

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 15, 2021

Attendance	Present	Absent	By Phone
Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Tom Amundsen, John Logan, Bill Madden, Bill McClure, Ann Morrison, Bruce Rosa, Amber White, Jenna Rabideau, Rebecca Moder, John Libonati, Mike McCaig, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright

General Discussion Items: See Below.

Request for “Use of Courthouse Grounds” by the Mercer Community Band for concerts on 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, and 8/6 respectively was approved. Commissioners thanked Dr. Hoge for his commitment to share concerts with the community.

Coroner Libonati expressed appreciation for the West Central Job Partnership (WCJP) Internship Program. His office was able to hire YSU student, Jenna Rabideau, as a paid Intern last year. She has training as a Forensic Anthropologist. Mercer County has not historically had the benefit of this type of training and it is a great asset. Coroner Libonati was pleased to announce that Ms. Rabideau has chosen to relocate to Mercer County and will be working for MDJ Songer. Her technical skills will be of benefit to his office and the County.

Rebecca Moder from West Central Job Partnership shared that the Internship Program is for 18 to 24-year old students. Over 40 businesses and 100 students from Mercer County have participated in the program. In 2021 WCJP expects to fund 51 paid Internships.

Commissioners expressed their support for the State/Local Internship Program (SLIP). It connects youth to Mercer County, provides necessary work experience and promotes the benefits of potential long-term employment in the County. The program is an example of good service provided by WCJP.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

2021-130 RESOLUTION to approve 4/1/2021 Commissioners’ Meeting MINUTES.

RESOLUTION adopted:

	Moved	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain
Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXPENDITURES

2021-131 RESOLUTION to approve DISBURSEMENTS in the amount of \$3,707,650.51 for County operations and \$18,237.32 for internal response expenses to the COVID-19 pandemic for the period of 02/27/2021–03/26/2021, \$10,000.00 for initial administrative expenses for the Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP) federal grant, and internal transfers to establish separate accounting for COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP) state grant \$1,239,376.00 and for (ERAP) \$7,196,849.69.

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Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXONERATIONS

2021-132 RESOLUTION to approve the following EXONERATION(s) being granted as listed effective 04/15/2021.

TAX COLLECTOR	TAXING DISTRICT	COUNTY PER CAPITA - EXONS	COUNTY PER CAPITA - TBC	TAX YEAR
Erin Kiser	Fredonia Borough	\$	\$ 300.00	2020
Robin Snyder	Jefferson Township	\$	\$ 810.00	2020
Niki Giardina	Pymatuning Township	\$	\$ 1,410.00	2020
Debra E Snyder	Sheakleyville Borough	\$	\$ 40.00	2020
		\$	0.00	\$ 2,560.00

CANCELLED

RESOLUTION adopted:

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Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HUMAN RESOURCES

2021-134 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions.

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>TRANSFERS</u>		
DISTRICT JUSTICE SONGER:		
Jenna Rabideau Senior Procedure Clerk	4/26/2021	TCN06-01-01 (\$16.85/hr.) Transfer from Part-Time Telecommunicator
JUDGE YEATTS:		
Jinhyoung Bright Oh Temporary Part-Time Law Clerk	4/19/2021	LCLKH-10-00 (\$22.59/hr.) Transfer from Law Clerk

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ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION	TITLE	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-135	N/A	N/A	Effective 04/07/2021

Approve advertisement of Ordinance # 2021-003 of the Board of Commissioners, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing non-electoral debt; repealing all Ordinances or Resolutions inconsistent herewith making the provisions hereof several and providing for future adjustment by Resolution.

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# 2021-136	N/A	N/A	Effective 04/15/2021

Approve adoption of Ordinance # 2021-003 of the Board of Commissioners, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing non-electoral debt; repealing all Ordinances or Resolutions inconsistent herewith making the provisions hereof several and providing for future adjustment by Resolution.

DISCUSSION: Lower interest rates today allow Mercer County to refinance existing debt and borrow additional funds needed to replace bridges. The simplified debt structure will eliminate SWAPs and will save almost \$100,000 per year through 2031. This refunding cuts the County's annual interest rate in half, from 6.2% to 3.13%. The new debt for bridge replacement will be paid off over 30 years through 2051 and will be at a fixed interest rate.

Working with regional engineering and construction firms specializing in bridges, the Bridge Department has targeted 23 bridges for replacement or major repairs over the next three years. Of these, seven are structures with spans less than 20 feet (mostly "culverts"), and 16 are "open-grid deck" type built 70 years ago. Entirely funded by Mercer County, this work is in addition to bridge projects which have federal and state support.

Commissioners recognize that these significant improvements in Mercer County infrastructure will positively impact many constituents, especially those living in rural areas. The County's Bridge department will have flexibility in design and the new debt structure permits more capacity in the future to address other bridges.

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COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-137	Toth Family Farms LLC 57 Sunset Road Grove City, PA 16127	N/A	04/01/2021–03/31/2022

Approve renewal of lease for cutting, baling and removing hay at County Interchange at the corner of I-80 and Rt 19, Mercer, in front of the sewage plant. There is no cost to the County and the lease may be cancelled subject to a twenty-one (21) day notice.

04/15/2021

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MERCER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-140	N/A	\$2,425.95	Effective 04/15/2021

Revise the FY 2016 Mercer County Community Development Block Grant by transferring funds from the Sidewalk line item to the Housing Rehabilitation line.

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GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-141	Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Office of Reintegration and Outreach Building 9-26 Fort Indiantown Gap Annville, PA 17003-502	\$20,000.00	Effective 04/15/2021

Accept FY 20/21 Veterans Trust Fund grant to be used for Veteran’s Outreach Initiatives and for the benefit of Veterans Court. Performance period is 06/01/2021—05/31/2022. Funds requested to be used for:

Outreach and Events	\$4,216.40
Veterans Housing Costs	\$1,707.14
Veterans ID Discount Program	\$574.46
Financial Management Courses	\$3,000.00
Steel roof for Veterans Court/admin. building	\$6,602.00
Repair Veterans damaged graves and headstones	\$1,500.00
Gift cards – emergency food, gas, housing needs (Walmart, Sheetz, Home Depot, Lowes)	\$2,400.00

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Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Questions of the Media: None.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Mr. Boyd

Seconded: Mr. McGonigle

Attest:

Chief Clerk

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