

## MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 25, 2024

**Members Present:** Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley, Commissioner Coleman

**Prayer:** Noah Holland, Lakeview Church of God, Stoneboro

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Was held.

**Others Present:** Brian Gruber, Thad Hall, Jennifer Hamilton, Frank Jannetti, Bill McConnell, Christian McElhaney, Stephen Sherman, Amber White, Noah Holland, Caleb Stright, Joanie Micsky, Roni Shilling

**General Discussion Items:** None

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**# 2024-314** RESOLUTION to approve 07/18/2024 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

### **REFUNDS**

**# 2024-315** RESOLUTION to approve the following REFUND listed effective 07/25/2024:

NAME/ADDRESS	DISTRICT	R.E.	REFUND	REASON
Lapikas, Kenneth J & Pauline 7229 W. Market Street Mercer, PA 16137	Sharon II	X	\$123.71	Combine parcel 2 AJ 9A onto Parcel 2 AJ 9

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**# 2024-316** RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<b><u>NEW HIRES</u></b>		
<b><u>JAIL</u></b>		
Josue Rolon Corrections Officer	07/22/2024	JCO 00-01 (\$18.78/hr.)

## **SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT**

### **JAIL**

James Rodriguez 07/17/2024  
Part-Time Corrections Officer

**\*\* DATE CORRECTION \*\***

Tara Balestrino 07/18/2024  
Corrections Officer

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Jasmine Wheale 08/01/2024  
Caseworker II

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

## **COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-317	Maher Duessel 112 Hollywood Drive, Suite 204 Butler, PA 16001	\$1,000.00	Effective 07/25/2024

Resolution to approve a grant audit of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Keystone Communities Program Grant, Contract #C000080532. This reaffirms the existing engagement letter and is considered to be an extension of the main engagement letter. All relevant terms and conditions of that letter are applicable. The fee for the additional services of the audit is \$3,500.00. The Keystone Communities Grant will provide \$1,500.00 towards the \$3,500.00. Mercer and Lawrence Counties will evenly split the remaining \$2,000.00.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

## **BRIDGE**

RESOLUTION	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-318	N/A	N/A	Effective 07/25/2024

Resolution to authorize the taking of portions of parcels of properties owned by Grace, Montgomery, Reed, and Corrigan under the PA Eminent Domain Code, in order to acquire the rights-of-way necessary for the reconstruction of public bridges 2707 and 2717 located on East Gilmore Road in Wolf Creek Township.

### **Discussion:**

- Commissioner Finley advised that he and Commissioner Coleman had an informative conversation with one of the property owners about acquiring the Right-of-Ways for the bridge project.

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- Solicitor McConnell provided information that the Commissioners approval of the Resolution is necessary in the event the County would have to proceed with the condemnation of certain properties for the project.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle  
**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley  
 Yes-Mr. Finley                      Yes-Dr. Coleman

#### **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

RESOLUTION	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-319	N/A	N/A	Effective 07/25/2024

Resolution to approve advertisement and bid specifications for an RFP for the removal and replacement of carpeting and tile at 205 South Erie Street, E-9-1-1 Public Safety Building. Bids to be received at the Office of the Controller, 125 S. Diamond Street, Suite 2, Mercer, PA 16137 by 1:00 pm on Thursday, August 22, 2024. Bids will be opened and publicly announced at the public Commissioners' Meeting on August 22, 2024, at 3:00 pm. Bidding documents are available on the Mercer County website, <https://www.mercercountypa.gov/rfp> or from the Mercer County Facilities Manager, 125 S. Diamond Street, Suite 19, Mercer, PA 16137, during normal operating hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids, or parts thereof, and to waive any informality.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle  
**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley  
 Yes-Mr. Finley                      Yes-Dr. Coleman

#### **GRANTS**

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR:	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-320	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency 3101 N. Front Street Harrisburg, PS 17110	\$94,879.00	Effective 07/01/2024

Resolution to approve acceptance of an award in the amount of \$94,879.00, for the 2023/2024 Indigent Defense Grant Program. This is for the benefit of Indigent Defense provided by the Mercer County Public Defender's Office and Conflict Counsel. Mercer County will utilize the Public Defender's Office to fulfill these objectives. These are State funds. The grant period will be 07/01/2024 – 12/31/2025. No County match required. Grant cannot supplant existing County-level spending.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle  
**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley  
 Yes-Mr. Finley                      Yes-Dr. Coleman

## **GRANTS**

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR:	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-321	PA Dept of Community of Community and Economic Development Office of Innovation and Investment-CFA Programs Division 400 North Street, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225	up to \$3,000,000.00	Effective 07/25/2024

Resolution to approve application for funding from the Commonwealth Financing Authority through the Multimodal Transportation Fund for up to \$3,000,000.00 to be used for the Hosack Road Structurally Deficient Bridge Restoration Project. The Project involves the replacement of the bridge's superstructure.

Discussion: Commissioner Coleman advised there are more than 200 bridges in Mercer County that the County is responsible for and this grant, if awarded, would help with the financial aspect of this bridge project.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Commissioner Coleman announced the Board is considering a Change Order for the Oracle Implementation with TATA Consultants, and the Change Order will be voted on at next week's Commissioner's Meeting.

### **Commissioner's Reports:**

- Commissioner Finley reported going with the County's Bridge Engineer to look at field projects and being impressed with the level of knowledge the County Bridge Department has.
- Commissioner Coleman announced the glass recycling program will be in Springfield Township from August 1 through September 5, 2024, and at the Hermitage Volunteer Fire Department, Station 3, beginning on September 28, 2024.

**Elected Official/Department Head Reports:** Treasurer Amber White reported her Office is now on their second round of doe licenses, with under 10,000 licenses remaining, and the third round of licensing will begin in approximately two weeks.

**Public Comment:** None

**Questions of the Media:** Caleb Stright of the Record Argus inquired about the timeline of the Oracle Project. Commissioner Coleman, in reply, provided general information about the timeline and said further information would be available at next week’s meeting. Mr. Stright also asked about the amount of land from the property(s) involved for the bridge project on East Gilmore Road. General information of Right-of-Way square footage was provided by the Commissioners and addressed the concerns of the property owners with their property being a Right-of Way.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Attest:**

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Mercer County Board of Commissioners**