

Thursday, September 29, 2011 9:30 a.m.

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners was held today, all members present. Comm. Stohler presiding.

The meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

The Commissioners asked for public comment. William Ames of Palmyra Borough, extended congratulations to the Board for the Disaster Relief Fund to aid the flood victims.

The Commissioners approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

Sallie Neuin, Lebanon County Treasurer, presented the weekly Treasurer's report.

The Commissioners accepted the Treasurer's report as read. Expenditures are in the amount of \$2,249,907.20.

Desiree Nguyen, Director and Melissa Light, Personnel Officer of Human Resources, presented this week's position requests, personnel transactions and conference/seminar requests.

At 9:42 a.m., County Board of Elections meeting.

At 9:44 a.m., the Commissioners reconvened the regular meeting.

Raymond Bender, Executive Director of the Lebanon County Redevelopment Authority and Bryan Hoffman, Executive Director of the Lebanon County Housing Authority, met with the Commissioners to present various items for consideration. Mr. Hoffman informed the Board of a proposed 40-unit , elderly occupancy complex. The development is to be located at 101 N. Harrison Street, Palmyra, PA and will be known as "DiMatteo Plaza". The project will consist of \$750,000.00 in Act 137 funds, \$450,000 in HOME funds and possibly \$250,000.00 from a non-profit called Palmyra I Interfaith Housing in addition to LIHTC Equity.

The Commissioners approved the application and the following resolution for the FY 2011 County & South Lebanon Township Community Development Block Grant (CDGB):

RESOLUTION NO. 9-29-11

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LEBANON APPROVING THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011 AND THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH LEBANON'S BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development has notified the County of Lebanon that its Fiscal Year 2011 Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant is available; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development has also indicated that a grant for Fiscal Year 2011 is also available for the Township of South Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lebanon and the Township of South Lebanon have held public hearings on their Block Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lebanon:

1. That the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program for the County of Lebanon's 2011 Fiscal Year is hereby in all respects approved.
2. That the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program for the Township of South Lebanon for Fiscal Year 2011 is hereby in all respects approved.
3. That the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to executive all required forms for the above-named Programs and to cause said 2011 Block Grant Programs to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Approved this 29th day of September, 2011.

Attest: /s/ *Jamie Wolgemuth*, Chief Clerk /s/ *Larry E. Stohler*, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

The Commissioners approved the revised FY 2010 County Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) budget, and the following resolution to add \$295,000 of Program Income:

RESOLUTION

Resolution of the Lebanon County Commissioners amending Fiscal Year 2010 Community Development Block Grant Program budget.

WHEREAS, Lebanon County receives an annual allocation of federal Community Development Block Grant funds under Act 179 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the County received approximately \$295,000.00 in program income in prior years that must be allocated to projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the County of Lebanon that, the amendment dated September 2011, be approved and that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to submit same to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Approved this 29th day of September, 2011.

Attest: *Jamie Wolgemuth*, County Administrator By: *Larry E. Stohler*, Chairman

The Commissioners approved the HOME Program Income reuse plan, the following resolution to fund an affordable housing project in Palmyra, PA, and continued funding for First Time Homebuyer and Housing Rehab programs:

RESOLUTION

Resolution of the Lebanon County Commissioners amending the HOME Program budget.

WHEREAS, Lebanon County has received funds for homebuyer and housing rehabilitation activities from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development through the federal HOME Program; and

WHEREAS, the County received approximately \$490,000 in program income from homebuyer downpayment and rehabilitation loans; and

WHEREAS, DCED requires that the County create a Program Income Reuse Plan detailing the use of the funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the County of Lebanon that, the amendment creating a Program Income Reuse Plan, dated September 2011, be approved and that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to submit same to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Approved this 29th day of September, 2011.

Attest: /s/ *Jamie Wolgemuth*
County Administrator

By: /s/ *Larry E. Stohler*
Chairman

The Commissioners approved funding in the amount of \$750,000.00 for the Palmyra Housing Project contingent upon receipt of \$800,000,000 in tax credits. If credits are received, this will be a thirty (30) year loan with interest at 2% accruing starting in year sixteen (16).

Stephanie Harmon, Watershed Coordinator at the Lebanon County Conservation District, met with the Commissioners to announce, and invite them to attend the 9th Annual Lebanon/Lancaster County Watershed Forum to be held Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Lancaster Farm & Home Center, Lancaster, PA.

Lynn Snead, Director of Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County, Inc. met with the Commissioners to highlight the activities of the DVI "Show of Hands-Take The Pledge" event on October 1, 2011 at the 9th and Cumberland Streets Pergola.

The Commissioners adopted the following proclamation to proclaim "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

PROCLAMATION

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, The Commissioners of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, do hereby proclaim the month of October to be “**NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**”. **FURTHER**, we urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

**BOARD OF LEBANON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

*Larry E. Stohler
William G. Carpenter
Jo Ellen Litz*

ATTEST: *Jamie A. Wolgemuth*
County Administrator

ADOPTED: This Twenty-Ninth Day of September,
Two Thousand Eleven.

It was moved by Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Litz to adjourn the meeting.

At 1:30 p.m., the Commissioners sat as the County Board of Assessment to hear assessment appeals.