

## MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 24, 2024

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

**Prayer:** Todd VanDyke, Kingdom Unification, Sandy Lake

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Was held.

**Others Present:** Kate Aiken, Nicki Biles, Becky Bruno, Tim Callahan, Amy Freeman, Debbie Sicilian, Thad Hall, Jennifer Hamilton, John Logan, Bill McClure, Christian McElhaney, Jay Russell, Stephen Sherman, Katie Walker, Dan Wallace, Joanie Micsky, Aliyah Hunt, Chris Conti, Peter Messina, Todd VanDyke, Jim McLusky, Charles Baldoff, Kathy Renz, Carmen Aiello, Laura Ackley, Carlee Webb, Carissa Renninger, Judy Hines, Coleen Manning, John Kiefer, Genevieve Monks, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright, Peter Acker, Josh Leskovac, anonymous persons, Roni Shilling

**General Discussion Items:** Visit Mercer County PA representatives, Carmen Aiello, Laura Ackley, Carlee Webb, and Carissa Renninger presented the Commissioners a sponsorship check of \$25,000.00 for the America250 celebration.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**# 2024-473 RESOLUTION** to approve 10/17/2024 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

**# 2024-474 RESOLUTION** to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize MICHAEL D. KOVACH IV for receiving an Eagle Scout Award, the highest honor conferred in Scouting.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

**# 2024-475 RESOLUTION** to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize KEN and VANESSA HILLYER for their accomplishments and for receiving the 2024 Business Person of the Year Award from the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

# **2024-476** RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to congratulate the MERCER COUNTY FOOD BANK for receiving the distinguished award of 2024 Non-Profit Business of the Year from the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

# **2024-477** RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to congratulate PACKARD PAINT and DECORATING for receiving the distinguished award of 2024 Business of the Year from the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

# **2024-478** RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

### **NAME/POSITION**

### **EFFECTIVE**

### **LEVEL/STEP/GRADE**

#### **NEW HIRES**

##### **SHERIFF**

Gary Sawor

10/21/2024

SD00-00-00 (\$19.83/hr.)

Part-Time Sheriff Deputy

\*\*Rate Correction\*\*

##### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Donald Edinger

10/21/2024

TCC 00-01 (\$16.41/hr.)

Custodian I

\*\*Rate Correction\*\*

##### **JAIL**

Tiffany Wilson

10/28/2024

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

Corrections Officer

#### **TRANSFERS**

##### **SOIL CONSERVATION**

Jenna Pontius

10/21/2024

PA05-00-01 (\$21.00/hr.)

Resource Conservation Specialist

Transfer from Summer Intern

#### **SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT**

##### **VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Peter Shinn

11/22/2024

Admin. Assistant

**E911 CENTER**

Gage Guriel  
Part Time E911 Dispatcher

10/16/2024

**IPP**

Robert Colich  
Specialty Courts Coordinator

10/11/2024

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

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

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

# **2024-479** RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions for Departments reporting to the Courts:

**NAME/POSITION****EFFECTIVE****LEVEL/STEP/GRADE****TRANSFERS****DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

Cansas Evans  
Supervisor

11/04/2024

PA06-00-01 (\$23.21/hr.)  
Transfer from  
Enforcement Officer

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

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

**BRIDGE****RESOLUTION****VENDOR****AMOUNT****DATE RANGE**

# **2024-480**

JET Excavating Co.  
4354 East South Range Road  
New Middletown, OH 44442

\$957,953.00

Effective 10/24/2024

Resolution to accept the low bid and proceed with entering into a contract for reconstruction of Mercer County Bridge 1507 on Marstellar Road in Fairview Township. The existing structure will be replaced in its entirety.

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

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

## **COURTS**

| RESOLUTION        | VENDOR/CONTRACT  | AMOUNT     | DATE RANGE           |
|-------------------|--|------------|----------------------|
| <b># 2024-481</b> | Dagostino Electro Services<br>600 Mifflin Road<br>Pittsburgh, PA 15207 | \$9,617.60 | Effective 10/24/2024 |

Resolution to approve the purchase of sixteen (16) security cameras and licenses for use at the Courthouse. 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:** Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

## **MERCER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

| RESOLUTION        | VENDOR/CONTRACT  | AMOUNT | DATE RANGE           |
|-------------------|--|--------|----------------------|
| <b># 2024-482</b> | Mercer County Regional<br>Planning Commission<br>2491 Highland Road<br>Hermitage, PA 16148 | N/A    | Effective 10/17/2024 |

Resolution to:

Approve application for grant assistance from the 2024 Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant program.

Adopt resolution to further Fair Housing throughout Mercer County as required by the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program.

Adopt a Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Plan as required by the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program.

Adopt a Section 3 Plan as required by the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program.

Adopt a Citizen Participation Plan as required by the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program

Adopt a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan as required by the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program.

Adopt a Program Income Reuse Plan as required by the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program.

Enter into DCED Model B Agreement between Mercer County and Greenville, Grove City, Sharpsville Boroughs, and Pine Township to jointly apply and contract for their 2024 CDBG Entitlement funds with PA DCED.

Enter into a Cooperation Agreement between the County of Mercer and the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission to administer the Mercer County 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program.

Adopt a Section 504 Handicapped Accessibility Plan as required by the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program.

Adopt a Language Access Plan as required by the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

**MERCER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

| RESOLUTION        | VENDOR/CONTRACT  | AMOUNT       | DATE RANGE           |
|-------------------|--|--------------|----------------------|
| <b># 2024-483</b> | Mercer County Regional<br>Planning Commission<br>2491 Highland Road<br>Hermitage, PA 16148 | \$268,928.00 | Effective 10/24/2024 |

Resolution to approve funding for the following activities with the 2024 Mercer County Community Development Block Grant: Medical Equipment Recycling Program in the amount of \$20,119.00, County Wide Housing Rehabilitation and Administration in the amount of \$200,402.00 and Grant Administration in the amount of \$48,407.00.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

**TREASURER**

| RESOLUTION        | VENDOR/CONTRACT   | AMOUNT                          | DATE RANGE           |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b># 2024-484</b> | Morgan Stanley<br>Smith Barney, LLC<br>through US Bank, Custodian | Not to<br>exceed \$6,000,000.00 | Effective 10/24/2024 |

Resolution to authorize transfer of funds from ARPA Funds to Morgan Stanley for a short term purchase of US Treasuries.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

## **GRANTS**

| RESOLUTION #    | GRANTOR:  | AMOUNT       | DATE RANGE           |
|-----------------|---|--------------|----------------------|
| <b>2024-485</b> | Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection<br>DEP Vector Management<br>(Agent for Commonwealth of PA)<br>P.O. Box 1467<br>Harrisburg, PA 17105 | \$111,385.00 | Effective 10/24/2024 |

Resolution to approve application for the 2025 Mosquito-borne Disease Control Program Grant to provide funding for “Personnel” salaries/benefits and equipment to support surveillance, education and outreach to the public, habitat reduction and treatment of mosquitos for Mercer, Crawford, and Butler Counties. Tick surveillance will also be completed as part of the program. Performance period is 01/01/2025–12/31/2025. No County match required.

**DISCUSSION:** District Manager Jay Russell advised this is the third year in this program and the State is helping to fund it. There have been four positive results of West Nile Virus in the County this year. There has been a 40% reduction in the collection of ticks in Mercer County which may be due to the dry summer season.

**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 he has been to Pittsburgh and Erie for Economic Development Meetings and advises other Counties are also reviewing comprehensive plans and discussing property reassessments in their respective areas.
- Commissioner Coleman attended a meeting this week with the Sharon Community Development Corporation (CDC), discussion included thoughtful zoning plans. She also attended the Tax Collectors Meeting and concerns about the County-wide reassessment were discussed.

### **Elected Official/Department Head Reports:**

- Controller Sherman reported the Tax Collectors Meeting was informational.
- IPP Director McClure advised there was a graduation ceremony for the Specialty Courts Program with three graduates from Treatment Court.
- Elections Director Thad Hall reported 71% of the mail-in ballots have been received back at the Elections Office. Some Postmasters are delivering mail-in ballots directly to the Mercer Post Office, who then walks the ballots to the Elections Office. The voting

machines have all been tested. The Elections Office will be open on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm for over-the-counter voting and Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to vote over the counter.

**Recess to Salary Board**

**Public Comment:** Questions from the audience were asked and answered regarding the meeting for the Memorandum of Understanding for the Domestic Relations Office incentive pay and why Commissioner McGonigle was not invited.

**Questions of the Media:** None

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Moved:** Dr. Coleman

**Seconded:** Mr. Finley

**Attest:**

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Mercer County Board of Commissioners**