MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 10, 2024

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley, Commissioner Coleman

Prayer: Pastor Kent Bell, Bethel Life, Greenville

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Tim Callahan, John Logan, Christian McElhaney, Tammy McLaughlin, Stephen Sherman, Katie Walker, Jay Russell, Aliyah Hunt, Chris Conti, Peter Messina, Bob Arnhold, Tony Miller, Jim Fleck, Bill McConnell, Joanie Micsky, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright, Roni Shilling

General Discussion Items: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

2024-452 RESOLUTION to approve 10/03/2024 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

REFUNDS

2024-453 RESOLUTION to approve the following REFUND listed effective 10/10/2024.

NAME/ADDRESS	DISTRICT	R. E.	REFUND	REASON
Mill Water Development LLC c/o Kohls Dept Stores Inc PO Box 2148	Hermitage C	X	\$15,835.68	Court Order Assessment Appeal
Milwaukee, WI 53201				

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

CYS

2024-454 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENTS with the following providers for services listed.

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM	
Mercer County	Strengthening Families Program	\$94,080.00	Annually	
Behavioral Health	Child Advocacy Center	\$53,735.00	Annually	
Commission				
8406 Sharon-Mercer Road				
Mercer, PA 16137				
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Community Specialists Corporation d/b/a The Academy 900 Agnew Road Pittsburgh, PA 15227	General Residential - SH Drug & Alcohol Program - NM Shelter - SP Specialized Settings - SS Enhanced Support Program - AC	\$330.23 \$388.44 \$408.98 \$423.70 \$1,219.00	Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily
Outside-In School of Experiential Education, Inc. 196 Hamill School Road Bolivar, PA 15923	Pathway to Recovery (PR) Voyagers Residential (VO)	\$359.00 \$348.00	Daily Daily
White Deer Run, LLC dba Cove Prep 5972 Susquehanna Trail Turbotville, PA 17772	Adolescent Male Sex Offender TC Two-week Diagnostic Eval. Prog	\$350.00 \$ 375.00	Daily Daily
Summit School, Inc. d/b/a Summit Academy 900 Agnew Road Pittsburgh, PA 15227	Residential – SR Drug & Alcohol – DA Shelter – SP Specialized Settings – SS Intensive Specialized Setting – IS Enhanced Support Program	\$281.03 \$361.00 \$383.72 \$415.00 \$795.45 \$1,113.00	Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily
Merakey Pennsylvania 4251 Crums Mill Road Harrisburg, PA 17112	Foster Care Plus – BB Foster Care Plus – BC Enhanced Foster Care – BD Foster Care Infant Only – EF Foster Care Mother w/Infant – TF Foster Care Mother w/Infant – TG Foster Care W/two Infants – TH Therapeutic FC Mother w/Infant – DD Respite Foster Care – CC Respite Foster Care – CC Emergency Respite – HH Emergency Respite – HI TFC Full Fee – FF Therapeutic FC – TFC – rm & brd CRR ITP – GG Enhanced FC w/Peer Support – JK Enhanced FC w/Peer Support – JL	\$114.02 \$114.02 \$166.95 \$104.81 \$173.21 \$173.21 \$248.88 \$135.82 \$115.09 \$115.09 \$126.22 \$126.22 \$174.22 \$56.10 \$19.18 \$213.07 \$215.90	Daily

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

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HUMAN RESOURCES

2024-455 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION EFFECTIVE LEVEL/STEP/GRADE

NEW HIRES

JAIL

Joshua Kearney 10/7/2024 JCO 00-01 (\$18.78/hr.)

Corrections Officer

SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Alissa Kretser 10/3/2024

Assistant Public Defender

E-911 CENTER

Machella Lamont 10/3/2024

Part-Time Telecommunicator

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

COURTS

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-456 B & H \$3,094.88 Effective 10/10/2024

P.O. Box 28072

New York, NY 10087-8072

Resolution to approve the purchase of four HP Laptops for video conference use in each courtroom. Purchases are to be reimbursed by AOPC through the 2022-2023 Common Pleas Security Equipment Reimbursement Project.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

COURTS

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-457 Dagostino Electro Services \$2,498.88 Effective 10/10/2024

600 Mifflin Road Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Resolution to approve purchases of video decoders for use at all the Magisterial District Courts. Purchases are to be reimbursed by AOPC through the 2023-2024 MDJ Essential Security Equipment Reimbursement Project.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

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COURTS

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-458 AEC Group, LLC \$1,472.17 Effective 10/10/2024

P.O. Box 734422

Chicago, IL 60673-4422

Resolution to approve the purchases of Web-ex software for video conference use at all Courts. Purchases are to be reimbursed by AOPC through the 2022-2023 Common Pleas Essential Security Equipment Reimbursement Project.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

COURTS

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-459 Amazon Capital Services \$774.45 Effective 10/10/2024

P.O. Box 035184

Seattle, WA 98124-5184

Resolution to approve the purchase of two smart TV's and wall mounts for use at the security station located at the basement entrance of the Courthouse. Purchases are to be reimbursed by AOPC through the 2022-2023 Common Pleas Security Equipment Reimbursement Project.

<u>DISCUSSION:</u> Sheriff Callahan provided information that the smart televisions will be placed on the wall at the deputy's security area. One television will have a view of the south entrance of the courthouse and the other television will have a view of the north side of the courthouse.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

COURTS

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-460 Amazon Capital Services \$725.16 Effective 10/10/2024

P.O. Box 035184

Seattle, WA 98124-5184

Resolution to approve the purchase of four (4) True Cable cat6 Riser's (security camera cable / wiring) for installation purposes of security cameras at the Courthouse. Purchases are to be reimbursed by AOPC through the 2022-2023 Common Pleas Security Equipment Reimbursement Project.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

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RECORDER OF DEEDS

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-461 High Tech Accessory \$1,056.60 10/01/2024 -09/30/2025

Items, Inc.

742 Mink Avenue #143 Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Resolution to approve annual software renewal for key fobs and DocuGate software for public users to prepay for copies from online records (DG-SW).

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

GRANTS

RESOLUTION GRANTOR: AMOUNT DATE RANGE

2024-462 Pennsylvania Commission \$95,700.00 10/01/2024-09/30/2026

on Crime and Delinquency 3101 N. Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110

Resolution to accept the grant award for the County Jail Based Vivitrol Program. These state funds are being made available to support counties seeking to increase opportunities to provide long-acting non-narcotic, non-addictive Vivitrol in combination with comprehensive substance abuse treatment to eligible individuals in County jails and upon release to the community.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Commissioner's Reports:

- Commissioner McGonigle reported receiving a call from Senator Brooks who advised Mercer County had been chosen to receive a \$1.5 million grant from the CoVid-19 ARPA Capital Projects Fund Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program. The funding will be used for the Mercer County Agricultural and Conservation Community Learning Center Project that includes an Aquaponics Program in partnership with the County Career Center and the Conservation District. He hopes this project will be a model for all counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Commissioner Finley advised the Commissioners met with the Bond Council to discuss a bond project to help aid the County's large projects, including the Oracle project, property reassessment, and the public safety radio project. The bond project will stretch out the funding in the Capital Reserve Fund.

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• Commissioner Coleman advised the Commissioners were informed by their energy consultant that the County will be affected by a non-residential rate increase of 30% for electricity which will raise the electricity cost by approximately \$70,000.00. The Commissioners are close to choosing the consultant for the comprehension plan. Commissioner Coleman relayed information from Elections Director Thad Hall, who was unable to attend the Meeting, that the election ballots were mailed out on Monday, October 7th and should arrive soon. He wanted everyone to know early election vote and mail-in ballots will be opened and counted on Election Day, not on the day the ballot is received. The ballots are kept in a secure area in the Elections Office until Election Day. The Elections Office will be open on October 19th and the 26th.

Elected Official/Department Head Reports:

- Conservation District Director Jay Russell commented on the grant award saying the funding will create great partnerships in the County, and the public will have access to areas of Munnell Run Farm that they do not previously have.
- Controller Stephen Sherman announced the Controller's Office has developed a Fraud Prevention Initiative. Tips on suspicious or alleged fraud can be reported directly to the Controller's Office. Information on this Initiative can be found on the link for the Controller's Office on the Mercer County website.

Public Comment:

- Tony Miller from the Mercer County Career Center advised the County has a rich agricultural history but not much of an agricultural education program until now. This program will combine the education component with a working farm and is an exciting project.
- Dr. Arnhold from the Mercer County Career Center is also excited about this Aquaponics project and their mission is to include all Mercer County students in this program.

Questions of the Media: Caleb Stright from the Record Argus inquired about the Aquaponics project grant, costs, and timeline. Commissioner McGonigle provided early information on a timeline, the need to form a committee, and the \$1.5 million grant award.

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