

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 24, 2026

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle (by phone), Commissioner Finley,
Commissioner Coleman

Prayer: Commissioner Coleman

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held

Others Present: MaryJo DePreta, Thad Hall, Jared Hoffacker, Bill McConnell, Joanie Micsky, Roni Shilling, Stephen Sherman, Amber White, Tanya Williams, Dave Moyer, Caleb Stright

General Discussion Items: One request for Use of Courthouse Grounds was approved for Christmas on the Square, scheduled for December 4, 2026 from 3:30pm to 8:30pm.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: none

2026-373 RESOLUTION to approve 09/03/2026 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATION

2026-374 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize PARKER HOAGLAND for receiving an Eagle Scout Award, the highest honor achieved in Scouting.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATION

2026-375 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize the following 2026 Annual Award Ceremony winners recognized by the Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce.

Business of the Year – Top Drone

Nonprofit of the Year – Bethany Church

Individual of the Year – Sam Winger

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

HUMAN RESOURCES

2026-376 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>NEW HIRES</u>		
CORONER		
Jenna Rabideau PT Deputy Coroner	09/21/2026	CORD1-80-00 (\$6,189.87/yr.)
CYS		
Danielle Lord Caseworker I- Temporary	09/21/2026	YCW-00-01 (\$21.27/hr.)
JAIL		
Shyanne Byron FT Corrections Officer	09/21/2026	JCO-00-01 (\$19.73/hr.)
<u>TRANSFERS</u>		
CONSERVATION		
Kelcy Marini Assistant Manager	09/21/2026	PA07-05-01 (\$32.20/hr.) Transfer from Environmental Ed Coordinator
FISCAL		
Diane McCullough Fiscal Assistant	10/05/2026	PA04-09-03 (\$28.05/hr.) Transfer from 2 nd Deputy, Treasurer
SHERIFF		
Kenneth Rodgers PT Deputy Sheriff	09/21/2026	SD00-10-01 (\$29.26/hr.) Transfer from FT CO at Jail
<u>SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT</u>		
CYS		
Kendra Hockenberry Case Aide	09/26/2026	
E911		
Kaitlin Myers FT Telecommunicator	09/26/2026	
JAIL		
China Bridgeforth FT Corrections Officer	09/19/2026	
TREASURER		
Katie McGranahan 1 st Deputy	09/29/2026	

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

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-377	Mercer County Deputy Sheriffs' Association	N/A	01/01/2026 – 12/31/2030

Resolution to approve a tentative and final Agreement between the County of Mercer and the union representing the deputies of the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, with the signing of the final Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION
2026-378 Resolution to confirm the following Reappointments to the MERCER COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD for the terms as specified:

Reverend Leon Avery Jr.	09/01/2026—08/31/2029
Timothy C. Jablon	09/01/2026—08/31/2029
Debra Thomas	09/01/2026—08/31/2029

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

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-379	Lakeview School District 2482 Mercer Street Stoneboro, PA 16153	\$8,500.00	Effective 09/24/2026

Resolution to approve an agreement to issue opioid funds to the Lakeview School District for a Collaborative School-Based Prevention Program for a two (2) district school-based prevention initiative that involves three (3) age-appropriate presentations that involve prevention, risks and consequences, coping strategies, and accountability. There will be two presentations at Lakeview School District and one at Commodore Perry School District. Funding is per the Opioid Settlement Fund distribution to the County.

COMMENT: Commissioner Coleman said she appreciates School Districts coming forward to offer presentations involving opioid prevention for school aged kids.

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

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-380	Cumulus Media 1965 Shenango Valley Frwy Hermitage, PA 16148	\$50,000.00	Effective 09/24/2026

Resolution to approve payment to the vendor for a media campaign of digital and radio advertisements that will provide awareness of the opioid crisis and available resources for assistance, per the Opioid Settlement Fund distribution to the County.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-381	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Mercer County	\$694,164.00	Effective 09/24/2026

Resolution to amend Resolution 2021-332 for the Ohl Street Bridge 0803 related to Reimbursement Agreement No. R21010007, using 80% Federal Funds and 20% State Funds. This is to reimburse Mercer County for project costs via the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The total reimbursement agreement for this project is now \$2,083,348.00.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-382	Commonwealth of PA Department of Agriculture Bureau of Food Assistance 2301 North Cameron Street Harrisburg, PA 17110	N/A	09/30/2026-09/30/2027

Resolution to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Program Management Agreement for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). This Amendment extends the contract entered on October 1, 2021, that designates the Mercer County Food Bank as the Lead Agency for the TEFAP/Bonus Food Programs of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (Res 2021-352).

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
# 2026-383	Trinity Presbyterian Church 110 E. Market Street Mercer, PA 16137	N/A	Effective 09/24/2026

Resolution to enter into an agreement between the Mercer County IPP Community Service Program and Trinity Presbyterian Church 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

MIS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-384	CDW-G 75 Remittance Dr., Suite 1515 Chicago, IL 60675-1515	\$6,392.00	10/01/2026-09/30/2027

Resolution to approve the purchase of E-Faxing Software Solution for County Offices and CYS. The cost includes a one-time portal and set-up fee, plus a reoccurring yearly charge of approximately \$2,000.00. Payment will be split 50/50 with CYS.

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

PRISON BOARD

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-385	Mercer County Prison Board 125 South Diamond Street Mercer, PA 16137	\$200,000.00	Effective 09/24/2026

Resolution to approve an agreement to issue funds for evidence-based treatment and recovery support, including Medication Assisted Treatment and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MAT/MOUD) at the Mercer County Jail per the Opioid Settlement Fund distribution to the County.

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

PRISON BOARD

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-386	Mercer County Prison Board 125 South Diamond Street Mercer, PA 16137	\$300,000.00	Effective 09/24/2026

Resolution to approve an agreement to issue funds for opioid use counseling services at the Mercer County Jail per the Opioid Settlement Fund distribution to the County.

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

PROTHONOTARY

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-387	INFOCON Corporation Harris Computer Systems 172 Gateway Road Ebensburg, PA 15931	\$1,912.80 annually	Effective 09/24/2026

Resolution to approve a professional services agreement with INFOCON Corporation of Ebensburg PA for the Security Preservation File System. This is an annual agreement that will be renewed for subsequent periods of one (1) year. Annual maintenance and support fees are included in the cost. Cost to be paid from the automation fund.

COMMENT: Prothonotary Williams said that this agreement hasn't been updated since 2011, but now going forward, it will automatically renew yearly.

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
# 2026-388	KNOWiNK, LLC 460 N. Lindbergh Blvd. Saint Louis, MO 63141-7808	\$23,000.00	Effective 09/17/2026

Resolution to approve the ongoing license and maintenance costs of \$23,000.00 for the County's KNOWiNK poll pads and ePulse software. This amount was agreed to in the initial contract for purchase of the equipment. Costs to be paid from the Election Integrity Grant.

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

VOTER REGISTRATION/ELECTION

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-389	Election Systems & Software, LLC 11208 John Gait Blvd. Omaha, NE 68137	\$64,778.00	Effective 09/03/2026

Resolution to approve the ongoing warranty and maintenance costs for the County's voting equipment and licensing costs for the County's election management software. Costs to be paid from the Election Integrity Grant.

COMMENT: These costs/charges are important since election machines were purchased in 2019.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-390	N/A	N/A	Effective 09/24/2026

Resolution to accept and approve for submission to the DEP and PEMA, the updated County Flood Control Dam Emergency Action Plans (EAP) for the following dams:

- Clarks Mills
- Crooked Creek
- Fairview (Pine Run)
- Hadley
- Mathay
- Saul
- Stoneboro

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-391	Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN) Dept. of Human Services Office of Children Youth & Families Annex, Health & Welfare Bldg. Harrisburg, PA 17120	\$1,000.00	Effective 09/24/2026

Resolution to approve application for a mini grant through the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN) to fund activities at Hermitage Light Up Night events that promote awareness of Adoption Month and the CYS Resource Care Department.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2026-392	PA Gaming Control Board 303 Walnut Street Commonwealth Tower, 5 th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101	\$150,000.00	Effective 09/24/2026

Resolution to approve an application to the PA Gaming Control Board Local Law Enforcement Grant Program for the Mercer County Illegal Gambling Enforcement Education and Prosecution Initiative. Funds will be used by the Mercer County D.A. County Detectives Unit and will support specialized training for the County Detectives, prosecutors, and local law enforcement related to countywide investigative assistance, enforcement activities, prosecution, public education and outreach related to unlawful gambling offenses. No County match is required.

COMMENT: DA Sander said this will help provide training for police and help cut down on illegal gambling with this new legislation that is coming from the Governor's office regarding slot machines. He later explained that skill games machines will be considered "slot machines" which are currently illegal in the state of PA and will have to be removed from the establishments.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

Old Business: No

New Business: No

Commissioner's Reports:

- Election Director Thad Hall updated everyone on the upcoming elections at the request of Commissioner Coleman. 10/5/26 starts Over-the-Counter voting, 10/17, 24 & 31, 2026 the Election Office will be open from 10am to 2pm for Over-the-Counter voting and to drop off ballots. 10/19/26 is last day to register to vote and 10/27/26 is the last day to request mail-in ballots.
- Commissioner Coleman said that their 11th Town Hall meeting was going to be held that evening in Sheakleyville.
- Commissioner Finley asked Treasurer White if the retiree checks were going to go out without any issues this month and if the single point of signing has been changed.
- Commissioner McGonigle had no report.

Recess to Salary Board

Public Comment: Treasurer White spoke about having issues with the compensation system and her ability to hire replacements in her office. Commissioner Coleman and Finley addressed some of her comments. Clerk of Court DePreta and Protonotary Williams shared their views of how they as Elected Row Officers manage their staff and offices.

Questions from the Media: None

Motion to Adjourn
Moved: Dr. Coleman

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners