

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 7, 2024

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley, Commissioner Coleman

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Stephen Sherman, Aliyah Hunt, John Logan, Joanie Micsky, Matt McConnell, Jay Wengler, Chris Brewer, Martin Wierzba, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright, Bill McConnell, Amber White/online, Roni Shilling

General Discussion Items: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

- Former Commissioner Matt McConnell spoke regarding proposed Ordinance 2024-006 and asked the Board of Commissioners to reconsider passing the Ordinance due to the high interest rates and advising this may be sooner than what is needed based on the funding to take this bond.
- Martin Wierzba asked questions of and spoke of Ordinance 2024-006 regarding the cost of a 30 year bond and asked amounts of previous County bonds. He commented on the responsibilities concerning the future of County citizens with a 30-year bond. Mr. Wierzba also asked questions regarding the length of warranties involving the radios for the County-wide Radio Project. Answers were provided to Mr. Wierzba's questions on all subjects.

ORDINANCES

# 2024-498	TITLE	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
	N/A	N/A	Effective 11/07/2024

Resolution to approve 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.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor McConnell advised he did research Ordinance #2021-003, that it was very restrictive on the spending of the bond issue, and it did not have the language in it that extended to additional Capital projects. Discussion was held with Bond Council confirming this amendment does allow Capital Projects beyond bridge maintenance.

Moved: Mr. Finley

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Vote: No-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

ORDINANCES

# 2024-499	TITLE	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
	N/A	N/A	Effective 11/07/2024

Resolution to approve 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.

Motion was made to table Ordinance Resolution 2024-499 and Ordinance Resolution 2024-500 until an evaluation can be conducted on the remainder of the 2025 Budget by Dr. Coleman and **Seconded by** Mr. Finley.

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

ORDINANCES

# 2024-500	TITLE	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
	N/A	N/A	Effective 11/07/2024

Resolution to authorize the advertisement of a notice of enactment of Debt Resolution 2024-499.

Motion was made to table the Ordinance Resolution 2024-499 and Ordinance Resolution 2024-500 until an evaluation can be conducted on the remainder of the 2025 Budget by Dr. Coleman and **Seconded by** Mr. Finley.

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

Public Comment: Questions were asked by Martin Wierzba and answered on the process if another Meeting will take place to address Ordinance 2024-006.

Questions of the Media: None

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Mr. Finley **Seconded:** Dr. Coleman

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners