

**MERCER COUNTY L.E.P.C.  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 10, 2025**

**Members/Guests Present:**

Richard Weinzierl, Cameron Ameron International, Retired  
Debbie Hartley, DPS  
Frank Jannetti, Dir. DPS  
John Nicklin, Dep Dir EMA  
Travis Walsh, Barbers Chemicals  
Jamie Ball, Barbers Chemicals  
Dustin Wyant, PA DEP  
Andrew Sepos, PA DEP  
Justin Rodgers, PA DEP  
Fred McMullen, NWS Pittsburgh  
Cole Devine, EPA  
Courtney Slavic, NLMK  
Trey Coates, Interstate Chemical  
Terra Shaffer, Mercer Co. Dep. Dir. 9-1-1  
Jason Gallagher, Beaver County  
Eric Brewer, Director Beaver County  
Kevin Whipple, Beaver County  
Bill Finley, Mercer Co. Commissioner  
Ann Coleman, Mercer Co. Commissioner, Chair

**WELCOME:** Chairman Nicklin welcomed those in attendance. Everyone was asked to introduce themselves. The Chairman expressed our appreciation to the guests from Beaver County for bringing their drone up to demo for us and joining the meeting.

**September 2025 Minutes:**

**Accepted as presented.**

**Moved by: Dick Weinzierl**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jamie Ball**  
**All in favor**

**OFF-SITE RESPONSE PLANS:** All existing plans are up to date.

**INCIDENT REVIEW:**

I-80 mm4 Shenango Twp – TT incident involving diesel fuel – 150 gal approx..  
Shenango Twp. – 201 Pulaski Rd. – Hilcorp tank on fire.  
I-80/I79 Exit 19B - Findley Twp – TT rollover – Fuel leak  
Grove City College – Active Shooter went directly to GCPD – Swatting Call

**REGION 13 REPORT:**

Frank Jannetti was elected Chairman of Region 13. Frank introduced Eric Brewer, Beaver County, he is Chairman of the Region 13 Health & Medical Committee. Federal funding is still unknown. There has been a lawsuit filed, 21 states have currently signed on to the lawsuit.

**TRAINING:** The Training Partnership with BC3 has been renewed at the cost of \$4,500 for 500 hours. Classes will start being scheduled in January.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Hazmat Team Options:** McCutcheon retainer went from \$2,500 to \$7,500. A lot of counties are looking at other team options. Mercer and Lawrence are talking to Butler County to become our team.

**Motion to continue talks with Butler to secure a contract to serve as our Hazmat Response Team.**

**Moved by: Trey Coates**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dick Weinzierl**  
**All in favor**

**Drone Purchase:** Beaver County owns the same drone we are looking at, so they brought their drone to the meeting to demo it for us and answer any questions. The original quote was \$58,722. The purchase was tabled and other drones and quotes were researched. Region 13 is making a large purchase, and we were able to purchase one at the 'region' cost of \$46,291.

**Motion to purchase the Fortkite Drone by quote dated 12/2/2026 for \$46,291.**

**Moved by: Dustin Wyatt**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Trey Coates**  
**All in Favor**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion to approve the payment to IDSI for Hazconnect software used for the Tier II billing. Cost is \$6,075.00/yr.**

**Moved by Dick Weinzierl**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Frank Jannetti**  
**All in favor**

**Motion to approve the payment to Butler Co. Community College for the Preferred Training Partnership. The cost is \$4,500 for 500 hrs. of training. Cost reflects a \$500 increase.**

**Moved by: Dick Weinzierl**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Courtney Slavic**  
**All in favor**

## **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

### **Nominations opened for Chairman.**

Dick Weizierl nominated John Nicklin, Chairman. No other nominations were heard. John Nicklin will be the Chairman in 2026.

Dustin Wyatt nominated Richard Weinzierl, Vice-Chairman. No other nominations were heard. Richard Weinzierl will be the Vice-Chairman in 2026.

## **Reappoint the Committee Members**

### **Motion to recommend the current roster to the Commissioners for appointment in 2026.**

**Moved by: Richard Weinzierl**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Trey Coates**  
**All in favor**

## **Invoices for 2026**

### **Motion to approve payment of 2026 invoices not to exceed \$4,000 per invoice.**

**Moved by: Richard Weinzierl**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Trey Coates**  
**All in favor**

Open Comments from members present.

On behalf of the County Commissioners, Commissioner Coleman thanked the members for their contribution and willingness to serve on the committee.

Trey Coates, due to the conflict with commissioners' staff meeting, he suggested changing the meeting day/time to enable the commissioners to attend the LEPC meeting.

### **Motion to Adjourn.**

**Moved by: Richard Weinzierl**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Courtney Slavic**  
**All in favor**

**2026 Meeting Dates: June 10, September 9, December 9**