

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 5, 2024

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley – Absent
Commissioner Coleman

Prayer: Pastor Jim Chapin, Kingdom Unification & Living Word Christian Center, Greenville

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Brian Gruber, Thad Hall, John Logan, Stephen Sherman, Katie Walker, Amber White, Chad Rowe, Aliyah Hunt, Rebecca Bruno, Anthony Settle, Jay Russell, Krystle MacLean, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright, Pam Pacsi, Neely Pacsi and Ontari, Aria Ottmueller and Burt, Robert Lanshcaak and Taz, Bill McConnell, Roni Shilling

General Discussion Items: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

2024-382 RESOLUTION to approve 08/29/2024 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

Moved: Mr. McGonigle **Seconded:** Dr. Coleman
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATIONS

2024-383 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize ROBERT MYERS for receiving an Eagle Scout Award, the highest honor conferred in Scouting.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle **Seconded:** Dr. Coleman
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATIONS

2024-384 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize JADE ZYVONOSKI for receiving an Eagle Scout Award, the highest honor conferred in Scouting.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle **Seconded:** Dr. Coleman
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATIONS

2024-385 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize September as NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH to celebrate the contributions of service dogs in our communities.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle **Seconded:** Dr. Coleman
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle Yes-Dr. Coleman

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS

2024-386 RESOLUTION to approve ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS executed by the Chair on behalf of the Board of Commissioners for the period of 08/01/2024 – 08/30/2024.

- Certification of Local Government Approval for nonprofit organizations
- Federal Funding Accountability & Transparency Act
- Language Access Plan Certification
- Lobbying Certification Form
- Statement of Assurances
- Maher Duessel – PEMA requested audit 911 Program Financial Statements for years ending (12/31/22 and 2023)
- Temporary Easement for Construction – T-784 Hosack Road Bridge-Jackson Township
- Keystone Acquisition Services Corp – Settlement Documents T-784 Hosack Road Bridges - Nate T. & Janet Bowser
- Keystone Acquisition Services Corp – Settlement Documents T-784 Hosack Road Bridges – Chad Weierstall
- Keystone Acquisition Services Corp – Settlement Documents T-784 Hosack Road Bridges – Tony L & Tracy L Ringer
- Agreement of Sale – T-784 Hosack Road Bridges – Jackson Township
- Cooperation Agreement between Mercer County & Lawrence County Social Services (LCSS)
- Thomson Reuters – Mercer County Law Library Proflex \$9,688/monthly charges for 24 months
- DCED Annual Re-Evaluation Contract # C000089711 Mercer County Housing Rehabilitation-8/23/24
- DCED Annual Re-Evaluation Contract # C000089711 Pine Township, Grove City Borough Housing Rehab – 8/23/24
- DCED Annual Re-Evaluation Contract #C000089711 Clearance and Demolition 8/23/24
- DCED Exempt Status Determination – Contract # C000089711 – 8/23/24
- Compliance Documentation Checklist – Greenville Borough Code Enforcement Project
- ZITO Service Agreement Wide Area Network (1217 Hall Ave, Sharon, - 14 N. Race Street, Greenville – 425 Idaho Street, Farrell

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Dr. Coleman

REFUNDS

2024-387 RESOLUTION to approve the following REFUNDS listed effective 09/05/2024.

NAME/ADDRESS	DISTRICT	R. E.	REFUND	REASON
Boughner, Gary M Jr & Gretchen A 1385 Sunol Rd Cochranton, PA 16314	French Creek Twp	X	\$ 103.71	Part Land & Building Transfer
Lapinski, Kenneth Jr. 150 Hughes Rd Jamestown, PA 16134	Greene Twp	X	\$ 13.52	Razed Barn
Candiotti, Arthur W & Shirley M c/o Weir, Jack 55 Delmar Dr Greenville, PA 16125	Pymatuning Twp	X	\$ 30.24	Razed Mobile Home
Donner, Keith 1614 W Ridge Ave Sharpsville, PA 16150	Sharon I	X	\$ 10.05	Razed Garage

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

Seconded: Dr. Coleman
Yes-Dr. Coleman

CYS

2024-388 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENTS with the following providers for services listed.

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
Crossroads Group Homes and Services, Inc. 1243 Roemer Boulevard Farrell, PA 16121	Boys Residential	\$215.00	Daily
	Girls Residential	\$240.00	Daily
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. 3899 North Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110	Transitional Living	\$56.95	Daily
	Advocacy	\$40.00	Hourly
	Truancy	\$50.00	Hourly
Keystone Adolescent Center, Inc. In-Home Services Contract 201 Main Street Greenville, PA 16125	One-on-one Coaching/Counseling	\$42.00	Hourly
	Specialized Transportation	\$23.00	Hourly
	Community Based Family Intervention	\$85.00	Hourly
	Community Support Program	\$32.00	Hourly
	Bridge Builders	\$60.00	Hourly

Aggression Replacement Training (ART)	\$1,145.00	Per Client
Botvin Life Skills	\$315.00	Per Group
Victim /Community Awareness (VCA)	\$300.00	Per Group
STOP/NCTI Curriculum Program	\$315.00	Per Group
Jumpstart Program	\$ 418.00	Per Group
Safe Dates Program	\$ 315.00	Per Group
Strong African American Families (SAAF)	\$72,266.00	Flat
Summer Program	\$61,378.00	Flat
Diagnostic Program	\$2,450.00	Flat
Extraordinary Transportation	\$40.00	Per Trip

Intuit Quickbooks Global

Headquarters

2700 Coast Avenue

Mountain View, CA 94043

*Effective date of purchase period 07/16/2024 – 07/16/2025

This is an ITG Grant:

Quickbooks Desktop Version

\$452.62 Monthly

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Yes-Dr. Coleman

HUMAN RESOURCES

2024-389 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION

EFFECTIVE

LEVEL/STEP/GRADE

NEW HIRES

JAIL

Leslie West
Corrections Officer

08/27/2024 JCO 00-01 (\$18.78/hr.)

Ryan Stoddard
Corrections Officer

08/27/2024 JCO 00-01 (\$18.78/hr.)

Whitney Hall
Corrections Officer

08/27/2024 JCO 00-01 (\$18.78/hr.)

SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Kelly Scott-Rodriques
Caseworker II

09/13/2024

JAIL

Douglas Yeater
Corrections Officer

08/30/2024

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Yes-Dr. Coleman

HUMAN RESOURCES

2024-390 RESOLUTION to approve the following 2025 Holidays:

2025 HOLIDAYS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOLIDAY</u>
Wednesday	January 1, 2025	New Year's Day
Monday	January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday	February 17, 2025	Presidents' Day
Friday	April 18, 2025	Good Friday
Monday	May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
Thursday	June 19, 2025	Juneteenth
Friday	July 4, 2025	Independence Day
Monday	September 1, 2025	Labor Day
Monday	October 13, 2025	Columbus Day
Tuesday	November 11, 2025	Veterans' Day
Thursday	November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	November 28, 2025	Day after Thanksgiving
Thursday	December 25, 2025	Christmas Day

Discussion: Commissioner McGonigle commented on Christmas being on a Thursday next year and the probability of very few employees working on the following day, being Friday. Commissioner McGonigle and Commissioner Coleman advised this should be discussed at a later time.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

2024-391

Resolution to approve settlement of a tax assessment appeal filed by the Duferco Farrell Corporation regarding six parcels of property located in the City of Farrell. The settlement reduces the assessed value of the six parcels from \$3,415,550.00 to \$1,820,550.00.

Discussion: Solicitor McConnell advised this settlement is from an appeal that was filed last year. This is another reason why the County is going through a County-wide reassessment, citing the school districts are also being affected by these appeals. Commissioner McGonigle advises the County reassessment is overdue, and Farrell School District has taken a 'direct hit' on this appeal.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Dr. Coleman

BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-392	HDR Engineering, Inc. 11 Stanwix Street, Suite 800 Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1357	\$73,679.72	Expires 12/31/2024

Supplement the Engineering Agreement for consultant to develop E&S plans and perform an H&H analysis under Part I – Preliminary Engineering services. Add \$73,679.72 to the current Engineering Agreement No. 010P96 for the Ohl Street bridge project.

Discussion: Commissioner Coleman advised the Commissioners met with Bridge Engineer Brad Elder yesterday. He explained it is common to have re-evaluations done throughout a project like this. Commissioner McGonigle added the engineers perform studies during the project and the scope of work needed as the project can change during the studies.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle	Seconded: Dr. Coleman
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle	Yes-Dr. Coleman

BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-393	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Mercer County	\$2,564,248.00 (incoming)	Effective 09/05/2024

Amend Resolutions 2024-171, 2023-359, 2021-041, 2020-278 and 2019-114 for the East Gilmore Road Bridges related to Reimbursement Agreement No. R19010009 using 100% federal funds. This is to reimburse Mercer County for project costs via the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The total reimbursement agreement for this project is now \$3,709,131.00.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle	Seconded: Dr. Coleman
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle	Yes-Dr. Coleman

BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-394	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Mercer County	Revenue - neutral	Effective 09/05/2024

Amend Resolution 2023-034 for the Service Avenue Bridge 2339 related to Reimbursement Agreement No. R22010011 using 100% federal funds. This is to reimburse Mercer County for project costs via the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Moved: Mr. McGonigle	Seconded: Dr. Coleman
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle	Yes-Dr. Coleman

Commissioner's Reports:

- Commissioner McGonigle reported that this past weekend the Commissioners took part in the pop-up Community Food Bank distribution at the mall location in Hermitage. Food insecurities in Mercer County is a growing issue. Not only could people get food for themselves, but for up to three other families, helping in those who could not be at the distribution event.
- Commissioner Coleman added cars were lining-up for the distribution in the morning even though the distribution did not start until 1:00pm. She reminded everyone the Food Bank is always looking for volunteers. She reported on Sunday evening, September 8, 2024, there will be a Camp Reynolds video being shown at the Reynolds Drive-In, and the Jamestown Fair is starting today with the parade on Saturday, at 1:00pm. Also, America250 will record it's first Podcast next Friday at Thiel College.

Elected Official/Department Head Reports:

- Treasurer Amber White announced Service Dogs receive free dog licenses and are renewable as long as the dog is a certified/licensed Service Animal.
- Maintenance Director Brian Gruber provided an update to the Clock damage, reported quotes for repairs have been received and the County is currently waiting for approval by CCAP for the repairs.
- Conservation District Manager Jay Russell advised that the Agriculture Conservative Assistance Program has been available to farmers in the County who utilize agriculture conservation practices. In one year, the Assistance program allocated approximately \$2 million for farming conservation practices. Additional funding will be coming soon.

Recess to Salary Board

Public Comment: None

Questions of the Media: None

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners