

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 18, 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, Thad Hall, Jenny Hamilton, Jared Hoffacker, John Logan, Bill Madden, Ann Morrison, Deb Sicilian, Amber White, Tracy Romesburg, Joanie Micsky, Steve Sherman, Mitchell Henderson, Cindy Whitman, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright

General Discussion Items: See Below.

Commissioners presented the Pennsylvania Counties Workers' Compensation Trust (PCOMP) award to Mercer County for "Outstanding Efforts to Reduce Claims Costs" to the Human Resources Department, Jennifer Hamilton, and Tracy Romesburg.

Request for Use of Courthouse Grounds by Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce for Mercer Light Up Night on December 3rd was approved.

Commissioners wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving and they expressed their appreciation to the employees for their work during the stressful period of the last year due to COVID-19. Commissioners cautioned everyone to be safe during deer season following the holiday.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

2021-420 RESOLUTION to approve **11/4/2021** 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"/>
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PROCLAMATIONS

2021-421 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize Ernest T. Laslow, on this 100th birthday and to honor him for his service. He is a combat veteran who served in five (5) major European Battle Campaigns of World War II.

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EXPENDITURES

2021-422 RESOLUTION to approve DISBURSEMENTS for the period 09/25/2021—10/29/2021, in the amount of \$5,176,215.35 for County operations, \$168,750.00 for CDBG-CV grants to retain or create employment of low to moderate income workers, \$730,000 to Mercer County Housing Authority for federal ARPA Rent Assistance grants (ERAP), \$600.00 for County ERAP administrative expense, and \$91,625.29 as pass-through to AWARE the CARES Emergency Solutions Grant.

DISCUSSION: Fiscal announced that the \$730,000 payable to Mercer County Housing Authority is for current applications for rental and utility assistance payments. To date the County has paid \$2.8MM to 975 family units since the inception of the grant program. Landlords are asked to be patient as the average time for processing is fifty (50) days from date of application to issuance of benefit checks. This is due to federal regulations and audit requirements. It was noted that the average reimbursement to a landlord is \$2,300.

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REFUNDS

2021-423 RESOLUTION to approve the following REFUNDS(s) listed effective 11/18/2021

NAME/ADDRESS	DISTRICT	R. E.	REFUND	REASON
Bonnie Penland 953 Centertown Rd Grove City, PA 16127	Wolf Creek Township	X	22.02	Mapping Error Correction of Names
Estate of Robert C Baxter PO Box 218 Fredonia, PA 16124	Fredonia Boro	X	156.38	Penalty/Costs due to Delinquent error

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HUMAN RESOURCES

2021-424 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions.

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>NEW HIRES</u>		
JAIL:		
Brittany Cook Corrections Officer	11/22/2021	JCO 00-01 (\$17.43/hr.)
<u>TRANSFERS</u>		
E-911 CENTER:		
Kelly Robinson Telecommunicator	12/20/2021	TCE 00-02 (\$16.62/hr.) Transfer from Part-Time Telecommunicator
Taylor Johnson Telecommunicator	12/20/2021	TCE 00-02 (\$16.62/hr.) Transfer from Part-Time Telecommunicator

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COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-427	Cafardi Ferguson Wyrick Weis + Gabriel llc 2605 Nicholson Rd., Ste 2101 Sewickley, PA 15143	As listed	Effective 01/01/2022

Approve professional services agreement with Firm for labor and employment matters. Accept Partner rates at \$210.00 per hour, Associates rates at \$185.00 per hour, Paralegal rates at \$115.00 per hour with out-of-pocket costs at actual. Rates are subject to a retainer of \$24,000.00 that entitles the County to 115 hours of work annually by the timekeepers in the Firm.

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CYS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-428	Avanco International, Inc. 12685 Wiltonshire Drive Clifton, VA 20124	\$3,604.71	07/01/2021—06/30/2022

Approve renewal of software support for the Child Welfare Information System (CWIS) project.

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CYS

RESOLUTION # 2021-429	VENDOR/CONTRACT Avanco International, Inc. 12685 Wiltonshire Drive Clifton, VA 20124	AMOUNT \$4,361.20	DATE RANGE 07/01/2021—06/30/2022
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Approve purchase of CAPS Version 17 upgrade.

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JAIL

RESOLUTION # 2021-430	VENDOR/CONTRACT Axon Enterprises Inc. 17800 N. 85 th Street Scottsdale, AZ 85255	AMOUNT \$14,041.55	DATE RANGE 01/07/2022—09/30/2026
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Approve replacement of five (5) tasers, cartridges, ancillary items, and warranty for a sixty (60) month term. Current tasers are end of life. Vendor is sole source provider. Purchase price includes negotiated discount for return of current inventory.

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MERCER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-431	Lawrence County Social Services 241 West Grant Street New Castle, PA 16101	Not to exceed \$1,830.00 Per house rehabilitated	06/22/2021—06/30/2023

Authorize entering into a Cooperation Agreement to provide housing rehabilitation delivery services to implement Mercer County ACCESS grant issued under the Keystone Communities Program for the period of the Access contract. Total compensation not to exceed \$38,490.00.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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MERCER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-432	Mercer County Regional Planning Commission 2491 Highland Rd. Hermitage, PA 16148	\$28,500.00	06/22/2021—06/30/2023

Authorize entering into a Cooperation Agreement to provide general administrative services to implement Mercer County ACCESS grant issued under the Keystone Communities Program for the period of the Access contract.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2021-433	Zito Business 102 S. Main Street, Box 665 Coudersport, PA 16915	\$7,224.00	Effective 11/18/2021

Approve agreement to provide wide area network fiber services from Mercer to Greenville tower site at a monthly cost of \$159.00 with a non-recurring installation charge of \$1,500.00. Contract term is thirty-six (36) months. Service provides connectivity with all departments in the northern and western region and provides a bypass of the Microwave link between the Masury and Greenville towers in the event of a communication failure.

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Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Recess to Salary Board

Public Comment: None.

Questions of the Media: Topics discussed included the tower site wide area network. Questions asked and answered.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Mr. Boyd

Seconded: Mr. McGonigle

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners