

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026 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 Holly Yeager.

- A. Guests present were, Treasurer Diane Griffith, Human Services Director Melissa Stewart, Planning Director James Lettiere, 911 Manager Josh Pennepacker, Public Defender Shawn Curry, Veterans Director James Peters, Burnham Borough Assistant Secretary Molli Long, Lewistown Borough Manager Julie Brooks, Lewistown Borough Council member Lisa Knudson, Helen Kirk, and Luke Bender and Mackenzie Peachey 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:**

Commissioner Kodish moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 2, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wise and carried unanimously.

IV. Treasurer’s Report/Approval of Bills:

- 1. *General Fund, Accounts Payable*
Ck. #'s 153879-154135 and EFT #'s 605550-605566 in the amount of \$1,223,011.61
- 2. *Payroll Account*
Ck. #'s 80218-80222 and Direct Deposit Advice #'s 67140-67371 in the amount of \$398,821.10
- 3. *911 Account*
Ck. #'s 53201-53203 and EFT #'s 80270-80273 in the amount of \$2,364.14
- 4. *Children and Youth Account*
Ck. #'s 1056-1066 and EFT #'s 2000-2089 in the amount of \$332,549.10
- 5. *Act 137 Account*
Ck. # 3169-3171 in the amount of \$4,971.00

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

Treasurer’s Report:

TREASURER'S REPORT	
4/1/2026-4/14/2026	
General Account Starting Balance	\$1,505,265.10
DEBITS	
Deposits Receipts #129074-129248	1,131,804.47
Transfer from LEPC	597.99
Transfer from Coroner	1,139.13
Transfer from 911	3.08
Interest	0.00
Voided Checks	22,620.20
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,156,164.87
CREDITS	
Bills Paid CK #'S 153879-154135 EFT #'S 605550-605566	1,223,011.61
Transfer to Payroll CK#80218-80222 DD#67140-67371	398,821.10
Transfer to SFPP	48,783.98
NSF Checks	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,670,616.69
Ending Balance (Interest @ 4.050% as of 4/14/2026)	\$990,813.28
Reserve Account	
Invested at JV Bank @ 4.050% as of 4/14/2026	\$6,048,445.04
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.

V. Meetings and Events:

*Chairman Postal: PA Department of State Conference / Elections
SC JRA Board of Directors
America250 Mifflin County Update Meeting
LEO Meeting in Lewisburg
WIB Meeting in Lewisburg
SEDA-COG Housing Development Corporation
MC Airport Authority
DLI Executive Committee
M – J Borough Association Dinner
Internal: Tax Services; Maintenance; Bridge; Library; MCHC; Veterans*

*Commissioner Kodish: Meeting with the Warden at MCCF
CCAP Meeting – DOS matters
Meetings with Project Manager
Workshop Meetings
CARS Board
America250 Mifflin County Update Meeting
MJ-AAA Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Meeting with the Maintenance Director
Meeting with Public Defender – Indigent Defense Grant
Meeting with Lewistown Borough Officials
Meeting with Planning Department Personnel*

*Commissioner Wise: Public Meeting
Meeting with Project Manager
Dream Center Meeting with John Walters and Dan Elsesser
America250 Mifflin County Update Meeting
Mifflin County Youth Park Meeting
Meeting with Lewistown Borough
Meeting with Union Township*

VI. Public Comment:

None

I. New Business:

A. Contributions to the Rec Park and Burnham Pools

Burnham Borough Assistant Secretary Molli Long expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for their contribution and stated that Burnham Borough's goal is to provide a safe, welcoming, and affordable pool for the community. The funds will be used to purchase paint for the pool.

Lewistown Borough Council member Lisa Knudson noted that the Borough aims to support children in the community through the pool. The allocated funds will be used to purchase a diving board.

B. Proclamation – National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 12-18, 2026

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April 12-18, 2026**

Whereas, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

Whereas, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

Whereas, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Mifflin County emergency communications center; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators of Mifflin County have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

Whereas, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; and

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that we, Mifflin County Commissioners declare the week of April 12 through 18, 2026 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Mifflin County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Proclaimed this 16th day of April, 2026

911 Manager Pennepacker expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for the Proclamation and reported that the Emergency Services Office will be fully staffed once the newly hired employee completes training. He also noted that the Center has received over 2,000 more calls this year compared to the same period last year.

- C. Proclamation – Rothrock Week – April 19-25, 2026, in Recognition of Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock “Father of Forestry in Pennsylvania”

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Rothrock Week – April 19-25, 2026**

In Recognition of Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock, “Father of Forestry in Pennsylvania”

Whereas, Dr. Joseph Trimble Rothrock, born in McVeytown, Pennsylvania on April 9, 1839, devoted his life to the study, stewardship, and restoration of Pennsylvania’s forests, transforming a landscape devastated by widespread clear-cutting into thriving, sustainably managed woodlands; and

Whereas, Dr. Rothrock served as the first President of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association and, in 1895, was appointed Pennsylvania’s first Commissioner of Forestry, leading efforts to establish state forest reservations, forestry education, and tree nurseries that laid the foundation for modern forest management in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, through his advocacy, leadership, and teaching, Dr. Rothrock instilled a conservation ethic that improved watersheds, protected wildlife habitat, encouraged sustainable timber management, and ensured public access to Pennsylvania’s forests for recreation and enjoyment; and

Whereas, in honor of his visionary work and enduring legacy, the last full week of April each year has been designated as Dr. J.T. Rothrock Memorial Conservation Week, encouraging citizens to reflect on the importance of natural resource conservation and the stewardship of forests, water, and wildlife; and

Whereas, April 22, Earth Day, provides a meaningful occasion to celebrate Dr. Rothrock’s contributions, inspire renewed care for our forests and natural resources, and promote activities that protect ecosystems for future generations;

Now, therefore, we, the Mifflin County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as Rothrock Week in Mifflin County, honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock — the Father of Forestry in Pennsylvania — and encourage all citizens to participate in conservation-minded activities that uphold his vision of healthy forests, clean water, and a sustainable environment.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 22nd day of April, 2026.

The Commissioners will be attending a ceremony honoring Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock, known as the “Father of Forestry” in Pennsylvania, on April 22 where they will present the Proclamation.

- D. Request for exoneration of the 2023-2025 delinquent real estate taxes and relieve Kathy Whitsel, Assistant Director of Tax Services, from collecting these taxes:
- Parcel No. 20,13-0510A-,001 – mobile home was destroyed

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

- E. Offer for Parcel No. 06,02-0130--,00 located in Lewistown Borough that is currently in repository for unsold properties - \$1,000.00

Commissioner Kodish moved to reject the offer. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Indigent Defense Grant Application for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 - \$110,471.00

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

- G. Settlement Agreement No. 2 between Mifflin County Planning and Development and M&J Land Acquisitions, LLC

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

- H. Ratify the execution of the Grant Agreement with PEMA for \$103,227.92 under the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for the County’s detection network and staff education

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

- I. Revision to the loan from \$84,463.00 to \$63,172.00 from the Mifflin County Revolving Loan Fund to Unipar, Inc. for the purchase of equipment at its Milroy location and authorize the County to sign applicable documents after final Solicitor review

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

- J. Authorize the County of Mifflin to execute "The Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form" for a payment from the Settlement in the approximate amount of \$9,575.00 and direct the Chair, or designee, to sign the applicable documents in order to receive proceeds from the Settlement

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

- K. Proposal from Jay-Way Architectural, Summerhill, PA for a Courthouse HVAC Study - \$15,900.00

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

- L. Renewal Agreement with Rochester Midland Corporation for water management services at the Courthouse and Jail for the period June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027 - \$4,987.50

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

- M. Yearly Software Agreement with EagleView for GIS Data - \$10,000.00

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

- N. Application for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant for the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027- \$55,380.00

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

- O. Personnel:

- Hiring of Jessica Henry for Tax Claim Clerk effective April 15, 2026
- Promotion of Fredy Espinal from part-time to full-time Corrections Officer effective April, 19, 2026
- Hiring of Aidan Arnold and Scott Walter for part-time Corrections Officers effective April 20, 2026
- Transfer of Barbara Lepley from Case Coordinator II to Human Resource/Assistant Chief Clerk effective April 27, 2026
- Hiring of Sydney Crosson for Children and Youth Caseworker I effective April 27, 2026
- Hiring of Olivia Morrison for Janitor effective May 4, 2026

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

IIIV. Adjournment:

With no other business on the agenda, Commissioner Postal adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk