

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 31, 2024

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley, Commissioner Coleman

Prayer: Pastor Liz Kendell, Faith Leader, Shiloh Ministries, Mercer

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Nicki Biles, Mary Jo DePreta, Jennifer Hamilton, John Logan, Christian McElhaney, Dave Moyer, Stephen Sherman, Aliyah Hunt, Joanie Micsky, Caleb Stright, Matt McConnell, Martin Wierzba, Judy Hines, Cynthia Byers, Gary Byers, Bill McConnell, Roni Shilling

General Discussion Items: One request for Use of Courthouse Grounds was approved. This request is for Light Up Night-Christmas on the Square by the Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce on December 6, 2024.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Martin Wierzba inquired about Resolution 2024-492 for proposed Ordinance 2024-066. Questions were answered by Commissioner Coleman and Solicitor McConnell.

2024-486 RESOLUTION to approve 10/24/2024 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATIONS

2024-487 RESOLUTION to approve six PROCLAMATIONS to recognize the 2024 Phoenix Award Recipients from the Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce;

- Beautification Category – Diehl Automotive of Sharon
- Community Growth Category – City of Hermitage
- Growth Business Category – Kismet PEO
- Growth Service Category – Mercer County Community Federal Credit Union
- Growth Manufacturer Category – Zekelman Industries
- Innovation Category – WestWinn Urban Ag

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

REFUNDS

2024-488 RESOLUTION to approve the following REFUND listed effective 10/31/2024.

NAME/ADDRESS	DISTRICT	R. E.	REFUND	REASON
Wal-Mart Stores Inc # 2008 c/o Property Tax Dept P.O. Box 8050, MS 0555 Bentonville, AR 72712	Pine Township	X	\$ 7,870.91	Assessment Appeal- Court Order

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

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

CYS

2024-489 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENTS with the following provider for services listed.

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
Dr. Albert J. Scott	Initial Consultation	\$175.00	Hourly
609 N. Hermitage Road	Individual Psychotherapy Session	\$150.00	Per Session
Hermitage, PA 16148	Individual Psychotherapy Extended Session	\$170.00	Per Session
	Family or Co-joint Therapy Session	\$150.00	Per Session
	Family or Co-joint Therapy Extended Session	\$150.00	Per Session
	Neuropsychological Testing/Evaluation	\$150.00	Hourly
	Forensic Consultation	\$250.00	Hourly

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

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

2024-490 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>NEW HIRES</u>		
<u>JAIL</u>		
Micah Calvin Corrections Officer	11/12/2024	JCO 00-01 (\$18.78/hr.)
Aleiah Keys Corrections Officer	11/04/2024	JCO 00-01 (\$18.78/hr.)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Ann Marie Blank Clerk Typist	11/12/2024	YCL 00-01 (\$16.37/hr.)
Devon Smith Temp. Caseworker I	11/12/2024	YCW 00-01 (\$20.05/hr.)
Justin Angus Temp. Caseworker I	11/04/2024	YCW 00-01 (\$20.05/hr.)

TRANSFERS**E911**

Lauren Tabachka Telecommunicator	11/03/2024	TCE 05-01 (\$21.49/hr.) Transfer from PT Telecommunicator
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SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT**JAIL**

Raymond Moore Corrections Officer	10/31/2024
Doyle Whenry Corrections Officer	11/29/2024

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

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

ORDINANCES

# 2024-491	TITLE	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
	N/A	N/A	Effective 10/31/2024

Resolution to approve the advertisement of proposed Ordinance #2024-005 of the Board of Commissioners, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending debt Ordinance #2021-003, enacted on April 15, 2021, by deleting and restating the definition of "Project" in Section 1 to enlarge the scope of "Project" to include additional capital improvements to County facilities.

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

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

ORDINANCES

# 2024-492	TITLE	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
	N/A	N/A	Effective 10/31/2024

Resolution to approve advertisement of proposed Ordinance #2024-006, of the Board of Commissioners of Mercer County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of general obligation bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$18,000,000.00, for the purpose of funding various capital improvements to County facilities.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Coleman advised this is to advertise the proposed Ordinance and there will be a Special Meeting on November 7th at 3:00 pm to review the issuance of the bond. The four major projects to be covered under the bond are the County wide Radio Project, County Software Project, Reassessment Project, and the County Building at 107 N. Diamond Street. Commissioner Finley advised this bond would also cover County bridge replacements.

Moved: Dr. Coleman

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Abstain-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-493	N/A	N/A	Effective 10/31/2024

Resolution to approve the advertisement of a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Mercer County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room of the Mercer County Courthouse, Mercer, Pennsylvania for the purpose of (1) adopting proposed Ordinance #2024-005, amending debt Ordinance #2021-003, to enlarge the scope of "Project" to include additional capital improvements to County facilities; (2) adopting proposed Ordinance #2024-006, authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$18,000,000.00, for the purpose of funding various capital improvements to County facilities; and (3) authorizing the advertisement of a notice on enactment.

Moved: Dr. Coleman

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Abstain-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR:	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-494	Pennsylvania Commission On Crime and Delinquency 3101 N. Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110	Up to \$154,745.00	Effective 10/31/2024

Resolution to accept the JAG grant award in the amount of \$154,745.00 to fund the Public Defender Social Service Advocate position. The grant period will be 10/1/2024 to 09/30/2026.

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

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR:	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-495	PComp P.O. Box 60769 Harrisburg, PA 17106-0769	\$4,869.15	01/01/2024-12/31/2024

Resolution to approve an application for the PComp 2024 Wellness Improvement Program Grant to offset the cost of 4 County projects – employee break room water cooler & filter system, and treadmill and mat at the E911 Center, CPR training mannequins used for CPR training for all employees, and employee wellness water bottles at the Jail. Total cost is \$4,869.15. There is no additional cost to the County.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Coleman thanked HR Director Jennifer Hamilton for taking the lead in handling this grant. Jennifer Hamilton reports she believe the County employees will benefit greatly from these choices.

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

DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-496	N/A	<\$2,000.00	Effective 10/31/2024

Resolution to approve disposal through recycling of items listed below.

- 400 vertical drawers

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

DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-497	N/A	<\$2,000.00	Effective 10/31/2024

Resolution to approve advertisement for sale of the items listed below;

- 2013 Ford Utility Interceptor, VIN 1FM5K8AR8DGC73191, approximately 147,605 miles
- 2013 Ford Utility Interceptor, VIN 1FM5K8AR9DGA89815, approximately 136,693 miles
- 2007 Chevrolet Suburban, VIN 3GNGK26K37G294228, approximately 153,132 miles
- 2007 GMC 3500 Truck, VIN 1GTJK33D97F128016, approximately 174,396 miles

Vehicles are being sold in “as-in” condition with no implied warranties or guaranties. County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Bids are due no later than 10:00 am prevailing time on 11/13/2024.

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 discussed the vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the parking lot of the Elections Office. He advised if the property lease is renewed there is a need to review the County having control of the entire parking lot instead of a few spaces. The past week has been busy with meetings for the County budget and the new Learning Center at Munnell Run Farm.
- Commissioner Finley reported 82.5% of the mail-in ballots have been returned to the Elections Office and voters have until 8:00 pm on Election Day to turn in their ballot. He reported there are 74,018 registered voters in Mercer County.
- Commissioner Coleman thanked the employees at the Elections Office for their hard work in the past week. She advised the Courthouse and County Departments will be closed on Veterans Day, November 11th. She advised the Commissioners have been working on the 2025 Budget with the associated Departments of the County and that previous Commissioner McConnell is in the audience.

Elected Official/Department Head Reports: Chief Deputy Dave Moyer advised he is working on the Shop With A Cop Program. Funding has been received from Walmart and ABATE of Mercer County. Letters will soon be sent out for donations.

Public Comment: Questions were asked by Martin Wierzba and answered about the rules at Polling locations and the Elections Office and a budget line for the County EMA Department. He commented on the possibility of having a K9 Task Force in the County to eradicate the drug problems and issues. Judy Hines asked about the Shop With A Cop Program and how to donate to the Program.

Questions of the Media: Caleb Stright from the Record Argus asked questions about the proposed bond issue and the Capital Reserve. Questions were answered by Commissioner Coleman.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners