MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 14, 2024

Members Present: Ann Coleman, William Finley Jr., Timothy McGonigle

Prayer: Reverend Bruce Rosa, retired Mercer County Sheriff

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Nicki Biles, Tim Callahan, Thad Hall, Jennifer Hamilton, Bill McConnell, Christian McElhaney, Stephen Sherman, Amber White, Stacey Curry, Monica Williams, Roberta Leonard, Stacy Butera, Mike McKinny, Tim Kramer, Adam Scott, Tom Roskos, Bruce Rosa, Jennifer Arnett, Kim Griffin, Zayla Griffin, Ryder Griffin, Saphira Knize, Jordan Olson, Melissa Klaric, Holly Patterson, Joanie Micsky, Roni Shilling

General Discussion Items: Two requests for Use of Courthouse Grounds were approved.

- 1. Mercer County National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2, 2024, and,
- 2. A wedding on Friday, August 9, 2024.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

2024-108 RESOLUTION to approve 03/07/2024 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATIONS

2024-109 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize Adam Cook for receiving the 2023 Community Service Award from the Grove City Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Cook is the current CEO of the Franklin/Grove City YMCA and a board member of the Grove City Chamber of Commerce for six years. Mr. Cook continually develops and promotes programs that serve community needs. He most recently developed the Early Education Center in the former Highland School Building, which also provides space for the Mercer County Head Start Program. Mr. Cook is a true servant and leader in the community.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

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PROCLAMATIONS

2024-110 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize March 17, 2024 through March 23, 2024 as Pennsylvania 4-H Week.

4-H Week showcases the incredible ways that 4-H has inspired kids to achieve their potential and highlights the remarkable youth in Mercer County who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them. 4-H's network provides youth with opportunities for leadership development, career exploration, problem-solving, friendships, and community involvement with purpose. 4-H in Pennsylvania is delivered by Penn State Cooperative Extension in rural areas, small towns, and cities in all 67 counties of the Commonwealth.

Discussion: 4-H Educator, Jennifer Arnett, spoke about 4-H in Mercer County, stating there are 212 kids enrolled this year in 4-H, and two have been selected to sit on a 10 member panel representing the State of Pennsylvania.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

CYS

2024-111 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENT(s) with the following for services being provided:

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

VENDOR Computer Aid, Inc. 1390 Ridgeview Drive Allentown, PA 18104	PROGRAM Professional Fiscal Consultancy Services	\$	RATE 110.00	TERM Hourly
Gallo & Associates Psychological Services 60 Snyder Road	Cognitive Assessment Projected Testimony Fee for Cognitive Assessment	\$ \$	250.00 250.00	Hourly Hourly
Hermitage, PA 16148	Mental Health Diagnostic Assessment Projected Testimony Fee for Mental Health Assess.	\$	250.00 250.00	Hourly Hourly
	Bonding/Custody Assessment (per parent + 1 child) Projected Testimony Fee for Bonding/Custody	\$	250.00 250.00	Hourly

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

HUMAN RESOURCES

2024-112 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION EFFECTIVE LEVEL/STEP/GRADE

NEW HIRES

SHERIFF

Joe Buccini 3/11/2024 SD00-00-01 (\$22.03/hr.)

SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

JAIL

Alycia Torres 3/4/2024

Part-Time Corrections Office

Anna Frazee 3/6/2024

Corrections Officer

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

HUMAN RESOURCES

2024-113 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions for

Departments reporting to the Courts:

NAME/POSITION EFFECTIVE LEVEL/STEP/GRADE

SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

DISTRICT JUDGE ODEM

Jordann Wilson 3/8/2024

Senior Procedure Clerk

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

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COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION VENDOR AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-114 Mythics \$148,371.85 Effective 05/11/2024

Oracle Platinum Partner 4525 Main Street, Ste 1500 Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Approve the renewal of cloud subscription services and software. Software purchases are exempt from advertising, bidding, or price quotations per §1802(h)(9) of the County Code. Vendor participates in PEPPM cooperative purchasing program through Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit. This renewal is per the original contract parameters.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSONERS

RESOLUTION GRANTEE AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-115 Thiel College \$20,000.00 Effective 03/14/2024

75 College Avenue Greenville, PA 16125

Appropriate funds from the Act 13 Unconventional Gas Well Fund 262 for the Thiel College Stadium Project. The project falls under the "Community Park" sub-category of Sec.a1.5 of Act 13. The requested funds for the project will upgrade and modernize several amenities and facilities in the stadium, including expansion of handicapped accessible seating, additional bleachers, and new turf. The stadium is open to the area residents and provides a safe, quality recreational facility for the betterment of the community and will also host K-12 sporting playoff events. The estimated project cost is between \$450,000.00 - \$712,500.00 with additional funding sources from fundraising activities and Thiel College designated funding. The project is expected to be completed in a six to twelve month time period.

Discussion: Roberta Leonard and Mike McKinny of Thiel College expressed their appreciation for the County believing the project is worthy of the granted funding, and the College welcomes local schools and members of the community to use the stadium facilities.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Mr. Finley Abstain-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSONERS

RESOLUTION GRANTEE AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-116 Buhl Park Corporation \$20,000.00 Effective 03/14/2024

715 Hazen Road Hermitage, PA 16148

Appropriate funds from the Economic Development Capital Reserve Fund 302 for the Buhl Park Learning Center Addition. The estimated project cost is \$1,014,607.00 with additional funding sources from Corporate and Private Contributions, Foundation Gifts, and State Grants. The project will include indoor/outdoor hitting bays, fitness area, indoor putting green, space for group and corporate gatherings and expansion of current facilities for additional customer flow. **Discussion:** Tom Roskos expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for the funding provided to the project, stating the benefits this project will have on the Community including the introducing golf to another generation of children in the community and the other amenities the Learning Center Addition will provide to the community.

Commissioner McGonigle explained the Economic Development Fund was established in the early 2000's for projects such as Buhl Park's Learning Center Addition and this is the funding being used for this grant.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSONERS

RESOLUTION GRANTEE AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-117 LSWM Community Pool Committee \$20,000.00 Effective 03/14/2024

25 North Street

West Middlesex, PA 16159

Appropriate funds from the Economic Development Capital Reserve Fund 302 for the LSWM Community Pool Renovation Project. The estimated project cost is \$206,802.35 with additional funding from three communities that share the pool, a pledge from Senator Michelle Brooks, and fundraising activities. The project will include renovations of the pool, pool house kitchen and bathrooms, a pool heater, fencing, steps, and lifeguard equipment.

Discussion: The Mayor of West Middlesex, Stacy Curry, expressed appreciation for the funding, not only for West Middlesex but also on behalf of the local municipalities involved in the Pool Project, which include Lackawannock and Shenango Townships. Mayor Curry advises the pool, and its amenities, provides recreation for all Mercer County residents.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

SHERIFF

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-118 East Coast Emergency Lighting Inc. \$20,314.60 Effective 03/14/2024

200 Meco Drive

Millstone Township, NJ 08535

Approve purchase and installation of emergency package of required after-market equipment including lighting, partitions, and safety equipment to be installed in two (2) 2023 Ford Interceptors. Costs to be paid from Fund 322.

Discussion: Sheriff Callahan advises this equipment provides his staff with all the required safety equipment for the two new units, and this company had the best pricing.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

SHERIFF

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-119 TopCap Auto & Truck Accessories \$1,524.00 Effective 03/14/2024

738 Colt Road Transfer, PA 16154

Approve purchase and installation of identifying graphics (decals) for two (2) 2023 Ford Interceptors. Costs to be paid from Fund 322.

Discussion: Sheriff Callahan informed this local company has been making and applying the graphics on the Sheriff's Office fleet for the past few years and they are the most professional and provide the best pricing.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

Old Business: None

New Business: Thad Hall provided information on the voter equipment testing that will take place next week and saying that the Democrat and Republican Parties will have representatives attending the equipment testing. The Elections Office will be sending the 'mail-in ballots' out by March 25^{th,} and the ballots need to be returned within one month.

Public Comment: Commissioner Coleman informed everyone that the funding for Thiel College's grant came from Act 13 and not from Mercer County tax dollars, explaining Act 13 Unconventional Gas Well Funding is provided from the drilling industry.

Questions of the Media: None

Motion to Adjourn	
Moved: Mr. McGonigle	Seconded: Mr. Finley
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Chief Clerk Mercer County Board of Commiss	