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## Top DEP Stories

Beaver County Radio: Shapiro Administration Awards \$5 Million to Beaver County

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## Mentions

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