

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

**August 18, 2016**

**Members Present: Matthew B. McConnell, Scott Boyd, Tim McGonigle**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Was held**

**Others Present: Rene Fustos, Jared Hoffacker, Tim Hofius, Bill Madden, Meghan Gahring, Jerry Zona Media Mike Roknick, Molly Van Woert Citizens Chris Brewer, Lonnie McFall, David Swartz**

**General Discussion Items: Commissioner McConnell noted discussion has been ongoing regarding the County controlled dams including their upkeep, and maintenance issues. Also concerns regarding trespassing were raised by Commissioner McGonigle. The Aware companion pilot program for service dogs is underway in the Courthouse and the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act seminar. Commissioners discussed the ongoing search for a new director and the Opioid epidemic conference. Approvals were granted for utilization of the Bandstand for upcoming Holiday Decorations by the Chamber of Commerce and also the Brunch on the Square planned by the Penn State Extension.**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items: None**

**Motion to approve August 4, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting minutes.**

**Moved: Mr. McGonigle**

**Seconded: Mr. McConnell**

**Vote: Yes Mr. McGonigle, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McConnell**

**Motion to enter into a service agreement with the following CYS service providers:**

Cambria County Commissioners 200 South Center Street Ebensburg, PA 15931	Detention Center	\$225.00
Community Health Partnership PO Box 1201 Hermitage, PA 16148	Communities That Care Mobilizer Position	\$23,000/annually
Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc. 2840 Liberty Ave, Suite 300 Pittsburgh, PA 15222	Abraxas I – STEP prog Intensive Residential Female D&A Treatment Leadership Development Shelter LDP – Female Open Res-Fire setter/Sex Offender AYC-Fire setter/Sex offender AYC-Detention AYC-Shelter	\$171.36 \$289.32 \$208.24 \$160.45 \$284.17 \$160.45 \$293.55 \$307.73 \$284.17 \$284.17



**Motion to submit a “901b Municipal Planning Grant” application to the PA Department of Environmental Protection for household hazardous waste (HHW) education programming for Mercer County. Funding available through this program is for public education directly related to electronics and HHW. A grant application, not to exceed \$75,000, will cover 80% of the costs for collection event advertising, printing expenses, and signage for HHW education. A 20% match is required, of which 10% can be in-kind services. The grant application will cover expenses during the 2016 and 2017 calendar years.**

**Moved: Mr. McGonigle**

**Seconded: Mr. Boyd**

**Vote: Yes Mr. McGonigle, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McConnell**

**Motion to submit Mercer County’s grant application to the PA Department of Environmental Protection for a “2016 Municipal Recycling Program Performance Grant (904 Grant)”. This grant is available only to municipalities with a recycling program. DEP calculates the award based on the amount of material that is recycled during the previous calendar year, so this application will be based on 2015 recycling tonnage collected. There is no County match required.**

**Moved: Mr. McGonigle**

**Seconded: Mr. Boyd**

**Vote: Yes Mr. McGonigle, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McConnell**

**Motion to submit a 901 Planning Grant application to Department of Environmental Protection to update Mercer County's Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan (MSW), as required every 10 years. The current MSW Plan for Mercer County was updated and revised in 2011. With a funding deadline of June 30, 2017 and a 2-3 year planning process following that, the Department would like to submit a grant application by the deadline to secure funding for the plan update. A 20% match is required and can be in-kind.**

**Moved: Mr. McGonigle**

**Seconded: Mr. Boyd**

**Vote: Yes Mr. McGonigle, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McConnell**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-02, authorizing the incurring of lease rental indebtedness by the guaranty of the debt service in respect of a bond of the City of Sharon Sanitary Authority in a principal amount not to exceed ten million five hundred thousand dollars (\$10,500,000); covenanting to pay, and pledging unlimited taxing power for the payment of, the bond under the guaranty; authorizing filings of required documents with the Department of Community and Economic Development; ratifying actions of officers and directing other actions; and making other covenants in respect of the guaranty.**

**Moved: Mr. McGonigle**

**Seconded: Mr. Boyd**

**Vote: Yes Mr. McGonigle, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McConnell**

**Motion to approve a contract with Venango County under which one or more of their Jail Corrections Officers will attend formal academy training at the Mercer County Jail during August and September 2016. Fee is \$800 per person.**

**Moved: Mr. McGonigle** **Seconded: Mr. Boyd**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. McGonigle, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McConnell**

**Motion to approve the following financial investments as listed:**

**INVESTMENTS DATED 08/16/2016**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
RETIREMENT PNC CK	RETIREMENT PNC MMKT	\$ 71,511.00

**INVESTMENTS DATED 08/17/2016**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
MHDS PNC CK	MHDS FNB/PA IMM	\$ 1,399,686.00
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION PNC CK	CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION NORTHWEST MMKT	\$ 552.00
2001 CAPITAL BOND SINKING PNC CK	2001 CAPITAL BOND SINKING FNB/PA IMM	\$ 15,862.00
PRIVATE SALE PNC MMKT	PRIVATE SALE NORTHWEST MUN	\$ 250.00
TAX LIEN PNC SWP	TAX LIEN FNB/PA IMM	\$ 381,079.00

**Moved: Mr. McGonigle** **Seconded: Mr. Boyd**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. McGonigle, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McConnell**

**Motion to approve the Human Resources action(s) as follows:**

<b>NAME/POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>LEVEL/STEP/GRADE</b>
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**NEW HIRES:**

**CONTROLLER:**

Evan Sokira Auditor	9/6/2016	PA07-00-01 (\$39,024/yr.)
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**SHERIFF:**

Dani Johnston Intern	8/22/2016	No Salary/No Benefits
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**Public Comment: None**

**Questions of the Media: were answered**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Mr. McGonigle**

**Seconded: Mr. Boyd**

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**Mercer County Board of Commissioners**

**Attest:**

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**Chief Clerk**