#### MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### August 28, 2025

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley, Commissioner Coleman

**Prayer:** Laura Paxton

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Peter Acker, Kate Aiken, Nicki Biles, Bernard Grenier, Thad Hall, Jared Hoffacker, John Logan, Bo McCleary, Christian McElhaney, Dave Moyer, James Scott, Stephen Sherman, Angela Sorg, Nicole Sweitzer, Dee Dee Zickar, Megan Gahring, Elizabeth Peluchette, Debbie Hartman, John Green, Joanie Micsky, Laura Paxton, William McConnell, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright, Roni Shilling

**General Discussion Items:** Commissioner Coleman advised Resolution 2025-349 will be tabled for this meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

# 2025-340 RESOLUTION to approve 08/07/2025 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

#### **PROCLAMATION**

# 2025-341 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize MICHAEL LISAC for receiving a Buhl Day Honoree Award.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

## **PROCLAMATION**

# 2025-342 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize FRANK and SUE PAUL for each receiving a Buhl Day Honoree Award.

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle **Seconded:** Mr. Finley

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

### **PROCLAMATION**

**# 2025-343** RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize BRIAN WALLACE for receiving a Buhl Day Honoree Award.

COMMENT: Commissioner Coleman advised these individuals are being honored during Buhl Days and there will be a celebration on Monday. Commissioner McGonigle said these are all good people and Mercer County is fortunate to never had a lack of people to honor.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

# **REFUNDS**

# 2025-344 RESOLUTION to approve the following REFUNDS listed effective 08/28/2025.

NAME/ADDRESS	DISTRICT	R.E.	REFUND	REASON
Richardson Living Trust 7 Brook side Pl Durham, NC 27705	Pine Twp	X	\$230.55	Part Land Transfer
Lucas Family Limited Partnership PO Box 507 Grove City, PA 16127	Pine Twp	Х	\$102.14	Property Cards Combined
Lucas Family Limited Partnership PO Box 507 Grove City, PA 16127	Pine Twp	Х	\$ 38.72	Property Cards Combined
Lucas Family Limited Partnership PO Box 507 Grove City, PA 16127	Pine Twp	X	\$ 69.43	Property Cards Combined
Lucas Family Limited Partnership c/o Lucas, August J Trust PO Box 507 Grove City, PA 16127	Pine Twp	X	\$104.15	Property Cards Combined
Saltsgiver, Holly Etal 46 Flowers Avenue Sharon, PA 16146	Sharon IV	Х	\$ 13.36	Razed Garage

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

<u>CYS</u>

# 2025-345 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENT(s) with the following providers for services listed.

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

VENDOR JusticeWorks YouthCare 1500 Ardmore Boulevard Suite 410 Pittsburgh, PA 15221	PROGRAM  VIP (Violation Initiative Program)Direct& Indirect  VIP Transportation	<b>RATE</b> \$94.50 \$0.70	<b>TERM</b> Hourly Per Mile
Parkside Psychological Associates, LLC 435 Chestnut Street Meadville, PA 16335	CART/Trauma Individual/Family Services CART/Trauma Group Risk Eval/Psychosexual Evaluation Sexual Offender Polygraph ABEL Assessment Trauma Training Trauma Informed Care Consultation Trauma Debriefing for Mercer CYS Staff Court Testimony/Court Report/Team Meeting	\$134.50 \$51.25 \$1,450.00 \$375.00 \$350.00 \$300.00 \$200.00 \$150.00 \$134.50	Hourly Hourly Per Eval. Per Poly. Per ABEL Hourly Hourly Hourly
Adoption Connection of PA 700 Turnpike Street Beaver, PA 15009	Foster Care – Basic 0-12 years Teen (13-19) w/Infant Foster Care Enhanced 0-12 years Foster Care Therapeutic 13-19 years Foster Care Therapeutic 3-12 years Foster Care Enhanced 13-21 years		Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily
Bliss Psychological Services, LLC 22 Wabash Street Lower Level, Suite 102 Pittsburgh, PA 15220	Individual Psychological Evaluation Interactional Eval./Bonding Assessment Full Parenting Capacity Eval. Psychosexual Risk Assessment Psychosexual Risk Assessment (Individual plus parenting assessment). Competency to Stand Trial Evaluation Testimony Outside of Allegheny County (this includes in-person & pre-trial prep) (\$250.00 per hr./billed in 15-minute increments for virtual testimony, plus an additional \$250.00 For advanced pre-trial preparation).	\$750.00 \$500.00 \$1,250.00 \$950.00 \$1,450.00 \$750.00 \$2,000.00	Per Eval. Per Eval. Per Eval. Per Eval. Per Eval. Full Day
Child to Family Connections, Inc. 13388 Dunham Road Meadville, PA 16335	FC (0-12) w/o Case Management FC (13-21) w/o Case Management FC (0-18) w/Case Management or over 50 miles Foster Care - Parent & Child FC (0-21) w/o Case Management—Special Needs Kinship Care (0-12) w/o Case Management Kinship Care (13-21) w/o Case Management	\$73.40 \$78.40 \$78.39 \$118.36 \$88.36 \$73.36 \$78.36	Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily

Cornell Abraxas Group,LLC 2840 Liberty Avenue Suite 300 Pittsburgh, PA 15222	Abraxas I – Male Drug & Alcohol Abraxas I – Intensive Residential Abraxas I – Female Drug & Alcohol LDP Specialized Treatment LDP South Mountain Shelter AYC – Fire Setter/Sexual Offender AA - Secure Residential AA – Detention		\$436.51 \$575.00 \$459.45 \$472.00 \$462.62 \$444.25 \$690.20 \$800.00	Daily
Family Pathways 100 Brugh Avenue Butler, PA 16001	FC – One Child (0-21) FC – Two Children (0-21) FC – (0-21) Medical FC (0-21) Medical FC (0-21) Medical FC (0-21) Medical FC (0-21) Legacy (Parenting) Program	ZZ AB AC AD Level I AE Level II AF Level IV	\$71.20 \$96.20 \$46.20 \$49.50 \$47.21 \$41.54 \$29.70 \$100.00	Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily Daily
Services 15487 State Highway 86 Meadville, PA 16335	Claney House Group Home Ida May Right Specialized Setting Ida May Right Specialized Setting — Shelter Hope Mae Specialized Setting Hope Mae Specialized Setting — Shelter Young Mother's Specialized Setting — Baby Only YMSS — Mother/Expectant Mother YMSS — Mother & Baby Young Mother's Specialized Setting — Shelter Transitional Living Specialized Settings Petersen Home Foster Care 0-12 years Foster Care 13-21 years Kinship 0-12 years Kinship 13-21		\$335.00 \$350.00 \$350.00 \$350.00 \$350.00 \$160.00 \$370.00 \$530.00 \$260.00 \$230.00 \$68.11 \$68.47 \$68.47	Daily
Crossroads Group Homes & Services, Inc. 1243 Roemer Boulevard Farrell, PA 16121	Boys Residential Girls Residential		\$215.00 \$240.00	Daily Daily
Shenango Valley Urban League, Inc. 601 Indiana Avenue Farrell, PA 16121	Housing & Life Readiness Program		\$289,770.21	Annually

LifeSpan Family Services 203 Lane Avenue Punxsutawney, PA 15767	Foster Care – FC Behaviorally Challenged – BC Medically Needy – MN Emergency Placement – EP Respite – RP Kinship Wins! – KW Parenting Youth – PY Transitioning Teens – TN Complex Case – CC		\$79.50 \$95.57 \$95.57 \$99.36 \$99.36 \$85.00 \$118.66 \$110.21 \$180.00	Daily
Merakey Pennsylvania 4251 Crums Mill Road Harrisburg, PA 17112	Foster Care Plus Enhanced Foster Care Foster Care Infant Only Foster Care Mother with Infant Foster Care Mother with Infant Foster Care with two Infants Therapeutic Foster Care Mother w/Infant Respite Foster Care Emergency Respite TFC FULL FEE Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) room & boar CRR ITP	BX BD EF TF TG TH DD CX HX FF d AA	\$114.02 \$165.95 \$102.81 \$173.21 \$163.21 \$248.88 \$135.82 \$115.09 \$127.23 \$174.22 \$56.10 \$19.18	Daily
Mercer County Family Center – Greenville Site 1609 Brentwood Drive Greenville, PA 16125	Parents as Teachers Girls on the Run (GOTR) Heart & Sole (H&S)		\$125.00 \$220,816.00 \$85,830.00	Hourly Annually Annually
Mercer County Family Center – Farrell Site 1600 Roemer Boulevard Farrell, PA 16121	Parents as Teachers		\$125.00	Hourly
Mercer County Family Center 87 Stambaugh Avenue Suite 5 Sharon, PA 16146	Parents as Teachers Incredible Years (Billed in 15 min. increments)		\$125.00 \$243.00	Hourly Hourly

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

# 2025-346 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION EFFECTIVE LEVEL/STEP/GRADE

**NEW HIRES** 

**PUBLIC DEFENDER** 

Maximilian Snowden 09/02/2025 LCLKT-05-00 (\$30.61/hr.)

Temp FT Law Clerk

**SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT** 

**CLERK OF COURTS** 

Kathryn Tracey 08/09/2025

Sr. Procedure Clerk

**PUBLIC DEFENDER** 

Margaret Morton 08/16/2025

Summer Intern

IPP

Allison Clapper 08/16/2025

Intake Admin Asst.

JAIL

Olivia Miller 08/21/2025

PT Correctional Officer

MIS

Jacob Bennefield 08/21/2025

Summer Intern

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

**HUMAN RESOURCES** 

# 2025-347 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions for positions

reporting to the Courts:

NAME/POSITION EFFECTIVE LEVEL/STEP/GRADE

**TRANSFERS** 

PRESIDENT JUDGE WALLACE

Karen Philson 08/10/2025 TIPCC-20-00 (\$12.04/hr.)
Tip Staff/ Court Crier Transfer from Judge McEwen

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

**ORDINANCES** 

ORDINANCE TITLE AMOUNT DATE RANGE

# **2025-348** N/A N/A Effective 08/28/2025

Resolution to adopt and enact Ordinance 2025-005 of the Board of Commissioners, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a new Mercer County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) to be effective September 1, 2025, and repealing the County's existing SALDO ordinance adopted in 2006 in its entirety.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

**COMMISSIONERS** 

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

# **2025-349** Pennsylvania State University \$100.00 09/01/2025-08/30/2026

Attn: Sr. Vice-President annually

for Finance & Business/Treasurer

208 Old Main

University Park, PA 16802

Resolution to approve a one (1) year lease agreement with a renewal for an additional one (1) year term with Pennsylvania State University for the 34 acre property owned by the County at 463 N. Perry Highway, Coolspring Township, which contains the Penn State Extension Office and Mercer County 4H Grounds. The lease will set forth the parties' obligations regarding repair, maintenance, and insurance.

\*Resolution was tabled for a future meeting by request of Solicitor McConnell\*

Moved: Seconded:

Vote:

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

# **2025-350** N/A N/A Effective 08/28/2025

Resolution to approve settlement agreement disposing of tax exemption appeals filed in 2024 by Round Table, Inc. regarding vacant land located in the City of Hermitage. The settlement agreement requires Round Table, Inc. to place the properties back on the tax rolls by conveying the properties to adjacent owners, Rose of Sharon Lodge #3 and Andrew Mausser, in exchange for the County releasing its reversionary interest in the properties.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

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### **COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

# 2025-351 Mercer County Agriculture N/A Effective 08/28/2025

Land Preservation Board 463 N. Perry Highway Mercer, PA 16137

Resolution to approve and affirm By-Law changes to the Mercer County Agriculture Land Preservation Program. Changes include:

- Increasing the County cap for purchasing agricultural conservation easements from \$1,000.00 an acre to \$1,500.00 an acre
- Yearly applications window changed from 3 months to an open, rolling application with a yearly deadline in August
- Adding language that requires applicants to reimburse the Agricultural Land Preservation Board if an applicant withdraws after accepting an offer to sell an agriculture conservation easement
- An update to the soil ranking appendix to the most up-to-date soil information available from USDA NRCS.

COMMENT: Commissioner Coleman thanked the Agriculture Land Preservation Board for updating their By-Laws and advised the soil ranking determines where the land is placed on the list.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

BRIDGE

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

# **2025-352** Sharon Sanitary Authority \$271,066.50 Effective 08/28/2025

and Mercer County

Resolution to enter into Reimbursement Agreement No. 010Z34 for the Service Avenue Bridge project. This is to relocate sewer utilities for the bridge replacement project.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

HR

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

# 2025-353 University of Pittsburgh N/A Effective 06/24/2025

School of Social Work

300 MURDC

3420 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Resolution to adopt an agreement for employee, Julia Powell, to participate in Child Welfare Education for Leadership Program (CWEL) per an intergovernmental agreement with the PA Department of Human Services. County will be reimbursed 95% of the full-time salary and benefits.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

<u>JAIL</u>

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

# 2025-354 Micsky Excavating and \$18,081.00 Effective 08/28/2025

Septic Systems, LLC 980 Mercer Road Greenville, PA 16125

Resolution to accept a quote provided by the vendor for the installation of a new grease trap tank and the closure of the existing tank. Cost to be paid from the Commissary Fund.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

JAIL

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

**# 2025-355** DSI-ITI, Inc. N/A Effective 08/25/2025

d/b/a ViaPath Technologies

3120 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 300

Falls Church, VA 22042

Resolution to approve the ninth amendment to the Inmate Telephone Vending Agreement, amending the sections of: Equipment and Features, Rates and Charges, Compensation, Tablets, Enhanced Services and Accessories Rates, Tablet Compensation, Transaction Fees, and GTL Additional Features.

COMMENT: Deputy Warden James Scott advised this amendment is due because of a change in the FCC rulings. Previously the jail could not collect commissions on telephone calls that was overturned and now the jail can collect commissions on telephone calls.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

## LAWRENCE-MERCER COUNTIES RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

**# 2025-356** Bucks Fabricating \$48,780.00 Effective 08/28/2025

3547 Perry Highway Hadley, PA 16130

Resolution to award the bid for the manufacturing of six (6) custom fabricated steel recycling containers to Bucks Fabricating based on their bid of \$48,780.00, subject to Bucks Fabricating entering into a contract to provide the specified services.

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

# **2025-357** N/A N/A Effective 08/28/2025

Resolution to approve the revision of the FY 2021 Mercer County Community Development Block Grant (OBO Grove City Borough) by transferring \$1,489.62 from the Sidewalk Improvement /Removal of Architectural Barriers (Superior Street) to the Sidewalk Improvement/Removal of Architectural Barriers (Memorial Park) line item.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

MIS

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

# **2025-358** Dagostino Electronic \$23,643.82 09/01/2025-09/01/2030

Services, Inc. 600 Mifflin Road Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Resolution to approve the purchase of two (2) new Video Management Servers with 5-year NBD support for the County Jail. Cost to be paid from Commissary Fund.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

MIS

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

# **2025-359** Dagostino Electronic \$17,301.52 09/01/2025-09/01/2030

Services, Inc. 600 Mifflin Road Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Resolution to approve the purchase of one (1) new Video Management Server with 5-year NBD support for the Courts. The AOPC Security Equipment Project will pay for \$16,473.03 and the remaining amount of \$828.49 will be paid out of the General Fund.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY** 

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

# **2025-360** SPX Aids to Navigation, LLC \$540.00 09/01/2025-08/30/2026

P.O. Box 277883

Atlanta, GA 30384-7883

Resolution to approve a one (1) year agreement with the vendor for monitoring and call center services for tower lighting at the Masury, Ohio communications tower site. Upon expiration of the initial one (1) year term, the agreement will continue to be renewed on a monthly basis at a rate of \$45.00 monthly. Cost to be paid from Fund 244.

COMMENT: Commissioner Finley advised this agreement is for standard maintenance for the lighting on the tower to be sure of compliance with the rules.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle Seconded: Mr. Finley

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

**VOTER REGISTRATION/ELECTION** 

RESOLUTION VENDOR/CONTRACT AMOUNT DATE RANGE

# **2025-361** Uline \$4,943.48 Effective 08/28/2025

700 Uline Way

Allentown, PA 18106

Resolution to approve the purchase of five (5) security carts for the storage of pollbooks during the election cycles. Costs to be paid from the Election Integrity Grant, Fund 255.

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 is urging the legislators to work on the State budget. He stated some funding has been received for August and September, but his concerns were the effects on the younger and older citizens that are the most vulnerable, including the Senior Centers. He recalled in 2015 when the Senior Centers had to be closed down because of the State budget not being passed. He said the County is doing ok, but hopes the legislation moves forward to get the budget passed.
- Commissioner Finley announced he and Commissioner Coleman enjoyed their evening at the Stoneboro Fair on Wednesday and encouraged everyone to go to the Stoneboro Fair.
- Commissioner Coleman recognized Chief Clerk Roni Shilling for receiving the CCAP 2025 Chief Clerk of the Year Award.

## **Recess to Salary Board**

**Public Comment:** Controller Sherman was proud to announce the new County financial software program is up and running and some live transactions have already been processed. He acknowledged the employees in the Fiscal Office, Treasurer's Office, and the Controller's Office for their work and dedication in completing the project. Controller Sherman recognized Jared Hoffacker, First Deputy of the Controller's Office, with a plaque for his distinguished work on the Oracle Software Project along with Gail Moon, Second Deputy of the Controller's Office, for their dedication on the completion of the software project.

Questions of the Media: Caleb Stright of the Record Argus inquired about the impact to the County of the State Budget not being finalized and if there were any updates on the situation with the State Budget. Commissioner McGonigle advised the Commissioners did speak with Senator Brooks and they would not be back in session for the budget meetings this week. Commissioner McGonigle spoke about the impacts on the County Departments such as CYS, 911, and Domestic Relations.

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