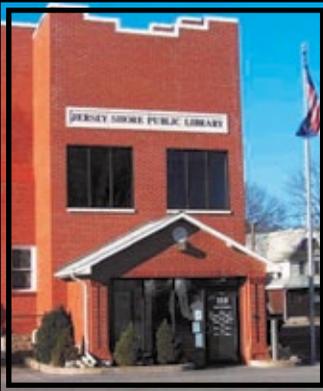
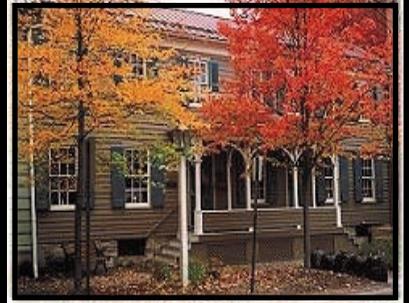


Lycoming County

Pennsylvania



Popular Annual Financial Report For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Prepared by the Office of the Controller

Krista B. Rogers, Controller

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To the Residents of Lycoming County:

I am pleased to present to you the Lycoming County Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the year ending December 31, 2014. The information contained in the annual report summary was derived from Lycoming County's 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR was prepared in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and audited by the firm of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP. Readers desiring more detailed information are encouraged to read the CAFR, which is comprised of detailed financial statements, notes, schedules and reports.

Printed copies of the CAFR and PAFR are available for viewing at the County Controller's Office located on the second floor, suite 201, of the Executive Plaza Building at 330 Pine Street in Williamsport. Both reports may also be viewed online on the County's website at www.lyco.org on the Controller's page under the Elected Officials tab. You may also request a copy by calling 570-327-2295.

Since the annual report summary is presented in a simple and easy to understand format, it does not conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The Popular Annual Financial Report is unaudited and excludes many material disclosures, financial statement, schedules and notes to the financial statements that can be found in the CAFR. Responsibility for the accuracy of these financial reports rests with me, as I fulfill the responsibilities of the Controller of Lycoming County.

I hope you find this report informative.

Sincerely,



Krista B. Rogers
Controller



Lycoming County



Hiawatha paddlewheel riverboat on the Susquehanna River
1806, and as a city on January 15, 1866. The city, known as the “Birthplace of Little League Baseball,” is the home of the Little League World Series which is played each year in August by children from around the world.

Formed on April 13, 1795, from the existing land of Northumberland County, Lycoming County lies in the heart of north central Pennsylvania on the west branch of the Susquehanna River. Encompassing 1,244 square miles, the county is comprised of 52 municipalities; including 42 townships, 9 boroughs and the City of Williamsport.

Williamsport, the county seat, was incorporated as a borough on March 1,

As a fifth class county, the county operates under the elected Board of Commissioners form of government. Three commissioners are elected to serve a four-year term with no term limitations. The commissioners serve as managers and administrators of county government awarding contracts, setting salaries, preparing an annual budget and appointing individuals to various boards, commissions and authorities.

Residents and visitors alike, can discover our rich and diverse history by visiting the Thomas T. Taber Museum, Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum, Peter Herdic Transportation Museum or the Rowley House Museum.

Come and join us in Lycoming County to celebrate our past, enjoy the present and build our future.



County Information

Education

The County contains eight public school districts and a variety of private and parochial schools that provide quality education to our youth. The County is home to two institutions of higher education. Lycoming College dates back to 1812 as one of the oldest liberal arts colleges in the state. Pennsylvania College of Technology, an affiliate of Penn State University, is one of the premier technical schools in Pennsylvania.

Income

The median household income is \$45,430. The income per capita is \$22,987, which includes all adults and children.

Entertainment

For big-name talent, visit the Community Arts Center which offers inspiring art programs ranging from music to dance, comedy and Broadway Theatre. The Community Theatre League, a modern theatre in the round, showcases local talent in musicals, comedies, dramas and children's productions.

Homes

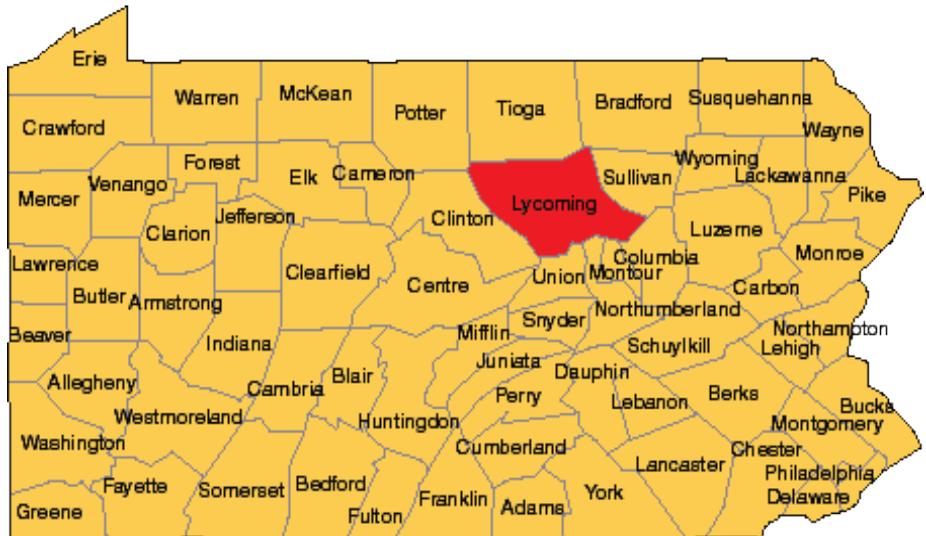
The median value of a single-family home is \$131,000.

People

Approximately 116,508 people live in the County. The median age of a resident is 41.2 years.

Top Employers for 2014

1. Susquehanna Regional Healthcare Alliance
2. Pennsylvania College of Technology
3. Weis Markets
4. Williamsport Area School District
5. County of Lycoming
6. West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.
7. Haliburton Energy Services
8. CS Group Payroll Services, LLC
9. Wal-Mart Associates
10. Hope Enterprises, Inc.



Major Accomplishments and Initiatives

The County continues to undertake major initiatives to provide a wide range of services to all residents to make Lycoming County a better place to live, learn and conduct business.

During 2014...

Planning and Community Development:

The new 40-unit housing complex of the Memorial Homes brownfields redevelopment affordable housing project was completed at the site of the former Brodart warehouse.



Military Affairs:

On August 27, Lycoming County WW II Veteran, Stanley Sones, was awarded a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in France while serving our County.

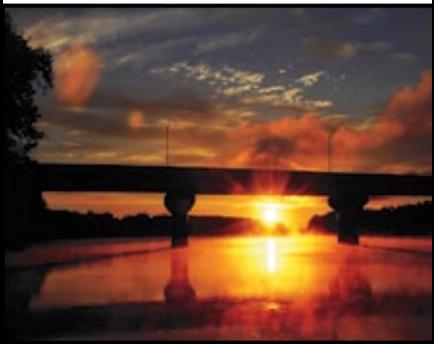
Resource Management Systems:

Major renovations and upgrades were completed to prepare the facility to accept single stream recyclables.



Did you know....

Thanks to the passage of PA Act 89, PCD was able to undertake 46 new highway and bridge projects in Lycoming County as part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).



For the Future...

Controller's Office: New Pension Payroll Software is being implemented that will work with the current Payroll Software. This will ensure a smoother transition of information for current employees once they leave County employment. Currently, Pension Payroll is run on the AS-400 system, which is extremely outdated.

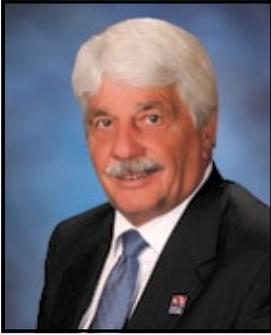
Public Safety:

Department will participate in exercises to test response capabilities and resource allocation plans. These will include exercises on energy development, power plant/ infrastructure protection, and severe weather.

Information Services:

Working to implement a County wide Police Records Management System to greatly improve information sharing between county police departments.

Elected Officials



Ernest P. Larson
Vice Chairman



Tony R. Mussare
Chairman



Jeff W. Rauff
Secretary

Board of Commissioners

(Appointed December 2014)

The Board of Commissioners constitutes the chief governing body of the County. The Commissioners ensure compliance with provisions of the County Code and are granted authority to establish the annual County operating budget, approve expenditure of County dollars, authorize all County government contracts and manage all County properties and buildings. The functions of the Commissioners also include delivery of public services, regional planning and economic development, finance and budget management, and personnel administration. Under Pennsylvania law, the Commissioners also serve as members of various specialized boards such as the Board of Elections, Salary Board, Prison Board and Retirement Board.

Krista B. Rogers, Controller



The Controller is responsible for auditing the departments of the County and the accounts of all County Officers who collect and disburse funds, oversight of the accounts payable process, contract management and the supervision of the County employees' retirement plan. Under Pennsylvania law, the Controller also serves as a member of various specialized boards such as Salary Board, Prison Board and Retirement Board.

Charles Kiessling, Jr., Coroner



The Coroner investigates deaths in the County that are sudden, unexpected, medically unattended, suspicious or violent. Deaths are investigated to determine the identity of the deceased and the cause and manner of death. The Coroner is also responsible for maintaining the security of the scene, determining medical history, notifying the next of kin, securing the property on or about the decedent and issuing death certificates.

Elected Officials



Eric R. Linhardt, District Attorney

The District Attorney will ensure that justice is done in a fair, effective and efficient manner. Pursuant to 71 Pa.C.S.A. 732-206, as Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Lycoming County, the District Attorney will investigate and prosecute all crimes regardless of lack of resources of other criminal justice agencies.



Suzanne M. Fedele, Prothonotary / Clerk of Courts

The Prothonotary is the official “record keeper” for the courts of the County. The office is responsible for the records of cases that include, but are not limited to, civil lawsuits, lien filings, divorce, custody, protection from abuse, support and criminal actions. Applications for passports are processed in the office as well. All records maintained in the office are available to the public unless sealed by the court.



Annabel R. Miller, Register of Wills & Recorder of Deeds / Clerk of Orphan’s Court

The Register of Wills processes inheritance tax forms and estate filings. The Recorder of Deeds maintains records of deeds, mortgages and other documents related to real estate within the County. The Clerk of Orphan’s Court issues marriage licenses and handles all adoptions filed in the County.



R. Mark Lusk, Sheriff

The mission of the Office of the Sheriff is to enforce court orders issued from the Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas and to maintain peace throughout the county by enforcement of the Commonwealth's: Crimes Code, Vehicle Code, and the Pennsylvania Rules of Court.



Connie L. Rupert, Treasurer

The Treasurer’s Office is a licensing agent for the PA Fish & Boat Commission, and the PA Game Commission as well as an issuing agent for the Department of Agriculture’s Dog Law Enforcement to issue dog licenses. The office is responsible for collecting and disbursing the County Hotel Tax, issuing Bingo and Small Games of Chance Licenses and processing the current year Tax Collector’s reports and deposits.

Magisterial District Courts



The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania consists of sixty-seven counties. In every county, except for Philadelphia County, there are Magisterial District Courts.

The Magisterial District Judge System in Pennsylvania was created under the 1968 Constitution to help reduce the workload of the Supreme and Superior Courts. The Magisterial District Courts are the first tier of the Pennsylvania

Judicial System. Magisterial District Judges have jurisdiction over summary offenses, landlord tenant actions, violations of municipal ordinances, and civil claims not exceeding \$12,000. They also preside over arraignments, set and accept bail, issue search and arrest warrants, and preside over preliminary hearings to determine whether a defendant is held for trial in misdemeanor, felony, and homicide cases pursuant to Pennsylvania's Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Magisterial District Courts divide up their jurisdiction by geographical location. Most districts include several municipalities. In Lycoming County, there are six Magisterial District Courts geographically located in the Magisterial Districts so as to be available for service to the citizens of each district.

Each Magisterial District Judge is elected to a six year term by the people of the district. A Magisterial District Judge is not required to be an attorney; however, those who are not are required to complete a certification course and pass a qualifying exam prior to serving. The Magisterial District Courts are supervised by the President Judge of the court of common pleas for Lycoming County.

Magisterial District Judges, as officers of the Pennsylvania Unified Judicial System, may administer oaths and affirmations and take acknowledgements.. They also have authority to perform marriages.

The Magisterial District Courts utilize the PAePay system which allows the public to securely pay fines, costs, and restitution online from any internet connected device.

Magisterial District Courts

Using a rotating system, the Magisterial District Judges are on call for law enforcement and social service agencies on a 24 hour basis. When necessary, Magisterial District Judges may commit persons to jail.

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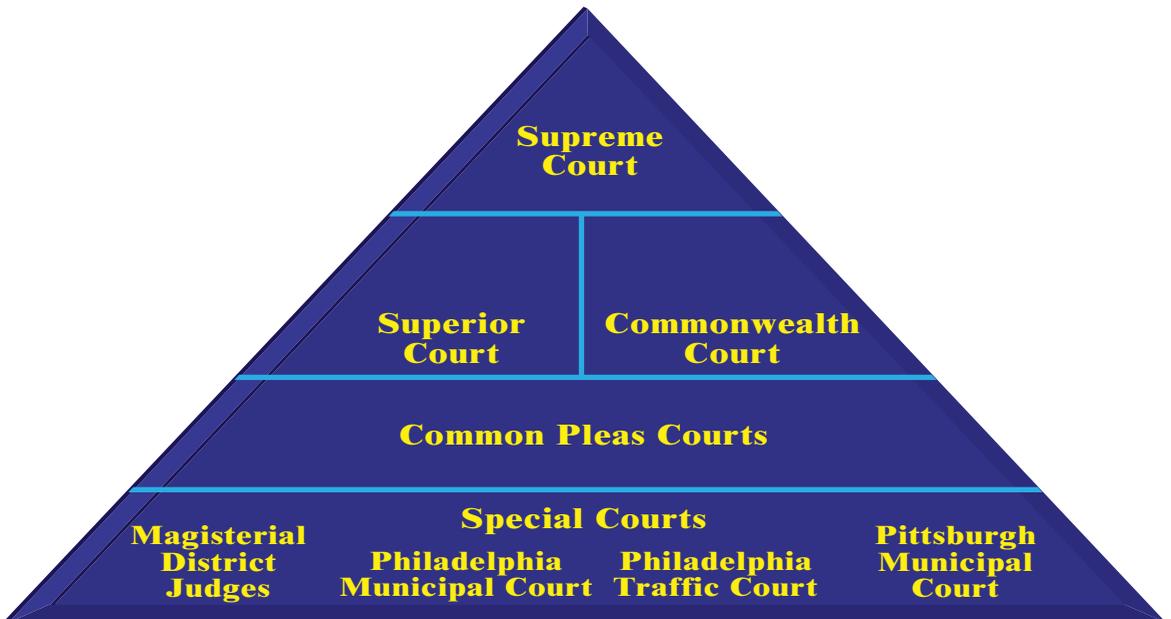
Gary A. Whiteman
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Montoursville, PA 17754
570-326-1714

29-3-03

Jon E. Kemp
2134 Route 405 Hwy
Muncy, PA 17756
570-546-7480

29-3-04

James H. Sortman
1965 Lycoming Creek Rd.
Williamsport, PA 17701
570-323-9982



Financial Position

The summary of the County's financial position provides a snapshot of the County's resources and obligations at year-end. The net position figure represents the amount that the County owns (assets) versus the amount that the County owes (liabilities).

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$52,484,507	\$48,991,950	\$53,851,557	\$55,697,035	\$62,493,561
Investments	67,168,911	66,210,967	73,646,078	64,810,762	53,166,666
Accounts Receivable	28,594,966	27,897,121	28,596,403	27,302,994	22,577,827
Capital Assets	75,216,041	83,067,625	85,356,406	86,118,839	86,803,449
Other Current Assets	2,442,729	2,302,862	3,014,171	2,025,506	2,063,451
Total Assets	225,907,154	228,470,525	244,464,615	235,955,136	227,104,954
<u>Liabilities</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Current Liabilities	\$6,303,850	\$6,801,510	\$8,667,607	\$7,552,527	\$6,510,622
Long term Liabilities	103,593,454	109,670,981	131,023,590	136,209,164	145,011,504
Total Liabilities	109,897,304	116,472,491	139,691,197	143,761,691	151,522,126
<u>Net Position*</u>	<u>\$116,009,850</u>	<u>\$111,998,034</u>	<u>\$104,773,418</u>	<u>\$92,193,445</u>	<u>\$75,582,828</u>



* The following component units are not included in the table above: Recreation Authority, Water & Sewer Authority, Soil Conservation, Industrial Development Authority and Municipal Airport Authority.

Financial Position

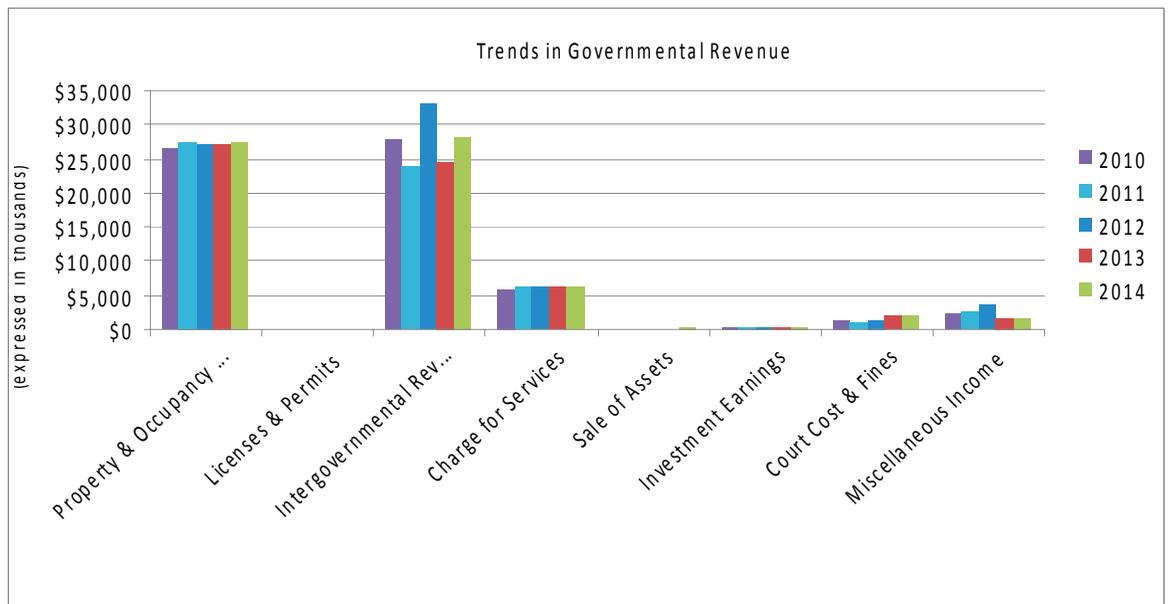
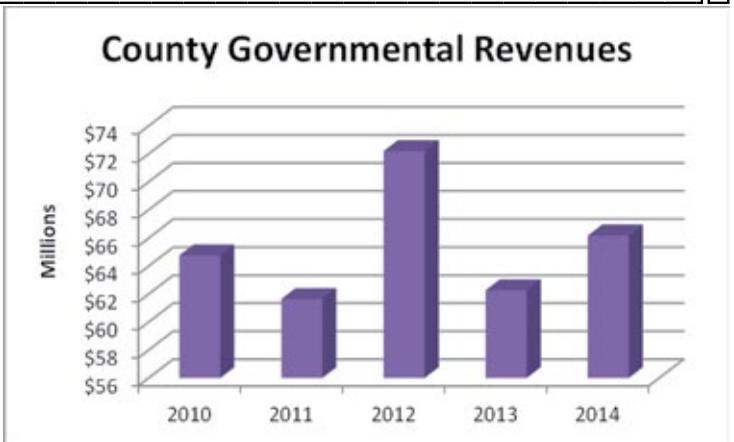
County governmental revenues totaled \$66,169,116 in 2014.

Taxes collected are primarily real estate taxes totaling \$26,635,070.

The County also levies a Hotel Occupancy Tax which totaled \$782,491. The County receives 10% of the total Hotel Occupancy Tax collected and the remaining 90% is paid to the Lycoming

County Visitors Bureau to promote tourism in the County.

Fee income consisting of marriage license fees, gun permits, hunting licenses, dog licenses and other charges assessed by the County generated \$6,234,010 in revenue. Total government funds of court costs and fines generated \$1,946,702 in revenue.



Core Services Provided

General Government - Daily operations of county administrative departments. Includes Commissioners, Voter Registration, Controller, Fiscal Services, Tax Collectors, Central Collections, Planning & Community Development and Zoning.

Judicial - Services provided by the Register and Recorder, Prothonotary, Courts, Sheriff, District Attorney, Narcotics Enforcement Unit, Constables, Public Defender, Coroner, Domestic Relations, and District Magistrate Judges.

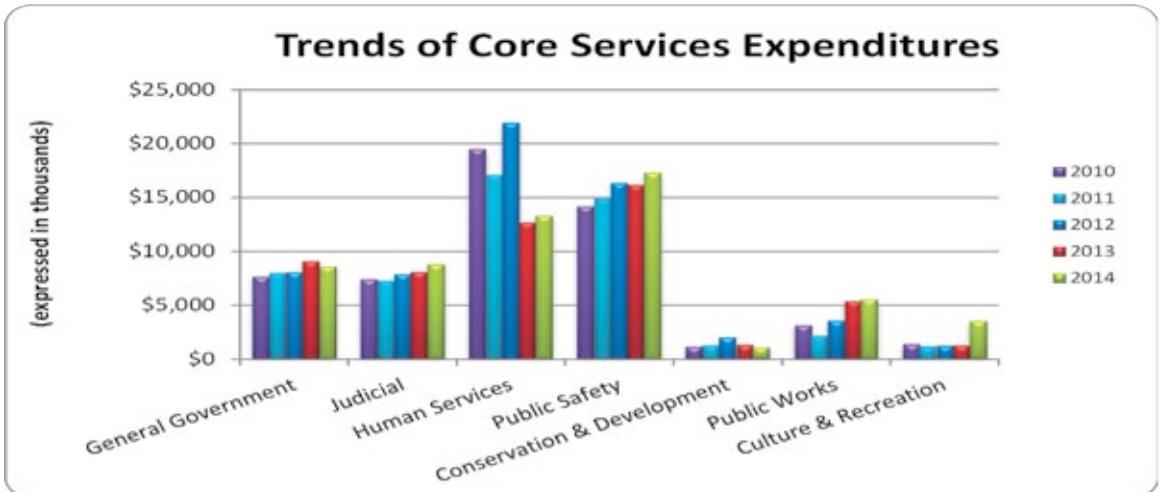
Human Services - Expenditures for programs promoting the general health and well being of residents such as Children & Youth Services and Military Affairs.

Public Safety - Services provided by Adult Probation, Re-Entry Center, Juvenile Probation, Prison, Pre-Release Center, DUI Center, Central Processing Center, Communication Center, Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Medical Services and Hazmat.

Conservation and Development - Services provided for social, economic and environmental issues to help achieve a suitable environment for the community. Includes County Farm, Cooperative Extension and Conservation District.

Public Works - Expenditures for improvements to county infrastructure to provide safe, dependable and efficient transportation.

Culture and Recreation - Expenditures for maintenance and operations of county libraries, historical landmarks and the SPCA.



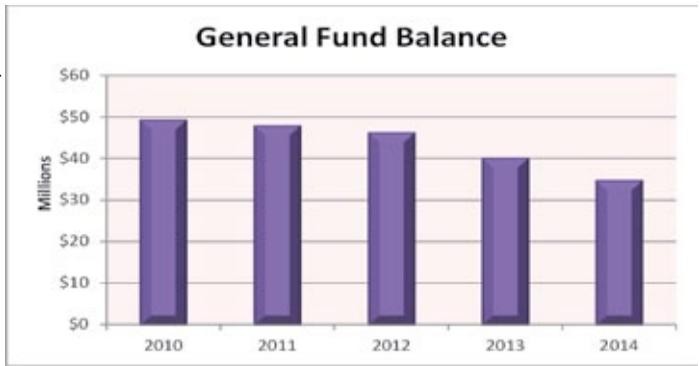
Financial Position

Major Governmental Fund Types:

General Fund:

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the County, which is used to account for all financial resources, except those accounted for in another fund.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance was \$24 million (an increase of \$8.1 million from the prior year). The total fund balance decreased \$5.4 million from \$40 million to \$34.6 million in 2014.



General fund revenues increased \$3 million from \$45.8 million to \$48.8 million over the prior year. Expenditures increased \$1.4 million from \$52.5 million to \$53.9 million.

The increase in revenues can be attributed to more in intergovernmental revenue, increases in property and occupancy taxes, sale of assets, investment earnings and cost and fines.

The increases in expenses can be attributed to public safety, human services and culture and recreation.

Act 13 Gas Impact Fees:

The County receives funds from the State's unconventional gas well impact fees. In 2014, a total of \$5.3 million was received from the State to be utilized for eligible projects.

Ten Largest Taxpayers in 2014

Taxpayer	Assessed Valuation	Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation
PR Financing LTD Partnership	\$47,321,200	0.85%
Weis Markets Inc.	18,870,580	0.34%
Loyal Plaza Associates LP	15,791,430	0.28%
Grizzly Industrial Inc.	14,925,360	0.27%
Wal Mart Stores Inc.	12,785,240	0.23%
Williamsport Hospitality LLC	8,730,250	0.16%
Paul G. Enterprises	8,662,060	0.15%
VIWY LP	8,587,380	0.15%
Rose View Manor Inc.	8,489,690	0.15%
Valley Heights LTD Partnership	7,923,000	0.14%

Lycoming County Library System



"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better."

Sidney Sheldon

The Lycoming County Library System is committed to a vision of a vital and literate community. Governed by a nine-member board, the System is comprised of the Hughesville Area Public Library, Jersey Shore Public Library, Montgomery Area Public Library, Dr. W.B. Konkle Memorial Library in Montoursville, Muncy Public Library and the James V. Brown Library in Williamsport.

The libraries have thousands of items in their print collections including fiction, westerns, mysteries, biographies, romance, reference and non-fiction books. There are also significant collections of electronic books, audio books, large print books, movies, music CDs, workout videos, magazines, scholarly journals and local newspapers.

Services and programs offered by our public libraries:

- Summer reading programs for adults and children
- Story hour for children
- Computer centers
- Resources for filing taxes
- Passport services
- Job searching tools
- Guest speakers and authors
- Mobile Library
- Foreign Languages
- Used book sales
- Online learning opportunities through Learning Express Library

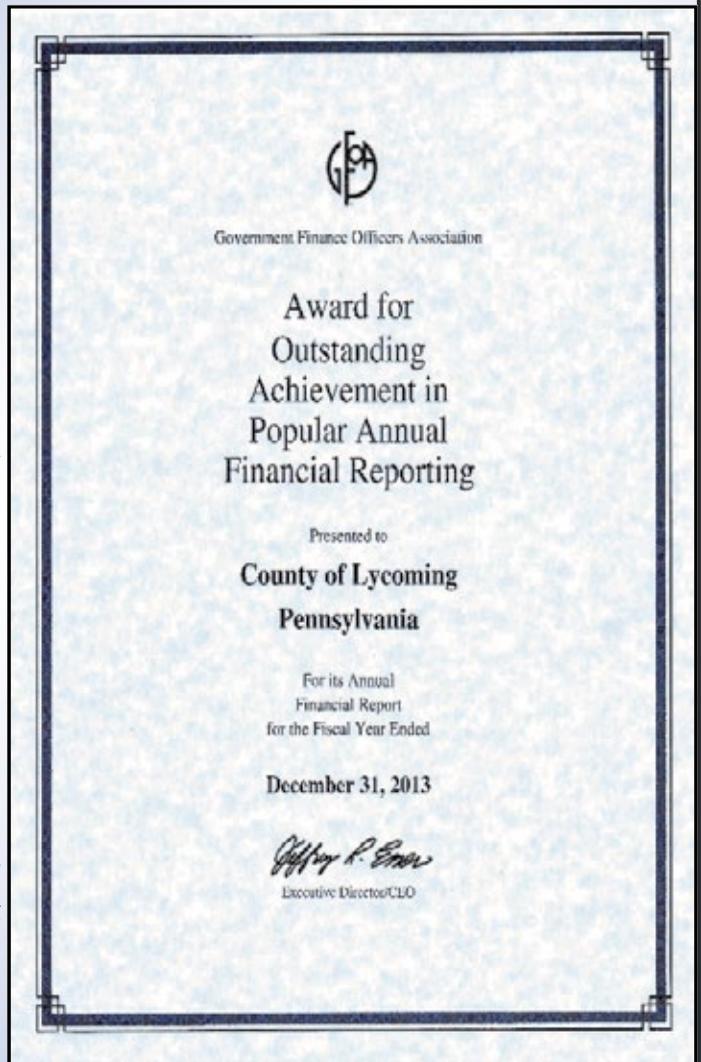


The Lycoming County Mobile Library travels to a variety of areas of the County to provide library materials and services. Regular stops include elementary schools, local shopping areas, and township buildings. The Mobile Library contains a permanent circulating collection of adult and children's books, DVDs and magazines.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to County of Lycoming for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. The County of Lycoming has received a Popular Award for the last six consecutive years (fiscal years ended 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013). We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA.



Lycoming County Elected Officials

Commissioners

Tony R. Mussare, Chairman	570-320-2124	tmussare@lyco.org
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Jeff W. Rauff, Secretary	570-320-2124	jrauff@lyco.org

Controller

Krista B. Rogers	570-327-2300	krogers@lyco.org
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Coroner

Charles E. Kiessling, Jr.	570-327-2305	ckiessling@lyco.org
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District Attorney

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Prothonotary

Suzanne M. Fedele	570-327-2256	sfedele@lyco.org
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Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds / Clerk of Orphan's Court

Annabel R. Miller	570-327-2263	amiller@lyco.org
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Sheriff

R. Mark Lusk	570-327-2280	mlusk@lyco.org
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Treasurer

Connie L. Rupert	570-327-2248	crupert@lyco.org
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Court of Common Pleas

President Judge	Honorable Nancy L. Butts
Judges	Honorable Dudley N. Anderson
	Honorable Richard A. Gray
	Honorable Marc F. Lovecchio
	Honorable Joy Reynolds McCoy

Magisterial District Justices

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