

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 1, 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, Planning Director James Lettiere, Teacher Honoree Ashlie Crosson, Helen Kirk, and Olivia Stewart and Zeyda Frye 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 18, 2024. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

- 1. *General Fund, Accounts Payable*
Ck. #'s 144782-144931 EFT #'s 601291-601305 in the amount of \$646,294.30
- 2. *Payroll Account*
Ck. #'s 79772-79781 and Direct Deposit Advice #'s 54005-54235 in the amount of \$446,468.24
- 3. *911 Account*
Ck. #'s 52731-52743 and EFT #'s 80034-80039 in the amount of \$37,537.98
- 4. *Liquid Fuels Act 89 Account*
EFT # 8137 in the amount of \$74.39
- 5. *LEPC Account*
Ck. # 1584 in the amount of \$822.48

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
1/17/2024-1/30/2024**

General Account Starting Balance	\$1,189,470.35
DEBITS	
Deposits Receipts #119277-119418	374,672.75
Transfer from	
Transfer from 911	0.00
Voided Checks	0.00
Transfer from LEPC	0.00
Interest	0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$374,672.75
CREDITS	
Bills Paid CK #S144782-144931 EFT #S 601291-601305	646,294.30
Transfer to Payroll CK 79772-79781 DD 54005-54235	446,468.24
Adjustment	0.00
NSF Check	0.00
Transfer to CORONER	117,700.34
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,210,462.88
Ending Balance (Interest @ 4.550% as of 1/30/2024)	\$353,680.22

Capital Reserve Account
Invested at JV Bank @ 4.550% as of 1/30/2024 \$16,746,968.76
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:

*CareerLink Open House
MJ HS Quarterly Meeting
CCAP Utility Solar Task Force
MC Department Head Meeting
CCAP Board
United Way Event
JRV Chamber of Commerce
Internal (Sheriff; Maintenance; Tax Claim;
Planning; Court)*

Commissioner Kodish:

*Regional Services Board
County Repository Meeting
SEDA-COG Board
SEDA-COG Local Development Corp Board
Department Head Meeting
Visitors Bureau Board
Regional Services Strategic Planning Meeting
Meeting with MC Sheriff*

Commissioner Wise:

*MC/JC Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee
Meeting with MC Judge
CareerLink Open House
JVBDS Meeting
Workshop Meeting
MJ HS Quarterly Meeting
Internal (Tax Claim; MCCF; Sheriff)*

VII. Public Comment:

None

VIII. New Business:

- A. Proclamation honoring Ashlie Crosson for Pennsylvania’s State Teacher of the Year

**PROCLAMATION
ASHLIE CROSSON
TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2024**

WHEREAS, the education and well-being of our youth are of the utmost importance for the future prosperity and success of our county, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania’s State Teacher of the Year award is a prestigious recognition bestowed upon educators who exemplify excellence, dedication, and innovation in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Ashlie Crosson, a resident of Mifflin County, has been honored with the distinguished title of State Teacher of the Year, reflecting not only on her personal achievement but also on the excellence of education within our community; and

WHEREAS, Ashlie’s commitment to fostering a positive learning environment and inspiring students deserves commendation and serves as an example for educators throughout our county;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mifflin County Commissioners do hereby proclaim February 1, 2024 as “Ashlie Crosson Day” in Mifflin County, celebrating and recognizing Ashlie for her outstanding contributions to education and for bringing honor to our community through her achievements. We call upon all Mifflin County residents to join us in expressing gratitude and appreciation for Ashlie’s dedication to educational excellence.

Proclaimed this first day of February, 2024.

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

- B. Request for exoneration of 2023 county real estate tax bill and relieve the Tax Collector from collecting this bill:

- Parcel No. 17,13-0148,003 located in Granville Township – mobile home was removed - \$164.80

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

- C. Offer for Parcel No. 15,13-0114--,110 located in Decatur Township that is currently in repository for unsold properties - \$750.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to accept the offer as presented. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- D. Offer for Parcel No. 12,02-0110--,141 located in Armagh Township that is currently in repository for unsold properties - \$1,000.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to accept the offer as presented. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- E. Change Order No. 1 for the Juniata River Trail Phase 2 Project – Jay Fulkroad & Sons, Inc. – time extension for paving operations until June 2, 2024

Planning Director, James Lettiere stated this request is being made due to delays caused by staffing turnover at both Jay Fulkroad & Sons, Inc. and Mifflin County. No approval is needed from the state as long as the project is completed by June 2024. There should be no issues meeting that deadline.

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

- F. Payment application No. 2 for the Juniata River Trail Phase 2 Project – Jay Fulkroad & Sons, Inc. - \$116,255.20

Planning Director, James Lettiere stated \$132,229.33 was approved at the last meeting. He is currently requesting approval for \$147,500.00. The balance will come from the DCD grant and private donations.

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

- G. Agreement with Smigel, Anderson & Sacks, Attorneys at Law for legal services for 2024 to the Mifflin County Planning and Development Department - \$2,000.00

Planning Director, James Lettiere explained this agreement is for limited legal services. The cost is \$500 per quarter for unlimited access via phone, email, or zoom.

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

- H. Proposal from J-Way Architectural for the Mifflin County Library Area Survey - \$5,500.00

Commissioner Postal stated this is so funding for phase 2 of the library project can be obtained.

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

- I. Purchase of Service Agreement for use, if needed, by Children and Youth

Children and Youth Administrator Nicole Patkalitsky presented the following for approval:

- Pentz Run Youth Services, Dubois, PA
- Bethany Christian Services of Central Pennsylvania, Lancaster, PA
- Meagan Hopkins, Esquire, Thompsontown, PA
- Adelphoi Village, Inc, Latrobe, PA

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

- J. Personnel:

- Promotion of Reese Deavor from part-time to full-time Corrections Officer effective January 28, 2024
- Resignation of Nickea Vargas from Case Coordinator in the Court Office effective February 2, 2024

- Transfer of Joshua Barger from full-time to part-time Corrections Officer effective February 7, 2024
- Hiring of Elizabeth Morrison for Janitor effective February 12, 2024
- Resignation of Tanner Park from part-time Corrections Officer effective January 30, 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 9:19 a.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk