

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 23, 2023

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: Ruth Bice, Nicki Biles, Amy Freeman, Bill Madden, Bill McClure, Ann Morrison, Lee Ann Nucерino, Stephen Sherman, Amber White, Lillian Quick, Jim McLusky, Michael Yeatts, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright

General Discussion Items: See Below.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program II Office is open and accepting applications until they have a block of fifty (50) applications. The current backlog is 184 pending applications. As blocks of applications are processed, they will continue to accept fifty (50) new applications until grant funds are exhausted.

Commissioners reminded everyone about the Hatch Act with the advent of the 2023 election season. It was noted that Mercer County has adopted a “County” Hatch Act similar to The Hatch Act that was signed into law in 1939 to keep federal employees from engaging in political activities while they’re on the job. It was also designed to ensure federal (county) employees don’t face political pressures as they perform their work.

As an adjunct, Commissioners confirmed that the County has a no solicitation policy that prevents the public from going office to office to solicit donations, contributions or sales of items.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

#2023-100 RESOLUTION to approve 2/16/2023 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"/>

PROCLAMATIONS

#2023-101 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize Cole Robert Micsky for receiving an Eagle Scout Award, the highest honor conferred in Scouting.

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

REFUNDS

2023-102 RESOLUTION to approve the following REFUNDS(s) listed effective 02/23/2023.

NAME/ADDRESS	DISTRICT	R. E.	REFUND	REASON
Hodill, David F Etal 92 S Stateline Rd Greenville, PA 16125	West Salem Twp	X	\$514.53	**Cancel Request – Amount was refunded in March 2019

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

CYS

#2023-103 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENTS(s) with the following providers for services being provided.

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2022—06/30/2023

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
Parkside Psychological Associates, LLC	CART/Trauma Individual/Family Services	\$ 105.00	Hourly
	CART/Trauma Group	\$ 40.00	Hourly
435 Chestnut Street	Risk Eval/Psychosexual Evaluation	\$ 1,200.00	Per Eval
Meadville, PA 16335	Sexual Offender Polygraph	\$ 275.00	Per Poly.
	ABEL Assessment	\$ 275.00	Per ABEL
	Trauma Training	\$ 250.00	Hourly
	Trauma Informed Care Consult	\$ 150.00	Hourly
	Trauma Debriefing for Mercer CYS Staff	\$ 100.00	Hourly

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
	CYS Trauma Consultant	\$ 34,031.00	Annually
	SMART Program	\$ 3,832.00	Annually
	Seeking Safety Program	\$ 3,300.00	Annually

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HUMAN RESOURCES

#2023-104 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions.

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>NEW HIRES</u>		
RECORDER		
Crystal Gaibis	2/27/2023	** CORRECTION ** TCC04-00-01 (\$16.58/hr.)
Clerical Assistant		

<u>TRANSFERS</u>		
CHILDREN & YOUTH:		
Kristin Knight	2/26/2023	YCW 00-01 (\$19.61/hr.)
Caseworker I		Transfer from Temporary Caseworker I

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BRIDGE

RESOLUTION # 2023-105	VENDOR/CONTRACT TranSystems 437 Grant St., Suite 812 Pittsburgh, PA 15219	AMOUNT N/A	DATE RANGE 2/26/2023–8/26/2023
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Extend the completion date of Part 1 (PE and Environmental Clearance) related to Agreement No. L00395 for Mercer County Bridges 2707 & 2717 on East Gilmore Road in Wolf Creek Twp. The extension is necessary to complete various Preliminary Engineering tasks, specifically the coordination with PADEP to secure the GP-11 permits.

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BRIDGE

RESOLUTION #2023-106	VENDOR/CONTRACT Horizon Construction Group 3272 State Route 257 Seneca, PA 16346	AMOUNT \$644,000.00	DATE RANGE Effective 02/23/2023
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Accept the bid and proceed with entering into contract for rehabilitation of Mercer County Bridge 2007 on Tait Road in Coolspring Township. This structure will receive beam and deck replacement as well as scour countermeasures. Vendor is low apparent responsible bidder.

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CONTROLLER

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
#2023-107	AP Technology 1903 Wright Place Suite #320 Carlsbad, CA 92008	\$5,270.00	Effective 02/23/2023

Approve purchase of software upgrade in the amount of \$4,230.00 with annual maintenance in the amount of \$1,040.00.

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COURTS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
#2023-108	PIC Electric Inc. #1 Second Street, Box 458 Wheatland, PA 16161	\$8,415.00	Effective 02/23/2023

Approve installation of lighting at Farrell MDJ Office (\$3,065.00) and at Sharon MDJ Office (\$5,350.00). Vendor is low apparent responsible quote. Cost to be paid from Fund 322 and reimbursed by AOPC 2021-2022 Security Grant.

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JAIL

RESOLUTION # 2023-109	VENDOR/CONTRACT Guardian RFID 6900 Wedgewood Rd. N. Ste. 325 Maple Grove, MN 55311	AMOUNT \$3,500.00	DATE RANGE Effective 02/23/2023
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Approve annual system renewal fee. The system supports monitors used by Corrections Officers to perform checks on the units. No price increase from prior year.

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DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

RESOLUTION # 2023-110	VENDOR/CONTRACT N/A	AMOUNT > \$1,000.00	DATE RANGE Effective 02/23/2023
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Approve advertisement for sale of 2008 Chevrolet Impala, VIN 2G1WB55K681202961 with approximately 102,500 miles. Bids are due no later than 10:00 am prevailing time on 03/06/2023 in the Office of the Chief Clerk. Vehicle is being sold in “as-is” condition with no implied warranties or guaranties. County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2023-111	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency 3101 N. Front St. Harrisburg, PA 17110	\$224,088.00	01/01/2023–12/31/2024

Accept RASA/VOJO (Rights and Services Act/Victims of Juvenile Offenders) Continuing, non-competitive, Grant. The Victim Services Program ensures that crime victims are afforded their rights under the PA Victims’ Bill of Rights to ensure fair and compassionate treatment of all Mercer County victims of crime.

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Old Business: None.

New Business: Commissioners reported there was a good turnout of approximately sixty (60) persons at the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) lunch today. It has been difficult to get people to come out after COVID-19. Appreciation was expressed to Senator Brooks who secured funding of \$50,000 for AAA to provide programming. Funds may be spent over the next 24 months.

Commissioners reminded everyone they can report financial or physical abuse of elderly to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) for investigation.

Commissioners recognized Solicitor Madden and presented him with a cake for his 75th birthday.

Public Comment: Michael Yeatts asked about solicitation in the Courthouse. He has sold raffle tickets for twelve (12) years, and he was asked to leave the Courthouse when he was visiting offices earlier this week. There was also discussion about the Hatch act and political activities in the Courthouse. Commissioners referred the items to the Solicitor to be considered for an Ordinance. They agreed that any such action shall be published on the County website.

Questions of the Media: None.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Boyd

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners