer from 911	0.00
Voided Checks	2,729.51
Transfer from LEPC	258.71
Interest	6,450.62
Capital Reserve	2,000,000.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,335,405.06
CREDITS	
Bills Paid CK #S144932-145069 EFT #S 601306-601414	554,989.47
Transfer to Payroll CK 79782-79787 DD 54236-54465	357,015.12
Adjustment	0.00
NSF Check	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$912,004.59
Ending Balance (Interest @ 4.550% as of 2/13/2024)	\$1,777,080.69

Capital Reserve Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 4.550% as of 2/13/2024	\$14,821,453.08
Report Subject to Audit	

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:

*JV Tri-District Drug and Alcohol Commission
Opioid Trust Executive and Public Meetings
Advance Central PA Executive Committee
JVBDS Joinder Board
MC Airport Authority
Advance Central PA/LEO Orientation
SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority
Meeting with Juniata County Reassessment
Internal (Bridge Rehab; Tax Services;
MCPD/CDBG; Maintenance; Elections; Legal)*

Commissioner Kodish:

*CDBG Discussion/Planning Director
CARS Board
Workshop Meeting
JVBDS Joinder Meeting
Regional Services Strategic Planning
Tri-County Drug and Alcohol
Meeting with 911 Director
Meeting with Tax Services Director*

Commissioner Wise:

*Penn State Extension Orientation
Tri-County Drug and Alcohol Commission
Workshop Meeting
JVBDS
Housing Authority
Juniata County Reassessment
Youth Park Board
Joinder Board of Commissioners
HSDF Meeting*

VII. Public Comment:

None

VIII. New Business:

A. Juniata Valley Tri-County Drug & Alcohol Abuse Commission – Opioid Abatement Activity

Micaela Mills of Tri-County Drug & Alcohol explained the office is responsible for funding and supporting drug and alcohol treatment, prevention, intervention, and case management services to the residents of Mifflin, Juniata, and Huntingdon Counties. MC entered into a memorandum of understanding with their office to establish, implement, and expand opioid remediation programs. A two-county Advisory Board made up of key players from Mifflin and Juniata Counties was then formed to provide oversight and evaluation of programming. To date Mifflin County has received \$203,912.96 in opioid settlement funding. Multiple programs have implemented and expanded with these funds.

Commissioner Postal clarified that he personally serves as one of the thirteen members of the Trust and in that capacity will not be reviewing Mifflin County's report because of perceived conflict of interest.

B. Amending the action taken on January 4, 2024 to exonerate Menno Township Tax Collector Cynthia Clever from collecting 2023 per capita tax bills as presented (21) – corrected total 15

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

C. Tax Claim 2024 Fees and Costs

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

D. Resolution No. 32 of 2024 supporting the 2024 priorities of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION NO. 32 OF 2024

A Resolution of the County of Mifflin, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting the 2024 priorities of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania counties have selected *eight priority issues* that will be the focal point of counties' proactive legislative agenda for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the *top priority for Pennsylvania counties in 2024 is securing additional 911 funding* since current funding has not kept pace with the increasing costs of quick and efficient 911 operations; and

WHEREAS, counties' *second priority is advocating for a county mental health base funding increase* to ensure that residents are able to access community-based mental health services, such as community residential programs, family-based support, outpatient care and crisis intervention, which are critical to the well-being of our constituents and our communities; and

WHEREAS, counties' *third priority is addressing county inmates with mental health issues* and find ways to better serve those incarcerated experiencing severe mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the *fourth priority is an increase in the state prevailing wage threshold*, which has not been increased from \$25,000 since 1961; and

WHEREAS, the fifth priority is *Right-to-Know Law reforms* are counties' fifth priority since there has been an influx of large, complex record requests, as well as requests for records with the intent to burden and bog down the records request process; and

WHEREAS, counties' *sixth priority continues to be seeking critical vote-by-mail reforms*, including clarifications to current law surrounding drop boxes and ballot curing as well as expanded pre-canvassing time and moving back the mail-in ballot application deadline to 15 days before an election; and

WHEREAS, counties chose *broadband access and development as their seventh priority* in light of the immediate need to expand access that will increase economic vitality and personal quality of life; and

WHEREAS, counties *eighth and final priority for 2024 is addressing the juvenile detention capacity crisis*, providing justice-involved youth with timely community-based services and protection in detention for their safety and that of the community; and

RESOLVED, that Mifflin County stands ready to work with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania and counties throughout the Commonwealth in support of these eight priorities for 2024 that improve stewardship of taxpayer dollars, reduce costs, increase local flexibility and assure the quality of services that Mifflin County and other counties provide; and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mifflin County legislative delegation, to Governor Shapiro, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mifflin, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this fifteenth day of February, 2024.

ATTEST: Cathy L. Romig
Cathy L. Romig, Chief Clerk

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

- E. Award Notification for the Juvenile Probation Services Grant for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 - \$32,328.00

Juvenile Probation Officer Supervisor Hillary Worley stated this grant is to cover juvenile probation officer salaries and is an annual award.

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

- F. Award Notification for the Covid 19 Mitigation Grant for the Correctional Facility for the period August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2024 - \$98,872.00

Warden Kormanic stated this grant is through the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency. It is to be used for filtration systems to reduce airborne pathogens for the benefit of both inmates and employees.

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

- G. Award Notification for the Mifflin County Correctional Facility RSAT Grant for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 - \$200,000.00

Warden Kormanic said this grant is to help fund a part-time corrections officer to assist with the medication line for inmates. It will also be used for skilled medical staffing.

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

- H. Generator and Transfer Switch Maintenance with G.R. Sponaugle, Harrisburg, PA for the period March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2027 - \$8,983.00 year one, \$9,252.00 year two and \$9,529.00 year three

Physical Plant Director Lonnie Griffith explained this is a renewal for all backup generators in the county. The increase was due to the addition of the Annex.

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

- I. Indemnity Agreement with Mifflin County School District for use of the Mifflin County High School to host a Mass Casualty Incident Response Seminar and Exercise to be held March 23rd and 24th 2024

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

- J. Agreement with Brown Township for the Act 13 Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund Grant Agreement for the bleacher project at the Reedsville Playground - \$7,936.00

Planning Director James Lettiere said this funding is for round one of the project. The project is to be completed within one year.

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

- K. Agreement with Bratton Township for the Act 13 Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund Grant Agreement for the Longfellow Playground project - \$15,374.00

Planning Director James Lettiere stated this will be used for the ball field and fencing improvements. This project will be completed within one year.

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

- L. Agreement with Bratton Township and on behalf of McVeytown Borough and Oliver Township for the Act 13 Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund Grant Agreement for the McVeytown Boat Launch project - \$1,241.00

Planning Director James Lettiere said this money will be used for fencing and signage specifying parking limitations. This is to be completed within one year.

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

M. Reappointment of Barry Bargo to the Mifflin County Municipal Authority for a five-year term

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

N. Personnel:

- Resignation of Gregory Beeler from part-time Corrections Officer effective February 2, 2024
- Hiring of Timothy Miller, Shawn Gertzen and Gary Rosenberry for part-time Corrections Officers effective February 20, 2024
- Resignation of Nicolas Winfield from Children and Youth Caseworker effective February 23, 2024

Motion was made by Commissioner Wise to approve. 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 9:29 a.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk