

**MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**November 10, 2011**

**Members Present: Brian Bader, Kenneth R. Ammann, John N. Lechner**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Was held**

**Others Present: Tom Amundsen, Darlene Artman, Christie Dennis, Tim Hofius, John Logan, Bill Madden, Ginny Richardson, Citizens Hud Artman, George Elliott, Media Lauren Mylo, Phil Rau**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items: None**

**Motion to approve October 26, 2011 Chief Clerk's Meeting minutes.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann** **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to approve November 2, 2011 Chief Clerk's Meeting minutes.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann** **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to approve October 27, 2011 Commissioners' Meeting minutes.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann** **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to approve a proclamation to honor President Judge Francis J. Fornelli on the momentous occasion of his retirement from the Mercer County Court of Common Pleas after thirty years of dedicated and distinguished service.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann** **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to approve the attached list of Voting machine inspectors for the November 8, 2011 Municipal Election.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann** **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to enter into an agreement between Mercer County Intermediate Punishment Program and Pa. State Police, Bureau of Communications and Information Services, CLEAN Administrative Section: JNET Transition, 1800 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pa. 17110 for direct connection to the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance (CLEAN) through the JNET network. There is no cost to Mercer County for this connection and service.**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner** **Seconded: Mr. Ammann**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader**

**Motion to extend the completion date of Phase 1 (preliminary engineering services) of the contract with ms consultants, inc. of Airport Office Park #4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 333 Rouser Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108-2773 from December 31, 2011 to June 30, 2012 for Mercer County Bridge 802, Race Street, Greenville to address environmental issues and alternate structure types.**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner** **Seconded: Mr. Ammann**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader**

**Motion to extend the completion date of Phase 1 (preliminary engineering services) due to historical and environmental clearance activities of the contract with Gannett Fleming, Inc. of Foster Plaza III, Suite 200, 601 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220-2728 from December 31, 2011 to May 31, 2012 for Mercer County Bridge 2303, Kelly Road, Hermitage.**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner** **Seconded: Mr. Ammann**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader**

**Motion to approve FY 2011 Mercer County Act 137 funding to the Borough of Grove City in the amount of \$100,000. These funds will match nearly \$8.1 million in public and private funds, and will be used to construct 35 town home units on a 21 acre site off of Liberty Extension, State Route 173. This grant award will be contingent upon approval of other funding from the State.**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner** **Seconded: Mr. Ammann**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader**

**Motion to award FY 2011 Mercer County Act 137 funding to Greenville Borough and Hempfield Township in the amount of \$100,000 for a joint housing rehabilitation project. This grant award will be contingent upon approval of a \$500,000 HOME grant by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED).**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner** **Seconded: Mr. Ammann**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader**

**Motion to award FY 2011 Mercer County Act 137 funding to Findley, Coolspring and East Lackawannock Townships and Mercer Borough in the amount of \$100,000 for a joint housing rehabilitation project. This grant award will be contingent upon approval of a \$500,000 HOME grant by the PA DCED.**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner** **Seconded: Mr. Ammann**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader**

**Motion to award FY 2011 Mercer County Act 137 funding to the City of Hermitage in the amount of \$60,000 to enhance the City's housing rehabilitation program. This grant award will be contingent upon approval of \$120,000 in CDBG funds by the PA DCED.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann**

**Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader**

**Motion to enter into a guardianship agreement with the Jewish Family and Children's Services, 5743 Bartlett Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15217 to provide guardianship for a delinquent youth at the rate of \$60.00/hour. This is a CYS agreement effective November 10, 2011.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann**

**Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader**

**Motion to enter into Children & Youth purchase of service agreement with the following service providers:**

The Bair Foundation of PA 245 High Street New Wilmington, PA 16142	Supported Foster Care	\$65.36
	Med. Needy 1&2 Foster	\$53.76
	Med. Needy 3&4 Foster	\$58.44
	Traditional Foster Care	\$55.00
	Mother/Nondep Infant	\$80.97
Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc. 2840 Liberty Ave, Ste 300 Pittsburgh, Pa 15222	Abraxas I-D&A Trtmnt	\$171.36
	Intensive Residential	\$289.32
	Abraxas II – Intensive	\$147.75
	Abraxas Ctr for Females	\$187.73
	Leadership Development	\$151.65
	LDP-Fire Setter/Sex Offender	\$293.55
	AYC-Fire Setter/Sex Offender	\$307.73
	AYC-Detention	\$284.17
	AYC-Shelter	\$284.17
	Abraxas Academy-Habitual	\$309.41
	Abraxas Academy-S.O.	\$309.41
	Abraxas Academy-S.O.II	\$309.41
	Abraxas Academy-Detention	\$281.00
Erie Residential MH	\$247.29	
Glade Run Lutheran Services 70 Beaver Road Zelienople, PA 16063	Girls G.H.-Laudenberger	\$181.75
	Boys G.H.-Meeder	\$181.75
	Specialized Foster Care	\$61.47
	Therapeutic Foster Care	\$83.23
	Professional Foster Care	\$108.64



**Motion to ratify the attached previously approved expenditures dated 10-25-11 to 11-07-11 in the amount of \$2,756,242.04.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann** **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to Approve the following Exoneration(s) being granted as listed:**

<u>Tax Collector</u>	<u>Taxing District</u>	<u>County Per Capita Tax</u>	<u>County Per Capita Tax - TBC</u>
Mary E. Pederson	Dear Creek Twp	\$ 15.00	
Joni F. Maybee	Salem Twp	\$ 30.00	
Carolyn S. Chess	Sandy Creek Twp	\$ 35.00	
Mary Kathleen Weber	Wolf Creek Twp	\$ 70.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 150.00</b>	
One correction from previous approval			
Roberta Rhodes	Sheakleyville	Year change to 2011	

**Moved: Mr. Ammann** **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to express support to the board of Mercer County Area Agency on Aging in their evaluation of alternatives in the refunding of the balance of their outstanding bond issue. As guarantor of the existing bond issue, Mercer County encourages them to reduce their borrowing costs in this way. Note: Mercer County Commissioners will evaluate the final refinancing proposal before continuing the bond guaranty.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann** **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to present for public display and comment the 2012 proposed Mercer County Budget. (Approval and adoption of the final budget is scheduled for the regular Commissioners' Meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2011, at 10:30 am.)**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann** **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Public Comment: Commissioners thanked Pine Township Supervisor Mr. George Elliott for hosting the meeting.**

**Fiscal Director John Logan presented the 2012 proposed budget for review and discussed some of the highlights.**

**Questions of the Media: were answered**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner**

**Seconded: Mr. Ammann**

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**Mercer County Board of Commissioners**

**Attest:**

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**Chief Clerk**