

**MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

December 21, 2017

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>	<b>By Phone</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Timothy M. McGonigle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scott Boyd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Matthew B. McConnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Was Held

Others Present: Tom Amundsen, Nicki Biles, Brad Elder, Jeff Greenburg, Cathy Herriott, John Logan, Bill Madden, Ann Morrison, Nicolette Read, Ginny Richardson, Lizette Olsen, Sharlee Beatty, Carolyn Oppenheimer, Vincent Oppenheimer, Lonnie McFall, Tim Webster, Brian Farrone, Eric Poole, Molly Moser

**General Discussion Items:** See Below

Greenburg said he would issue a press release with an updated statement from Judge Yeatts on the Common Pleas Court per the year-end retirements.

Commissioner McConnell, McGonigle, and Boyd individually acknowledged and thanked Treasurer Ginny Richardson for her many years of service, support, and goodwill to Mercer County upon her retirement at year-end.

Commissioner McConnell recognized Executive Director Olsen and offered congratulations to AWARE on the receipt of their grant. It benefits the efforts of the County in caring for an “at-risk” population.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** See Below

Treasurer Richardson said that a new hire was missing from the Human Resource actions. Commissioners will amend the motion to include the new hire.

<b>Motion to approve December 7, 2017</b> Commissioners’ Meeting minutes.	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

**EXONERATIONS**

Motion to approve the following exoneration(s) being granted as listed:  
 Meeting Date 12/21/17

<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	<b>TAXING DISTRICT</b>	<b>COUNTY PER CAPITA - EXONS</b>	<b>COUNTY PER CAPITA - TBC</b>	<b>TAX YEAR</b>	<b>CANCELLED</b>
Mary E. Pederson	Deer Creek Twp.	\$ 30.00	\$	2017	
Debra Rodemoyer	Delaware Twp.	\$ 20.00	\$	2017	
Luanne Moose	East Lackawannock Twp.	\$ 30.00	\$	2017	
Susan K. Pears	Fairview Twp.	\$ 40.00	\$	2017	
Susan K. Pears	Fairview Twp.	\$ 90.00	\$	2017	
Melissa Cannone	City of Farrell	\$ 5.00	\$	2017	
Melissa Cannone	City of Farrell	\$ 65.00	\$	2017	
E. Ronald Thompson	Fredonia Boro	\$ 130.00	\$	2017	
Fonda McElhinny	Greene Twp.	\$ 25.00	\$	2017	
Frank H. Vanderslice	Greenville Boro	\$ 10.00	\$	2017	
Matthew D. Fischer	Grove City Boro	\$ 1,175.00	\$	2017	
Bernadette Harry	City of Hermitage	\$ 350.00	\$	2017	
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Robin Snyder	Jefferson Twp.	\$ 50.00	\$	2017	
Barb Elder	Lake Twp.	\$ 30.00	\$	2017	
Suzanne Carter Barner	Mercer Boro	\$ 530.00	\$	2017	
Carrie Jo Steese	Pine Twp.	\$ 45.00	\$	2017	
Niki Giardina	Pymatuning Twp.	\$ 15.00	\$	2017	
Carolyn S. Chess	Sandy Creek Twp.	\$ 5.00	\$	2017	
Carolyn S. Chess	Sandy Creek Twp.	\$ 45.00	\$	2017	
Diane Thut	City of Sharon	\$ 570.00	\$	2017	
Lea Anne Dumars	S. Pymantuning Twp.	\$ 15.00	\$	2017	
Ruth Magee	Springfield Twp.	\$ 15.00	\$	2017	
Ruth Magee	Springfield Twp.	\$ 20.00	\$	2017	
Michael J. Anthony	West Salem Twp.	\$ 10.00	\$	2017	
Kelcie Beatty	Wilmington Twp.	\$ 5.00	\$	2017	
Kathleen Weber	Wolf Creek Twp.	\$ 15.00	\$	2017	
		\$ 4,380.00	\$		
		T.M.	Moved	Yes	
		S.B.	2nd	Yes	
		M.M.		Yes	

## HUMAN RESOURCE

Motion to approve the following Human Resources actions with amendment to add new hire for the Treasurer's Office:

<b>NAME/POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>LEVEL/STEP/GRADE</b>
<b><u>NEW HIRES</u></b>		
<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH:</b>		
Denise Clements Caseworker I	12/26/2017	YCW 00-01 (\$17.33/hr.)
Rochelle VanDyke Clerk Typist	12/23/2017	YCL 00-01 (\$14.16/hr.)
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY:</b>		
Jacob Sander Assistant District Attorney	1/2/2018	PA09-01-01 (\$52,834/yr.)
<b>TREASURER:</b>		
Sandra Salvatora Clerical Assistant	1/3/2018	TCC04-00-01 (\$14.88/hr.)
<b><u>TRANSFERS</u></b>		
<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS:</b>		
Terri Eddinger Custodian I	12/31/2017	TCC02-03-01 (\$15.72/hr.) Transfer from Custodian Leader
Lori Owen Part-Time Custodian I - 5 hr./day	12/31/2017	TCC02-03-01 (\$15.72/hr.) Transfer from Full-Time Custodian
<b><u>SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT</u></b>		
<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH:</b>		
Alicia Kaufmann Caseworker I	12/15/2017	
<b>JUDGE DOBSON:</b>		
Benjamin Sharper Temporary Part-Time TAC Officer	12/31/2017	

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE		
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**TAX ASSESSMENT:**

Rodger Cowan II Clerical Assistant	12/14/2017			
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**JAIL:**

Thomas Glosser Corrections Officer	12/23/2017			
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**DUI SCHOOL:**

Mark Benedetto DUI Instructor	12/31/17			
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T.M.	Moved	Yes
S.B.	2nd	Yes
M.M.		Yes

**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion to approve Resolution 2017-15. Renewing a project stabilization agreement between the County of Mercer and the Building and Construction Trades Council of Mercer, AFL-CIO, for use on all County construction projects in excess of \$35,000 involving building trades from the date of adoption until December 31, 2020.	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

**MOTION (Professional Services Agreement)**

**DISCUSSION: OPIOID CRISIS**

Commissioner Boyd stated that this is not a casual lawsuit. The manufacturers have made false claims and it has led to over prescribing and abuse of opioids. This often evolves to heroin use and has become a huge social cost to the residents of Mercer County.

Commissioner McGonigle concurred and said it is one of the ways to help stop the epidemic in the community.

Commissioner McConnell said he has been upset by what he has learned from his interaction with PCCD and that this is one of the tools that is timely and may be effective in combatting the opioid crisis.

Motion to enter into a professional services contract between Mercer County (the "County) and SCOTT+SCOTT, Attorneys at Law, LLP (the "Firm"), located at The Helmsley Building, 230	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

Park Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10169. The Firm will represent the County in litigation against certain Opioid manufacturers and distributors to recoup the damages incurred by the County arising from the Opioid epidemic. The damages sought to be recovered include costs associated with EMS and sheriff services, rehabilitation, Narcan training, courts costs, and coroner costs, among others. The Firm will undertake the litigation on a contingency fee basis of 25%, plus costs incurred by the Firm, out of any gross recovery realized by the County through settlement or a trial verdict. The County, outside of the contingency fee, will incur no fees or costs.

**Motion (License Agreement)**

Motion to enter into a temporary license agreement with Wright Tree Service, 5930 Grand Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50266, to permit the sole purpose of parking their trucks/vehicles on unused space on property owned by Mercer County near the intersection of I-80 and U.S. Rte. 19. Wright Tree Service is completing tree trimming for Penn Power. Consideration is \$1.00.	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

Motion to renew the license agreement with Metro Alert 435 Devon Park Dr. Wayne, Pa. 19087 at an annual cost of \$2,833 for period covering February 1-2018 to January 31-2019. The software is utilized by the Sheriff's Department for data reporting to a central system for law enforcement.	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

**MOTION (Bridge Department)**

Motion to unencumber Liquid Fuels Project 03-43-000-01 in the amount of \$50,000 for painting Bridge 2313 on Silver Street in Sharon.	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

Motion to make application to encumber Liquid Fuels Tax Funds in the amount of \$100,000 for the superstructure rehabilitation of Mercer County Bridge 2108 on Hosack Road over an unnamed tributary to Fox Run in Jackson Township.	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

**MOTION (Appointment)**

Motion to confirm the following appointment/re-appointment to the Mercer County Conservation District Board for the term as specified:	T.M.		Abstain
	S.B.	Moved	Yes
	M.M.	2nd	Yes
Neshannock Chapter Trout Unlimited –			
Appointment	James P. Rust, Farmer	12-31-2021	
Commissioner –			
Re-Appointment	Timothy M. McGonigle,	12-31-2018	

Motion to confirm the following appointment to the MH/DS Advisory Board:	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

Brad Mowry, 55 Staffordshire Court, Grove City, PA 16127, to a term of three years, beginning January 24th, 2018 through January 23rd, 2021.

**MOTION (Agreement/Contract)**

Motion to approve an Agreement with Richard G. English & Associates, Inc., 191 Connelly Boulevard, Sharon, Pennsylvania, 16146, to provide assessment evaluation and related services effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Mercer County will pay Richard G. English and Associates, Inc. \$5,784.50 per month, on a monthly basis, for a total of \$69,414. There is no cost increase from the 2017 contract amount.	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

**DISCUSSION: PICTOMETRY**

Commissioner McConnell stated that Pictometry has generated positive payback by adding properties to the tax rolls. Logan confirmed that it creates fairness by identifying changes (demolitions or additions) to properties and benefits assessment evaluation.

Motion to amend the Agreement with Richard G. English & Associates, Inc., 191 Connelly Boulevard, Sharon, Pennsylvania, 16146, to provide assessment evaluation and related services for 2018 by extending the contract period by two months to cover the period April 1, 2018 through November 1, 2018. Services are for field inspection of properties relative to use of Pictometry technology. Mercer County will pay Richard G. English & Associates \$3,800 per month, on a monthly basis for a total of \$26,600. The monthly rate is the same as for 2017.	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

<p>Motion to submit a one-year extension modification to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime &amp; Delinquency’s grant entitled Community Court Pre-Adjudication Diversionary Program Evaluation. From April 1, 2016, to December 31, 2017, the County of Mercer has acted as the pass through entity for the grant and there is no cash match. Upon approval, the grant period will be extended until December 31, 2018. Mercer County Juvenile Probation Department is submitting a modification to continue collecting the outcomes of this evaluation to improve upon its diversionary program to better serve Mercer County’s youth and to strengthen outcome measures of the original evaluation.</p>	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

<p>A motion to enter into an agreement with Hexagon Corporation, 305 Intergraph Way, Madison, AL 35758, to provide software maintenance for the 9-1-1 CAD system. Performance Period is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The total contract amount is \$123,713.88. Hexagon is a single source provider for this service due to proprietary software with the CAD system.</p>	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

<p>Motion to enter into an agreement with Vertiv Group Corp., (f/k/a Emerson), 610 Executive Campus Dr., Westerville, OH 43082, in the amount of \$12,150.00, for 24/7 maintenance and repair services on the Uninterruptible Power Supply located in the Mercer County 9-1-1 Communications Center. Coverage dates are November 8, 2017 through November 7, 2018. As the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) with proprietary software, Vertiv is a single source provider for this service.</p>	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

**DISCUSSION: PrimeCare**

Logan stated that we are negotiating a new contract with PrimeCare for either three or five years with better rates. Rates would be retroactive to 1-1-2018. Controller Amundsen questioned the extension of term for one year versus three months, as recommended by the Prison Board. Logan re-confirmed the benefit of the retroactive rates, explaining that exercising the exiting one-year option was recommended by the solicitor.

<p>Motion to enter an agreement with PrimeCare Medical, Inc., Harrisburg, PA, to extend the current contract for medical services at the Mercer County Jail, through December 31, 2018.</p>	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

**MOTION (MCRPC)**

Motion to adopt a Section 504 Plan as required by the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant program.	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

**MOTION (Appropriation)**

**DISCUSSION: ACT 13 FUNDS**

Commissioner McConnell said that these funds are spent locally and that the County appreciates helping communities to improve parks and public spaces. Fiscal handles inquiries. Pending requests are in process from Fredonia and Perry Township. Mercer County has never declined a request, to date, and encourages great partnerships such as the project done in conjunction with the “River Watchers.”

Motion to appropriate \$2,400 from the Mercer County Unconventional Gas Well Fund for the purchase and installation of four wheelchair-accessible picnic tables in the pavilion in the Stoneboro Community Park. The project falls under the "community park" sub-category of Sec. 2315.a.1 of Act 13. Stoneboro general fund will pay \$2,289.23 (the remainder of the total purchase cost of \$4,689.23) and provide the labor to assemble and install the tables. Project leader is Laurie McLallen, Boro Secretary. Project completion is by May 31, 2018.	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

**GRANTS**

Motion to accept PCOMP Safety Improvement Grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the demolition of inactive brick boiler house, 753 Greenville Road, Mercer, including removal of asbestos-containing material on pipes, boilers, and floor area. ACM removal and disposal to be completed by Kimball Environmental at a cost of \$6,850 and the building demolition to be completed by Atwell–Perrine Contractors at a cost of \$19,359.	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

Motion to extend the agreement between Mercer County and AWARE, Inc. from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, to continue to provide both the services of Investigators employed in the District Attorney’s Office and Deputy Sheriffs employed by the Sheriff’s Department as part of Mercer County STOP (STOP Violence Against Women Act) project and	T.M.	Moved	Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.		Yes

to provide a Legal Advocate to work with ADA and Criminal Investigators through the Office of the District Attorney at a minimum of (5) hours/week. Scope of work will include assisting adult victims with criminal cases involving domestic/sexual violence. The AWARE Legal Advocacy Coordinator will also be dedicated to a total of (166) hours during 2018 to work with the STOP-funded Criminal Investigator to provide LAP training for law enforcement personnel in Mercer County. STOP project funded by PCCD (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency) Grant ID 26298-3 to AWARE, Inc. The grant has allotted \$40,000 to the DA Investigators and \$28,712 to the Sheriff Deputies. AWARE, Inc. reimburses the County at \$20.29 per hour for part-time Investigators, \$24.32 for full-time investigators and \$32.99 per hour for Sheriff Deputies (includes calculated cost of pay and benefits for each).

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** See Below

Motion to issue a Proclamation on behalf of the “Stepping Up” program. It is a national initiative to reduce the number of individuals with mental illnesses in jails. “Stepping Up” asks counties across the country to come together to develop localized action plans that can be used to achieve measurable impact in their local criminal justice systems. Of the 12 individuals accepted into the Mercer County Community Integration Project during the first year, only one has been re-incarcerated.	T.M.		Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.	Moved	Yes

**DISCUSSION: LOYALTY AGREEMENT**

Commissioner McConnell introduced topic of a non-binding agreement from healthcare carrier, Highmark, to retain services for a three-year period. Payments to be credited as of December 2018, 2019, and 2020 respectively. The County would need to payback the funds if they did not retain services for the full period.

Commissioner McGonigle asked about the original offer from Highmark to retain them as a carrier. The amount had been \$100,000 per annum for three years and is now \$120,000 due to his inquiry. Commissioner McConnell thanked him for his negotiations.

Motion to authorize Chief Clerk to execute a “Loyalty Agreement” with Highmark upon completion of an acceptable draft. Agreement to be executed by 12/31/2017.	T.M.		Yes
	S.B.	2nd	Yes
	M.M.	Moved	Yes

**Recess to Salary Board:**

**Public Comment:** See Below

Commissioner McConnell thanked Lonnie McFall of the building trades for their involvement with re-negotiating the renewal of the stabilization agreement.

**Questions of the Media:** Questions were answered

**Motion to adjourn.**

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Boyd

Attest:

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Chief Clerk

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