

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 2, 2021

Attendance	Present	Absent	By Phone
Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Pete Acker, Tom Amundsen, Ruth Bice, Jenny Hamilton, Jared Hoffacker, John Logan, Bill Madden, Ann Morrison, Deb Sicilian, Roni Shilling, Amber White, Dee Dee Zickar, Steve Sherman, Mitchell Henderson, Tracy Romesburg, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright

General Discussion Items: None.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

2021-434 RESOLUTION to approve **11/18/2021** Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES.

RESOLUTION adopted:

	Moved	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain
Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROCLAMATIONS

2021-435 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize MAYOR KENNETH ROSS VERNON for his thirty-six (36) years of service with the Mercer Borough, upon his retirement. He served in many capacities as a Council Member and as Mayor of the Borough.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROCLAMATIONS

2021-436 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize KEYSTONE INDEPENDENCE MANAGEMENT as an honorable mention recipient of the Community Partnership Award; presented by The Mutual of America Foundation for their Human Services Capacity Building Program. Keystone Independence Management is the management company for Keystone Blind Association and five other agencies across the Commonwealth. They are being recognized for sharing administrative costs, manpower and best practices among the six agencies. The management company received a grant of \$50,000 in 2020 as part of the award. The hometown luncheon was postponed to December 2021 due to COVID-19.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REFUNDS

2021-437 RESOLUTION to approve the following REFUNDS(s) listed effective 12/02/2021

NAME/ADDRESS	DISTRICT	R. E.	REFUND	REASON
Carolyn R Nelson 169 Clintonville Rd Mercer, PA 16137	Findley Township	X	\$77.74	Mobile Home Burnt/ Pro-rated 7 Months
Powell, Jess 63 Eich Rd Greenville, PA 16125	French Creek Township	X	\$289.42	Razed Dwelling, Barn & Building

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Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CYS

2021-438 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENTS(s) with the following providers for services being provided.

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2021—06/30/2022

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
George Junior Republic in PA 233 George Junior Road P.O. Box 1058 Grove City, PA 16127	Regular Residential	\$ 274.80	Daily
	Special Needs	\$ 318.75	Daily
	Drug & Alcohol	\$ 241.80	Daily
	Diagnostic	\$ 282.00	Daily
	Intensive Supervision	\$ 422.20	Daily
	Special Needs M.A.	\$ 128.64	Daily
	Drug & Alcohol M.A.	\$ 82.94	Daily
	Three Rivers Adoption Council DbA TRAC Services for Families 1600 West Carson Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219	Foster Care AA	\$ 70.87
Foster Care BB	\$ 72.87	Daily	
Foster Care CC	\$ 75.76	Daily	
Foster Care DD	\$ 82.15	Daily	
Farrell Family Center 1901 Memorial Drive Farrell, PA 16121	Family Reunification	\$ 112,000	Annually

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Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HUMAN RESOURCES

2021-439 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions.

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>NEW HIRES</u>		
E-911 CENTER:		
Stephen Behe Part-Time Telecommunicator	12/13/2021	TCE 00-01 (\$14.96/hr.)
Jaclyn Myers Part-Time Telecommunicator	12/13/2021	TCE 00-01 (\$14.96/hr.)

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NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
Ryan Swisher Part-Time Telecommunicator	12/13/2021	TCE 00-01 (\$14.96/hr.)
PUBLIC DEFENDER:		
Stephanie Lauderbaugh Assistant Public Defender	1/3/2022	PA09-06-01 (\$68,541/yr.)
INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT:		
Trisha Albert Administrative Assistant	1/03/2022	PA03-00-01 (\$15.56/hr.)
<u>TRANSFERS</u>		
E-911 CENTER:		
Kelly Robinson Telecommunicator	11/28/2021	** DATE CORRECTION ** TCE 00-02 (\$16.62/hr.) Transfer from Part-Time Telecommunicator
Taylor Johnson Telecommunicator	11/28/2021	** DATE CORRECTION ** TCE 00-02 (\$16.62/hr.) Transfer from Part-Time Telecommunicator
CHILDREN & YOUTH:		
Cassie Douglas Program Specialist	12/20/2021	PA07-05-01 (\$25.92/hr.) Transfer from Casework Supervisor
Bryan Weber Casework Supervisor	12/20/2021	PA07-04-01 (\$24.86/hr.) Transfer from Temporary Casework Supervisor
PUBLIC DEFENDER:		
Autumn Johnson First Assistant Public Defender	1/3/2022	PA09-08-01 (\$75,566/yr.) Transfer from Assistant Public Defender
<u>SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT</u>		
JAIL:		
Brittany Cook Corrections Officer	11/22/2021	

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
PUBLIC DEFENDER:		
Douglas Straub	12/31/2021	
First Assistant Public Defender		

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APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-440	N/A	N/A	Effective 12/02/2021

Confirm the following Re-appointment to the MH/ID ADVISORY BOARD for the term as specified:

Sam Bellich 01/01/2022—12/31/2025

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Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-441	Claris International Inc. One Apple Park Way, 174-1CL Cupertino, CA 95014	\$3,690.00	Effective 12/02/2021

Approve contract renewal for FileMaker Pro software used to generate bridge inspection reports. Contract term is five (5) years with a discount of 15% for year two and a discount of 25% for years three, four and five. Cost to be paid from Liquid Fuels, Fund 204.

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Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-442	Thomas Amundsen 162 Greenwood Drive Hermitage, Pa 16148	\$75.00 Per Hour	Effective 12/02/2021

Approve agreement with Thomas Amundsen to contract for County Pension Plan administrative services at a rate of \$75.00 per hour.

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Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-443	N/A	N/A	Effective 12/02/2021

Approve appointment of Ann Morrison, Chief Clerk; John Logan, Fiscal Administrator; and William Madden, Solicitor to Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Appeal Board.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FISCAL

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE
2021-444 N/A N/A Effective 12/02/2021

Adopt resolution authorizing the transfer of any unencumbered balance, or any portion thereof within the 2021 County Budget(s), to accounts that are overdrawn, pursuant to Section 1784 of the County Code.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FISCAL

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE
2021-445 N/A N/A Effective 12/02/2021

Adopt resolution fixing the real estate tax rate for the year 2022, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purpose of the County Government during the fiscal year. The real estate tax rate for general County purposes is fixed at Twenty-Two and One-Quarter (22.25) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$2.225 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real property subject to taxation by the County, to be deposited in the General Fund of Mercer County, and at One and Forty-Hundredths (1.40) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$0.140 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, to be deposited into the Capital Bond Sinking Fund of Mercer County.

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Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FISCAL

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE
2021-446 N/A N/A Effective 12/02/2021

Adopt the 2022 Mercer County Budget, as attached.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FISCAL

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE
2021-447 N/A N/A Effective 12/02/2021

Adopt resolution certifying that the County is in compliance with Act 106 of 2011 as to “Bonding Requirements for Elected Officials and identified employees” for 2022—2023 as evidenced by insurance provided through the Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool (PCoRP).

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MERCER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE
2021-448 N/A \$71,063.04 Effective 12/02/2021

Revise the FY 2018 Mercer County Community Development Block Grant Program by transferring \$20,063.04 from the Public Service (Medical Equipment Recycling Program) line item and \$51,000.00 from the Housing Rehabilitation – Sewer Lateral (Liberty Township) line item to the Housing Rehabilitation (Hempfield Township/Mercer County) line item.

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Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-449	N/A	< \$1,000.00	Effective 12/02/2021

Approve notice of sale for items listed in “as is”, “where is” condition. Items are being sold with no implied warranties or guaranties. County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Three (3) metal and laminate “teacher” style desks, 45”Wx24”Dx29”H
Twenty-two (22) HP Pro 6300 Small Form Factor computers without hard drives
Five (5) HP Pro 3000 MT without hard drives

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Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-450	Walmart Inc.	\$3,000.00	Effective 12/02/2021

Approve application for a grant under the Community Grant Program to support the “Shop with a Cop” community outreach program sponsored by Mercer County Sheriff Bruce Rosa to support children recommended by area schools.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-451	Walmart Inc.	\$3,000.00	Effective 12/02/2021

Accept a grant under the Community Grant Program to support the “Shop with a Cop” community outreach program sponsored by Mercer County Sheriff Bruce Rosa. Twenty (20) children, recommended by area schools, will shop with a sheriff deputy or police officer in December 2021.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Old Business: None.

New Business: Opioid Lawsuit Discussion. Commissioners announced that various states have come to an agreement with the plaintiffs. Pennsylvania Attorney General wants all counties to agree to the proposed settlement. Attorney Don Broggi, representing Mercer County, is reviewing the terms. Final documents have not been released. Proposed agreement has 70% of the funds being paid to counties over a term of at least 17 years to 20 years; 15% of the funds being paid to the state and 15% to counties with individual suits to assist with covering costs.

Within each county, funds are to be paid to a single entity that oversees addiction treatment programs. Commissioners expressed concern that families impacted by the opioid crisis will not receive any direct support. The President of Mercer County Prison Board also said that Mercer County Jail incurred substantial costs related to the addiction problem. The Commissioners will await recommendations from the attorney. Open discussion item.

Recess to Salary Board

Public Comment: Mitchell Henderson asked how a budget is prepared when negotiations with the USW contract are not finalized. Commissioners stated that the budget is prepared at zero salary increase for the USW members since a contract is not in place.

Questions of the Media: Topics discussed included the proposed settlement amount from the opioid lawsuit. Questions asked and answered.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Boyd

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners