

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 16, 2026

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley, Commissioner Coleman

Prayer: Allen Shreffler

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Bernard Grenier, Brian Gruber, Krystle MacLean, Joanie Micsky, Chad Rowe, Jay Russell, Stephen Sherman, Allen Shreffler, Angela Sorg, Amber White, Ralph Oaks, Maggie Oaks, Jeanne Croyle, Megan McConahy, Chris Baer, Shirley McIntire, Vincent Ordinario, Angelia Sherman, Diane Estman, Martin Wierzba, Lynn Annis, Bill McConnell, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright, Roni Shilling

General Discussion Items: Controller Sherman reported one sealed bid was received for the 4H Restroom Renovations at the Show Arena area. Controller Sherman opened the sealed bid and advised the bid was from Troy Jay Construction, Inc. of Slippery Rock with a bid of \$62,970.00.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

- Chris Baer of the Stoneboro Fair Association thanked the Commissioners for permitting the Sheriff's Office to provide security detail at the fair for the third year. He advised the Board that incidents have been kept to a minimum, 5 children had been located with the Sheriff's Office assistance, and their security detail helps protect the citizens and guests at the fair.
- Angelia Sherman had questions regarding Resolution 2026-292 for the funding awards to five different animal organizations. Questions included the justification for only the five organizations listed when there were multiple other animal organizations in the County, as well as what the qualifications for the five awarded organizations, if there were applications submitted, and that the last named organization isn't an organization and the address doesn't exist.
- Martin Wierzba asked if there was no bid process for Resolution 2026-292, what was the process to award the \$10,000.00 funding, and what is the process for organizations to apply for this funding.

2026-282 RESOLUTION to approve 07/02/2026 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATION

2026-283 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize ALICE RONCAGLIONE for celebrating her 100TH BIRTHDAY.

Comment: Commissioner McGonigle advised he had read about Alice Roncaglione's 100th birthday in the Record Argus and thought it would be nice to recognize her.

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

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

2026-284 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>NEW HIRES</u>		
JAIL		
Sonya Weaver FT Corrections Officer	07/13/2026	JCO-00-01 (\$19.73/hr.)
Leilani Bryant FT Corrections Officer	07/20/2026	JCO-00-01 (\$19.73/hr.)
PUBLIC DEFENDER		
Margo George Law Clerk	08/10/2026	LCLKT-05-00 (\$57,094.96/yr.)
Jessica Rolke Law Clerk	08/10/2026	LCLKT-05-00 (\$57,094.96/yr.)
RECORDER		
Justine King Clerical Assistant	07/20/2026	TCC07-00-01 (\$19.64/hr.)
<u>TRANSFERS</u>		
BRIDGE		
Joshua Stubert Bridge Inspector Trainee	07/26/2026	TCC-10-05-01 (\$24.61/hr.) previously Maintenance Leader
Curtis Harnett Bridge Inspector Trainee	07/26/2026	TCC-10-05-01 (\$24.61/hr.) previously Maintenance Leader
E-911		
Amanda Zeljack FT Telecommunicator	07/26/2026	TCE-05-01 (\$26.01/hr.) previously Specialist for DA
<u>SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT</u>		
CYS		
Samantha McCarthy Caseworker II	07/15/2026	
IPP		
Jamie Boazzo House Arrest Officer 07/16/2026	07/18/2026	

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Autumn Johnson
Chief Public Defender

08/08/2026

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

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

APPOINTMENTS**RESOLUTION**

2026-285 Resolution to confirm the following Re-appointment to the MH/ID ADVISORY BOARD for the term as specified:

Dawn Smith 08/01/2026 – 07/31/2029

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

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

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-286	Milcam, Inc. P.O. Box 449 Brookfield, OH 44403	\$877,000.00	Effective 07/16/2026

Resolution to award the bid for General Construction of the Mercer County Agricultural and Conservation Community Learning Center to Milcam, Inc., based on their bid of \$877,000.00, subject to Milcam, Inc. entering into a contract with Mercer County to provide the specified services.

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

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

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-287	Renick Brothers Mechanical Contractors P.O. Box 94 Slippery Rock, PA 16057	\$450,500.00	Effective 07/16/2026

Resolution to award the bid for HVAC Construction for the Mercer County Agricultural and Conservation Community Learning Center to Renick Brothers Mechanical Contractors, based on their bid of \$450,500.00, which includes an alternate bid of \$18,500.00 for a Dehumidification Air Handling Unit in lieu of an Air Handling Unit, subject to Renick Brothers Mechanical Contractors entering into a contract with Mercer County to provide the specified services.

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

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

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RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-288	Newman Plumbing, Inc. 308 W. Solomon Ct. Zelienople, PA 16063	\$179,790.00	Effective 07/16/2026

Resolution to award the bid for Plumbing Construction for the Mercer County Agricultural and Conservation Community Learning Center to Newman Plumbing, Inc., based on their bid of \$179,790.00, subject to entering into a contract with Mercer County to provide the specified services.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

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RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-289	Alderson Crawford Electric, LLC 540 Yankee Ridge Road Mercer, PA 16137	\$183,763.63	Effective 07/16/2026

Resolution to award the bid for Electrical Construction for the Mercer County Agricultural and Conservation Community Learning Center to Alderson Crawford Electric, LLC, based on their bid of \$183,763.63, which includes an alternate bid of \$2,200.00 for electrical work associated with the Dehumidification Air Handling Unit, subject to entering into a contract with Mercer County to provide the specified services.

Comment: Commissioner McGonigle advised they are excited and anxious to get started on this project. This project has been in-process for a couple of years. He expressed his thanks to Senator Brooks for her assistance in securing the \$1.5 million dollar grant and the project construction will begin soon. Commissioner McGonigle introduced Vincent Ordinario of HHSDR Engineering Company. Mr. Ordinario explained the process of award letters to the contractors, contracts, and meetings leading to the start of construction.

Martin Wierzba requested verification of the amount for the grant award being \$1.5 million dollars since the bids were over \$1.5 million dollars and asked how the remaining funds would be paid. Commissioner McGonigle verified the grant award was \$1.5 million dollars. Commissioner Coleman advised another grant was coming from Senator Michelle Brooks and community funders to make up the difference.

The Commissioners thanked Krystle McLean for all the assistance she provided for this project during the past year.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

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RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-290	Jeffery McClearn 2162 McComb Road Stoneboro, PA 16153	\$1,500.00 monthly	Effective 07/16/2026

Resolution to approve a Land Lease and Easement Agreement with Jeffery McClearn for a 0.095 acre communication tower site located on McComb Road for the purpose of constructing and operating a 140' self-supporting tower and buildings for use in the County's public safety radio project. The term of the lease will be for twenty (20) years. The lease also allows for access and utility easements.

Comment: Commissioner Finley advised this is 1 of 7 remote tower sites. This tower location covers the eastern side of the County along with another tower in Millcreek Township. This tower will be an integral part in helping to fill in coverage gaps because of the terrain.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-291	Joshua's Haven 1230 Stambaugh Avenue Sharon, PA 16146	\$20,000.00	Effective 07/16/2026

Resolution to appropriate funds from the Act 13 Unconventional Gas Well Fund 262 for the Capital expenses associated with the construction of a women's and children's homeless shelter.

Comment: Commissioner McGonigle advised he had commented last year he would not approve Act 13 funding for any animal organizations until the County had a Women's Shelter and now the County will have one.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-292	Listed below	\$50,000.00	Effective 07/16/2026

Resolution to appropriate funds from the Act 13 Unconventional Gas Well Fund 262 to the entities listed below for Capital expenses associated with the support and necessities needed to care for animal rescues and location stays with these agencies.

- Grove City Area Pet Rescue \$10,000.00
300 Oak Street, Grove City, PA 16127
- Strayhaven, Inc. \$10,000.00
94 Donation Road, Greenville, PA 16125

- Shenango Valley Animal Shelter \$10,000.00
2599 Broadway Road, Hermitage, PA 16148
- Tails of Hope \$10,000.00
2450 Hoelzle Road, Hermitage, PA 16148
- Humane Society/Club Pet \$10,000.00
20 Schaller Road, Transfer, PA 16150

**Commissioner McGonigle made a motion to amend the funding for Humane Society/Club Pet to the Humane Society. Commissioner Finley seconded the motion.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-293	Minority Health/Operation Lighthouse 1031 Romer Blvd. Farrell, PA 16121	N/A	Effective 07/16/2026

Resolution to enter into an agreement between the Mercer County IPP Community Service Program and Operation Lighthouse for mutually agreeable activities that provide for offenders to perform community service as directed by the Courts. Offenders are to provide uncompensated labor for non-profit, governmental, and charitable agencies at no expense to the County. The agreement shall continue for one (1) year and shall automatically renew for additional one (1) year periods, unless either party gives a thirty (30) day written notice to terminate this agreement.

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
# 2026-294	N/A	N/A	Effective 07/16/2026

Resolution to authorize the following Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget modifications on behalf of the Borough of Greenville:

- FY2023 CDBG: Decrease the Code Enforcement allocation by \$35,000.00 and increase the Housing Rehabilitation allocation by \$35,000.00, resulting in a \$0.00 allocation for Code Enforcement and a \$38,263.00 allocation for Housing Rehabilitation.
- FY2024 CDBG: Decrease the Code Enforcement allocation by \$35,000.00 and increase the Housing Rehabilitation allocation by \$35,000.00, resulting in a \$0.00 allocation for Code Enforcement and an \$80,233.00 allocation for Housing Rehabilitation.

These modifications were presented at a duly advertised public hearing held by Greenville Borough Council on July 8, 2026, at 6:20 p.m.

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

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

SHERIFF

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-295	Stoneboro Fair Association 2381 Mercer Road Stoneboro, PA 16153	\$55.00/hourly plus mileage	09/02/2026-09/07/2026

Resolution to approve public safety patrols by the Mercer County Sheriff's Office at the Stoneboro Fair during the afternoon and evening hours for the duration of the fair. Cost to be reimbursed to the County by the Stoneboro Fair Association. The Stoneboro Fair Association shall add the Mercer County Sheriff's Office to their policy of Liability Insurance as a condition of this approval.

Comment: Capt. Rowe advised the Sheriff's Office is happy to assist in any way for the benefit of the County.

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

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

VETERAN SERVICES

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-296	Tyler Technologies, Inc. P.O. Box 203556 Dallas, TX 75320-3556	\$2,018.00	08/02/2026-08/01/2027

Resolution to approve the renewal of VetraSpec Solution license and maintenance support for four (4) users at a cost of \$504.50 each. This software provides access to Veterans' service records and benefits and is used to file all claims for Veterans and their families. This support agreement is renewed annually and is subject to 30-day notice.

Comment: Veteran Services Director Grenier reported his office has moved to the basement level. He said they started moving last Friday and with the assistance of Maintenance, their office completed the move and were conducting business as of Tuesday.

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

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

VOTER REGISTRATION/ELECTION

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-297	Pitney Bowes	\$22,806.00	09/21/2026-09/20/2031

Resolution to approve the lease of a postage meter SendPro 360 with MailCenter Weighing Platform, 5# scale, 145/70 LPM, and peripherals for a sixty (60) month term at a cost of \$380.10 per month, billed quarterly at \$1,140.30.

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

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

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-298	PCoRP P.O. Box 60769 Harrisburg, PA 17106-0769	\$25,000.00	Effective 07/16/2026

Resolution to accept an award of \$25,000.00 for the PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant to offset the costs of:

- Fire Alarm System and Extinguisher testing at the Jail and County facilities
- The purchase of a new walk-thru metal detector
- Repairs to the automatic door opener at the Courthouse entrance
- Purchase of ice melt and sno plow melts for winter maintenance
- Purchase of CyberIQ Essentials for cybersecurity awareness training

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

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

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-299	PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 4 th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225	\$119,063.00	Effective 07/16/2026

Resolution for application for an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) contracted by the County for sub-recipient AWARE, Inc. Funds will be used for essential services, operations, and any repairs for the emergency housing programs. AWARE will also be requesting funds for HHIS data input. All match dollars are provided by AWARE, Inc. No County match required.

Comment: AWARE Director Megan McConahy provided information on AWARE's services to the community and how services will be provided using funds received from the ESG Grant.

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

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

GRANTS

RESOLUTION #	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
2026-300	Commonwealth of PA Financing Authority	Up to \$400,000.00	Effective 07/16/2026

Resolution to approve application from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant. Funding will be used for the preliminary engineering of Bridge 1812 South Orangeville Road Project in South Pymatuning Township. No County match is required.

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 Finley reported that Friday evening the second attempt of the America 250 celebration will be held with the Community Band holding a concert, a reception in front of J Hicks Grill, and fireworks.
- Commissioner Coleman advised the Commissioners' Public Meeting scheduled for August 8, 2026, has been rescheduled for July 30, 2026.

Public Comment:

- Lynn Annis of Grove City Pet Area Pet Rescue thanked the Commissioners for the Act 13 funding. She spoke about the organization, the area it serves, and the services provided for the animals.
- Martin Wierzba commented on several topics. Funding for animal organizations, saying it is wonderful that the County is participating in this service. He asked the County Commissioners if they would consider a ban on Flock cameras in the County because of the personal privacy and exploitation issues surrounding Flock cameras. Mr. Wierzba asked the Commissioners if they would consider a 5 year moratorium on data centers in the County. He asked about Clean and Green and the reassessment project. He also asked if the property reassessment would need to be redone and if there was a charge for the work needed to be done to complete the reassessment. The Commissioners provided information on his questions and comments.
- Jim McLusky of Shenango Valley Animal Shelter advised the funding made for the Shelter and the women's shelter is appreciated, saying it's not a donation, that it's an investment for the future of the County and the communities.
- Diane Estman of Club Pet commented on her organization, advising Club Pet is still in existence, and that she has relocated to West Middlesex.

Questions from the Media:

- Melissa Klaric of the Sharon Herald asked about the organizations considered for Act 13 funding and how the organizations and amounts were decided upon by the Commissioners. Information was provided by Commissioner Coleman.
- Caleb Stright of the Record Argus asked about the timelines of construction for the Learning Center. Vicent Ordinario of HHSDR Engineering advised the construction involves renovation of existing structures and is required to be completed by December 31, 2026. Commissioner McGonigle provided additional information on the goals of the Agriculture Learning Center.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners