

## MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 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, Paulette Benegasi, Nicki Biles, John Logan, Bill Madden, Bill McClure, Ann Morrison, Bruce Rosa, Deb Sicilian, Amber White, Steve Sherman, Dan Gracenin, Chris Conti, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright

**General Discussion Items:** See Below.

Commissioners discussed Act 65, an update to the Sunshine Law. It is effective August 29<sup>th</sup> and will require the posting of the public meeting agenda 24 hours prior to the meeting. New business and changes to the agenda after publication are very limited. The Commissioners approved advertising two additional meetings for 2021, on July 29, 2021 and September 30, 2021 respectively. This eliminates the gap of three weeks between meetings and is beneficial to Human Resources and other departments that have time sensitive resolutions to be considered for approval.

Commissioners thanked the three agencies, Mercer County Housing Authority, Community Action Partnership of Mercer County and Shenango Valley Urban League that are managing the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). Over \$920,000 has been issued in rent and utility payments to 320 applicants. A rental assistance office at 700 Martin Luther King Blvd. in Farrell is open six days per week including evening and Saturday hours to service tenants and landlords. All eligible applicants are encouraged to take advantage of the program. The goal is to maintain housing stability for the population at risk in Mercer County.

Commissioners also recognized Penn-Northwest Development Corporation that managed the COVID Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP). As of July 16<sup>th</sup>, all \$1,205,000 in grants will be issued to assist Hotel/Food and Beverage service operators that lost revenue due to the pandemic.

Commissioners reported that the Lincoln Avenue Bridge will be repaired so that it may reopen soon. This is a “band aid” repair to maintain traffic flow for industry and residents impacted by the temporary closure.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None.

# **2021-262** RESOLUTION to approve **7/1/2021** Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES.

RESOLUTION adopted:

	<b>Moved</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**EXPENDITURES**

# **2021-263** RESOLUTION to approve DISBURSEMENTS for the period 05/29/2021–06/25/2021, in the amount of \$4,608,579.84 for County operations, \$1,140 for internal response expenses to the COVID-19 pandemic, \$1,010,000 to Penn-Northwest for PA CHIRP grants to Hospitality Industry businesses, \$100,000 to Mercer County Housing Authority for Federal ARPA Rent Assistance grants (ERAP), \$21,172 for administrative fees to ERAP subrecipient agencies (MCHA, Community Action Partnership, and Shenango Valley Urban League), and \$43,884.35 pass-through to AWARE the CARES Emergency Solutions Grant.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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

**REFUNDS**

# **2021-264** RESOLUTION to approve the following REFUNDS(s) listed effective 07/15/2021

<b>NAME/ADDRESS</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>R. E.</b>	<b>REFUND</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Derran K Wimer 542 Hampton Ridge Akron, OH 44313	Jackson Twp	X	\$3.86	Corrected lot size per deed
Derran K Wimer 542 Hampton Ridge Akron, OH 44313	Jackson Twp	X	\$19.32	Corrected lot size per deed
Douglas & Jennifer Faull 530 Courtney Mill Rd Grove City, PA 16127	Liberty Twp	X	\$547.75	Property cards combined

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Darlene & David Gregory 313 Quinter Rd. Hadley, PA 16130	Salem Twp	X	\$85.76	Add/Remove Existing Improvements
Terry E & Florence M Buckwalter Box 431 Pearson Dr. New Wilmington, PA 16142	Shenango Twp	X	\$11.59	Removed 2 buildings
Mark S & Carol E Budanka 207 Grange Rd New Wilmington, PA 16142	Shenango Twp	X	\$55.62	Add/Remove Existing Improvement

RESOLUTION adopted:

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**HUMAN RESOURCES**

# **2021-265** RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions.

<b>NAME/POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>LEVEL/STEP/GRADE</b>
<b><u>NEW HIRES</u></b>		
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY:</b>		
Kendra Strobel Assistant District Attorney	7/26/2021	PA09-00-01 (\$55,794/yr.)
<b>E-911 CENTER:</b>		
Taylor Johnson Part-Time Telecommunicator	7/26/2021	TCE 00-01 (\$14.96/hr.)
Kelly Robinson Part-Time Telecommunicator	7/26/2021	TCE 00-01 (\$14.96/hr.)

<b>NAME/POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>LEVEL/STEP/GRADE</b>
<b>JAIL:</b> William Altman III Part-Time Corrections Officer	7/20/2021	JCO 00-00 (\$15.69/hr.)
Chad Currie Part-Time Corrections Officer	7/20/2021	JCO 00-00 (\$15.69/hr.)

<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH:</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>LEVEL/STEP/GRADE</b>
Maci Italia Temporary Caseworker I	7/26/2021	YCW 00-01 (\$18.76/hr.)

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<b><u>TRANSFERS:</u></b>		
<b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS</b>		
Michelle Papay Conference Officer	8/4/2021	PA05-01-01 (\$19.32/hr.) Transfer from Enforcement Officer
Tasha Bees Enforcement Officer	7/6/2021	PA04-01-01 (\$17.43/hr.) Transfer from Intake Officer/Locator
Stephanie Balsamo Enforcement Officer	7/12/2021	PA04-01-01 (\$17.00/hr.) Transfer from Senior Procedure Clerk

**SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT**

<b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS:</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Shyra Glaize Conference Officer	8/3/2021

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### **APPOINTMENTS**

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-267	N/A	N/A	Effective 07/15/2021

Confirm the following appointment to the NORTHWEST COMMISSION BOARD for the term and representation as specified:

Appointment      Rod Wilt      Private Sector      07/01/2021—06/30/2023

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### **BRIDGE**

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-268	Atwell & Perrine Excavating 360 Stonepile Rd. Mercer, PA 16137	\$19,450.00	Effective 7/15/2021

Approve agreement for emergency repairs for Bridge 3103 on Lincoln Ave in Grove City. Per a site visit, the work identified for repairs includes resetting the dislodged abutment and wall stones and grouting them back in place. Fallen trees will be removed, and the slope will be protected from further erosion using grouted rip-rap. It is anticipated that the cost will be paid from Act 13, Fund 262. Vendor is low apparent responsible quote.

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**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

RESOLUTION # **2021-269**    VENDOR/CONTRACT    AMOUNT    DATE RANGE  
Unique Services & Applications Inc.  
255 Baldwin Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
\$8,890.00    Effective 07/15/2021

Approve contract for removal of trees, vines and vegetation growing on or near the dome of the Courthouse, completion of surface inspection and application of sealant to retard future growth. Vendor is low apparent responsible quote.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

RESOLUTION # **2021-270**    VENDOR/CONTRACT    AMOUNT    DATE RANGE  
DiCaprio Cleaning Services  
PO Box 8059  
New Castle, PA 16107  
\$8,850.00    Effective 07/15/2021

Approve contract for carpet cleaning of offices and common areas of the Courthouse including disinfecting, deodorizing, TurboDry services and furniture placement. Vendor is low apparent responsible quote.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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**MH/ID**

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-271	Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission, Inc. 8406 Sharon-Mercer Road Mercer, PA 16137	N/A	07/01/2021–06/30/2022

Approve the Mercer County Human Services Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The Plan identifies how the County Human Service Departments intend to use state allocated Mental Health, Behavioral Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Act 152, Homeless Assistance Program, and Human Service Development Funds to serve qualifying residents in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

DISCUSSION: MH/ID Director reported that the plan is reviewed annually with the Pennsylvania Mental Health Office and public hearings are held to gather input. The plan and measurable outcomes/achievements are unique to each department with implementation designed to serve specific needs identified for qualifying residents in Mercer County.

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**MH/ID**

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-272	Office of Child Development (OCDEL) and Early Learning Bureau of Early Intervention Services and Family Supports 333 Market St., 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17126	N/A	07/01/2021–06/30/2026

Approve “The Infants, Toddlers and Families Medicaid Waiver” Operating Agreement ensuring that the County and agencies providing services to eligible infants and toddlers understand and agree to the conditions and requirements of administering and receiving funding from the Federal Medicaid Waiver.

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### **DISPOSITION OF ASSETS**

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-273	N/A	< \$1,000.00	Effective 07/15/2021

Approve notice of sale for items listed in “as is”, “where is” condition. Items are being sold with no implied warranties or guaranties. County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

- 10 – HP XW4300 Workstations (No Hard drives)
- 14 - ELO Touch Monitors Model ET1915L
- 4 - Various Size Monitors (not working)
- 2 - Enclosed Computer Racks
- 1 – Gold Elite Central Electronics Bank

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### **GRANTS**

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-274	Pennsylvania Commission On Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) 3101 N. Front St. Harrisburg, PA 17110	\$90,000.00	Effective 07/01/2021

Accept a grant award for the Intermediate Punishment Treatment Programs (State IP/DARIP). This grant is for the Mercer County Intermediate Punishment Program (IPP) to provide the Courts with alternatives to incarceration in the Mercer County Prison pertaining to Restrictive Conditions as an Order of Probation. Mercer County will utilize its House Arrest Program and Treatment Court Program to fulfill these objectives. These are State funds. No County match required.

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### **GRANTS**

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
<b># 2021-275</b>	Pennsylvania Commission On Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) 3101 N. Front St. Harrisburg, PA 17110	\$46,600.00	Effective 05/01/2021

Accept a grant award for the “CJAB Reentry Overdose Reduction Project.” Funding is through PCCD using funds from General Government Operations. This grant is for the Mercer County CJAB as a subrecipient of the County. This project will provide essential training and education to county justice practitioners to increase their knowledge on harm reduction for substance use among the re-entry population. Program methods will include cognitive behavioral interventions and graduated response system polices. These are State funds. No County match required.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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### **GRANTS**

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
<b># 2021-276</b>	Commonwealth of PA Department of Human Services Bureau of Managed Care Operations (MATP) Box 2675 Harrisburg, PA 17105	\$934,027.00	07/01/2020–06/30/2021

Amend #2021-239 to accept Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) funding. Funds to be administered per MATP Standards and Guidelines, Title 55, Pennsylvania Code, Part IV, Chapter 2070 and State and other Federal guidelines as outlined.

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**GRANTS**

RESOLUTION	GRANTEE	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-277	AWARE, Inc. 109D S Sharpsville Ave. Sharon, PA 16146	Up to \$31,250.00 for DA and Sheriff’s Dept. (\$62,500.00 per Annum)	01/01/2022—12/31/2024

Approve the extension of the agreement between Mercer County and Grantee to continue to provide the services of Investigators employed in the District Attorney’s Office (DA) and Deputy Sheriffs employed by the Sheriff’s Department as part of Mercer County STOP (STOP Violence Against Women Act) project. AWARE provides a Legal Advocate to work with Criminal Investigators through the Office of the District Attorney. STOP project funded by PCCD (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency) Grant ID #35981 to AWARE, Inc. AWARE, Inc. will use STOP funds to reimburse the County up to the above amounts, using designated hourly rates for the part-time and/or full-time Investigators, and Sheriff Deputies. Calculated pay and benefit rates are provided by the County annually for years 2022, 2023 and 2024. Total reimbursement, including the DA and Sheriff’s departments, not to exceed \$187,500.00 for three-year term.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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**Old Business:** Commissioners announced the concerns and difficulties of many EMS, Fire Departments, and Police Departments in Mercer County not being able to effectively communicate on the current radio infrastructure that exists in the County. With the development of P25 standards for public safety digital radio systems establishing a standard system that interfaces across all vendors offering P25 solutions, the Commissioners will discuss an assessment study and recommendation to develop specifications for the procurement of a radio system that meets the requirements of Mercer County. This action will be presented at the July 29<sup>th</sup> Commissioners’ Meeting.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Comment:** Dan Gracenin of Mercer County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) discussed the cap of \$25,000 on Housing Rehabilitation projects funded by Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). It is difficult to find a competitive contractor who can complete projects based on federal standards that require a rehabilitated house be brought up to code under this cap. The cap has not been raised in approximately 10 years. Commissioners agreed to increase the cap to \$35,000.

Additional discussion topics with MCRPC included the development of solar projects in the county. Due to proximity to the grid and the low cost of real estate, Mercer County is the number one application site in Pennsylvania for solar farms. Commissioners asked about zoning issues and education for landowners contemplating contracts with vendors for solar farm sites.

**Questions of the Media:** Topics discussed included Act 65 of 2021 and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program in Mercer County. Questions asked and answered.

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle

**Seconded:** Mr. Boyd

**Attest:**

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Chief Clerk

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Mercer County Board of Commissioners