

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 4, 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, Nicki Biles, Brad Elder, Jenny Hamilton, John Logan, Bill Madden, Ann Morrison, Bruce Rosa, Deb Sicilian, Amber White, Pam McCluskey, Maria Vansise, Jerry Zona, Megan Gahring, Mitchell Henderson, Darlene Raiti, Cindy Whitman, Cres Padron, Keith Ryhal, Debbie Sherman, Rick Galiano, Candy McFarland, Vicky Suhrie, Matt Winder, Brad Jenkins, Caleb Stright

General Discussion Items: See Below.

Request by “The Chapel” for use of Courthouse grounds to host a Christmas Eve Celebration at the bandstand was approved.

Commissioners announced the hearing on Economic Development in Northwestern PA, hosted by Representative Parke Wentling, was held earlier today, 11/04/2021. Leaders from manufacturing, technology and economic development companies testified before the House Majority Policy Committee how to advance the economy in the region. Topics addressed included population decline, labor shortage concerns and funding for business growth and the development of an educated and skilled workforce.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

2021-403 RESOLUTION to approve **10/21/2021** 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"/>

CYS

2021-404 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENTS(s) with the following providers for services being provided.

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2021—06/30/2022

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
LifeSpan Family Services of PA 203 Lane Avenue Punxsutawney, PA 15767	Foster Care - FC	\$ 69.94	Daily
	Behaviorally Challenged – BC	\$ 89.06	Daily
	Medically Needy – MN	\$ 89.06	Daily
	Emergency Placement – EP	\$ 96.94	Daily
	Respite – RP	\$ 96.94	Daily
	Kinship – KP	\$ 59.38	Daily
	Parenting Youth – PY	\$ 115.77	Daily
The National Center for Children & Families 6301 Greentree Road Bethesda, MD 20817	Treatment Foster Care	\$ 189.28	Daily
Family Services of NW PA Addendum 5100 Peach Street Erie, PA 16509	Kinship Care AA (0-11)	\$ 58.61	Daily
	Kinship BB (12+)	\$ 63.61	Daily
	Kinship Supportive Placement CC	\$ 73.14	Daily
	Kinship Medically Dependent DD	\$ 83.74	Daily
	Kinship Supportive Placement of teenage mother & her child (0-18)	\$ 98.14	Daily
	Kinship High Risk of destructive behavior/medical issues (0-18)	\$ 108.14	Daily

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HUMAN RESOURCES

2021-405 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions.

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>NEW HIRES</u>		
BUILDING & GROUNDS:		
Raymond Allison Jr. Part-Time Custodian	11/8/2021	TCC02-00-00 (\$13.64/hr.)
JAIL:		
Timothy Stoner Part-Time Corrections Officer	11/15/2021	JCO 00-00 (\$15.69/hr.)
Willie Smith Jr. Corrections Officer	11/15/2021	JCO 00-01 (\$17.43/hr.)
<u>TRANSFERS</u>		
SHERIFF:		
Chad Rowe Captain	12/20/2021	SD10C-10-01 (\$28.26/hr.) Transfer from Lieutenant
Cory Beck Lieutenant	12/20/2021	SD10L-10-01 (\$27.76/hr.) Transfer from Sergeant
Robert Lanshcak Sergeant	12/20/2021	SD10S-10-01 (\$27.51/hr.) Transfer from Deputy Sheriff
Michael Fennell Deputy Sheriff	12/20/2021	SD00-00-01 (\$20.46/hr.) Transfer from Part-time Deputy Sheriff
CLERK OF COURTS:		
Michelle Ricketts Senior Procedure Clerk	11/8/2021	TCN06-00-01 (\$16.45/hr.) Transfer from Administrative Assistant
<u>SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT</u>		
JAIL:		
Justin Angus Part-Time Corrections Officer	10/15/2021	

11/04/2021

DISCUSSION: Brad Elder of the Bridge Department confirmed that the change order is an increase from the original bid of \$248,363.90; however, anticipated unused items in the project are expected to offset the cost of the change order.

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BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-408	N/A	N/A	Effective 11/04/2021

Approve the filing of a petition to seek approval for the transfer of Bridge 2104, North Cottage Road, to Jackson Township in consideration for payment of \$150,000.00.

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BUILDING & GROUNDS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-409	Vector Security 4259 Boardman-Canfield Rd. Canfield, OH 44406	\$3,874.00	Effective 11/04/2021

Amend # 2021-209 to add the installation of fifteen (15) DMP 1103-W wireless transmitters, one (1) wireless receiver and eight (8) wireless repeaters.

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ELECTIONS

RESOLUTION # **2021-410** VENDOR/CONTRACT N/A AMOUNT N/A DATE RANGE Effective 10/27/2021

Approve attached list of Voting Machine Inspectors for the 11/02/2021 Municipal Election.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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FISCAL

RESOLUTION # **2021-411** VENDOR/CONTRACT N/A AMOUNT N/A DATE RANGE Effective 11/04/2021

Present for public inspection starting 11/05/2021, the Mercer County proposed budget for the year 2022. The budget will be adopted at the Commissioners' Meeting on 12/02/2021.

DISCUSSION: Fiscal reported that although revenues will decrease in 2022, partially due to the impact of tax assessment appeals and taxpayers paying at discount instead of face, the budget is being balanced by transferring funds from operating reserves or "rainy day funds" to offset expenses. By using this reserve instead of raising taxes, the amount of these funds is being returned to taxpayers. The Commissioners are not increasing the real estate tax rate.

The State Tax Equalization Board (STEB) determines the ratio of aggregate market value to current assessed valuation of taxable real property in each County (political subdivision) and school district throughout Pennsylvania. The common level ratio of 6.49 times assessed property value has an impact on tax appeals in the County.

Health insurance premiums will increase 10.5% in 2022. Overall operating expenses are well managed; however, Mercer County is in deficit spending and tighter budgets are a challenge for the future.

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IPP

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-412	Corrections Development Inc. PO Box 7017 Penndel, PA 19047	\$3,562.50	Effective 11/04/2021

Approve purchase of Adult Probation Case Management System maintenance and upgrade including necessary technical support, modifications, and mobile licenses. Cost includes one-time conversion fee. Effective period is October-December 2021.

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LAWRENCE-MERCER COUNTIES RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-413	Aiken Refuse Inc. 615 Kate Houk Road New Castle, PA 16101	\$456,960.00 Total Contract	01/01/2022–12/31/2024

Award bid to apparent responsible low bidder for collection, processing, and marketing of recyclables for Lawrence and Mercer Counties. Bid includes discounted price of using Lawrence County provided vehicle. Three-year contract may be extended two additional years at the same rate as Year 3. Mercer County costs are \$33,912 for Years 1 and 2, and \$34,992 for Years 3, 4 and 5.

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TAX ASSESSMENT

11/04/2021

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-414	Tyler Technologies Inc. PO Box 203556 Dallas, TX 75320	\$91,435.00	12/01/2021—11/30/2022

Approve renewal of Oracle, CAMA, Inquiry/Appeals, Tax Extension maintenance and support.

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DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-415	N/A	< \$1,000.00	Effective 11/04/2021

Approve for disposal of items listed below. No bids received.

- 4 – 2 ½ inch binders
- 4 – 3 ½ inch binders
- 1 – 4 inch binder
- 1 – 4 ½ inch binder

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GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-416	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Rachel Carson Building, 400 Market St. Harrisburg, PA 17101	Estimated \$30,000.00	Effective 11/04/2021

Approve application from Mercer County for an Act 101, Section 904 grant for the Municipal Recycling Program Performance funding that calculates an award based on the recycling tonnage collected during the 2020 calendar year.

DISCUSSION: Fiscal recognized Megan Gahring and Jerry Zona of the Lawrence-Mercer Counties Joint Recycling/Solid Waste Department for their efforts in gathering the recycling information so Mercer County may receive and benefit from the reimbursement.

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GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-417	PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 4th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225	\$145,769.00	Effective 10/7/2021

Accept an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) contracted by the County for sub-recipient AWARE, Inc. Funds will be used for essential services, operations for emergency housing programs. AWARE, Inc. will include in the grant application a request for Rapid Rehousing funds including utility assistance and admin cost for housing inspections. Rapid Rehousing funds are used to assist with permanent housing for homeless clients. AWARE, Inc. will include in the grant request Homeless Prevention funds including rental arrears, rental assistance, and utility assistance. All match dollars are provided by AWARE, Inc. No County match required.

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GRANTS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-418	Mercer County Area Agency on Aging 133 N. Pitt Street Mercer, PA 16137	\$934,027.00	Effective 07/01/2021

Engage agency as a sub-recipient under our existing Memorandum of Understanding for the administration of Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) Grant Agreement awarded July 12, 2021 for FY 2021-2022. 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	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-419	Commonwealth of PA Department of Human Services	N/A	07/01/2021–06/30/2022

Accept a cost reimbursement rate change from \$23.00 per trip to \$24.50 per trip for Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) Grant award. Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, MC-AAA, (our provider) requested this increase because of reduced rider volume and fewer trips in the second half of the current fiscal year. A qualified consumer is not charged for use of this service through MC-AAA. This is an addendum to the grant awarded and accepted by resolution #2021-276 for the FY 2021-2022. 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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Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Recess to Salary Board

Public Comment: Rick Galiano from United Steelworkers Union (USW) said the Union is available to meet with the County. He expressed concern that negotiation sessions should be as long as eight hours at a time and that an agreement cannot be completed during a two-hour meeting. Two negotiations sessions are scheduled for 11/12/2021 and 11/17/2021 respectively. Human Resources Director confirmed that the County presented a proposal in June to USW, several items have been agreed upon and the County is waiting for a counterproposal from USW. Commissioners confirmed an interest in finalizing an agreement and they have made themselves available to the Solicitor and Union Representative during prior negotiations.

Questions of the Media: Topics discussed included the terminus date of the current USW contract and the employees covered by the agreement. Questions asked and answered.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Mr. Boyd

Seconded: Mr. McGonigle

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners