

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 1, 2024

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley, Commissioner Coleman

Prayer: Father Ray Gramata

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Peter Acker, Nicki Biles, Tim Callahan, Thad Hall, Jennifer Hamilton, John Logan, Christian McElhaney, Stephen Sherman, Amber White, Amy Freeman, Debbie Sicilian, Jacob Scarvel, Becky Bruno, MaryAnn Daniels, Grace Barbour, Ray Gramata, Jeanne Croyle, Ralph Oakes, Maggie Oakes, Joanie Micsky, Bill McConnell, Roni Shilling

General Discussion Items: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

2024-322 RESOLUTION to approve 07/25/2024 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

EXPENDITURES

2024-323 RESOLUTION to approve DISBURSEMENTS in the following amount of \$7,702,927.01 for the period of 07/01/2024 – 07/27/2024.

\$7,453,601.24	County Operations
\$3,437.84	Veteran Benefits & Memorials
\$17,584.80	Opioid Projects
\$226,565.63	CDBG Projects
\$1,737.50	Witness Fees

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

CYS

2024-324 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENT(s) with the following providers for services listed.

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
Alternative Living Solutions	Transitional Living – TL	\$274.00	Daily
2108 Tartan Court	Supervised Independent Living – IL	\$274.00	Daily
Latrobe, PA 15650			
Guiding Changes Counseling, LLC	Initial Eval. 1 st Appointment – 60 minutes	\$150.00	Hourly
2722 Wilmington Road	Individual Therapy Session – 30 minutes	\$75.00	Hourly
New Castle, PA 16105	Individual Therapy Session – 45 minutes	\$100.00	Hourly
	Individual Therapy Session – 60 minutes	\$150.00	Hourly
	Family Therapy Session – 60 minutes	\$175.00	Hourly
	Group Therapy Session – 90 minutes	\$60.00	Hourly
	Psychosexual Evaluation	\$1,500.00	Session
	Specific Incident Polygraph	\$475.00	Session
	Sexual History Polygraph	\$450.00	Session
	Monitoring Polygraph	\$425.00	Session
	Court Appearance	\$150.00	Hourly
Peter Von Korff, Ph.D.	Cognitive Assessment	\$125.00	Hourly
P.O. Box 231	Bonding Assessment	\$125.00	Hourly
Bemus Point, NY 14712-0231	Mental Health Assessment	\$125.00	Hourly

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

HUMAN RESOURCES

2024-325 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION**EFFECTIVE****LEVEL/STEP/GRADE****NEW HIRES****JAIL**

Logan Walker
Corrections Officer

08/05/2024

JCO 00-01 (\$18.78/hr.)

Abigail Wheeler
Assistant Records Coordinator

08/05/2024

PA04-00-01 (\$18.94/hr.)

TRANSFERS**E-911 CENTER**

Mackenzie McCool
Telecommunicator

07/14/2024

TCE 00-02 (\$18.77/hr.)
Transfer from P/T
Telecommunicator

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Emily Scott
Caseworker II

08/11/2024

YCW 00-02 (\$20.83/hr.)
Transfer from Temporary
Caseworker II

Samuel Walgenbach
Caseworker I

08/11/2024

YCW 01-01 (\$21.64/hr.)
Transfer from Temporary
Caseworker I

SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Jill Pastore
Caseworker II

08/01/2024

JAIL

Alberto Rosa Echevarria
Corrections Officer

07/19/2024

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

HUMAN RESOURCES

2024-326 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions for
Departments reporting to the Courts:

NAME/POSITION**EFFECTIVE****LEVEL/STEP/GRADE****NEW HIRES****DISTRICT JUSTICE STRAUB**

Malinda Bence
Senior Procedure Clerk

08/12/2024

TCN06-00-01 (\$18.32/hr.)

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

# 2024-327	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
	Tata Consultancy Services	\$335,000.00	Effective 08/01/2024
	TCS House		
	Raveline Street		
	Mumbai – 400 001, India		
	<u>Local Branch</u>		
	379 Thornall Street		
	Edison, NJ 0887		

Resolution to approve Change Order proposed by TATA Consulting Services to Oracle Implementation Project contract in the amount of \$335,000.00, for purposes of extending implementation period to January 31, 2025.

Discussion:

- Controller Sherman advised this is what it will take to complete the project. This has been discussed in the past and is what will be required.
- Commissioner Coleman read a statement on behalf of the Commissioners regarding the history of the project, current and projected status of the project, and that all the departments involved bear accountability for the delays.

Moved: Mr. Finley

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Vote: No-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

ORDINANCES

2024-328

Resolution to adopt and enact Ordinance 2024-004 of the Board of Commissioners, County of Mercer, setting forth a schedule of fees to be effective August 8, 2024; repealing all Ordinances or Resolutions inconsistent herewith; making the provisions hereof severable and providing for future adjustments by Resolution.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-329	N/A	N/A	Effective 08/01/2024

Resolution to approve bidding advertising for reconstruction of Bridge 1111 on Carpenter Road in New Vernon Township, Bridge 1507 on Marstellar Road in Fairview Township, and Bridge 2904 on Bend Road in Wilmington Township. Text of the advertisement for this project can be obtained via PennBID or by contacting the Bridge Department, 104 Mortensen Road, Greenville, PA 16125 during normal operating hours, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle	Seconded: Mr. Finley
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle	Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-330	N/A	N/A	Effective 08/01/2024

Resolution for condemnation of a portion of parcel of property owned by Myers for Right-of-Way purposes with authorization for the Chair to file documents as may be required under PA Eminent Domain Code, and as deemed necessary for the reconstruction of a public bridge 2107 on Hosack Road in Jackson Township.

Discussion: Solicitor McConnell advised there are many bridges in Mercer County, and they need repaired. He explained the eminent domain process is necessary to make the repairs or replacements to the bridges so the roadways and bridges can be reopened to the public.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle	Seconded: Mr. Finley
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle	Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

MH/ID

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-331	Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission, Inc. 8406 Sharon-Mercer Road Mercer, PA 16137	N/A	07/01/2024-06/30/2025

Resolution to approve the Mercer County Human Services Plan for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. 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 2024-2025.

Discussion: Behavioral Health Commission CEO, Mary Ann Daniels thanked the Commissioners for reviewing the plan.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle	Seconded: Mr. Finley
Vote: Yes- Mr. McGonigle	Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR:	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-332	Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development 400 North Street, Fourth Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120	\$374,859.23	07/01/2024-06/31/2025

Resolution to approve application for the Election Integrity Grant Program (EIGP), a grant for the administration of elections. The grant fund was established as an amendment to the Pennsylvania Election Code per the Act of July 11, 2022. No County match required.

Discussion: Elections Director Thad Hall advised the amount will be changed due to miscalculations by the Department of Community and Economic Development. There will be an amended resolution in a future meeting. Commissioner McGonigle asked if there was a balance from last year. Thad Hall advised all the grant money is used each year. The money received from the grant program is used to pay the poll workers, trainings, ballots, printing costs, and some staff time. The amount received is based on the number of registered voters in the County.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR:	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-333	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency 3101 North Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110	\$107,194.00	01/01/2025-12/31/2025

Resolution to approve application for the 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 Victim's Bill of Rights to ensure fair and compassionate treatment of all Mercer County victims of crime.

Discussion: The District Attorney's Office Manager Becky Bruno thanked the Commissioners for approving the grant application and the Fiscal Office for assisting with the budget to submit the application.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Commissioner’s Reports:

- Commissioner Finley thanked Stoneboro VFD for providing the sound dampening boards in the Assembly Room, they no longer had a need for them, and the boards have proven to be helpful with the sound in the Assembly Room.
- Commissioner Coleman thanked Sheriff Callahan for providing security in the Courthouse last week during a highly publicized Court Hearing. She announced it is 4-H Round-up Week. There is a fundraising event tonight for the 4-H Club at their grounds and a livestock auction Friday. She also announced that Commissioner McGonigle attended the re-dedication ceremony of the dining hall at the National Association of Church of God Campground in Shenango Township. The campground is 108 years old and is the oldest black campground in the United States.
- Commissioner McGonigle advised Mercer County has the honor of being the first county in the state that organized a 4-H Club, and Mercer County also has one of the best 4-H parks in the state.

Elected Official/Department Head Reports:

- D.A. Acker reports on August 12th his office will be fully staffed due the recent hiring of an ADA and thanked the Commissioners and the HR Office for the hire.
- Treasurer Amber White reported on the status of doe licenses and advised the third round will be in twelve days.
- Fiscal Manager Nicki Biles advised the budget process for 2025 will begin in the next week.
- Elections Director Thad Hall reported on the poll workers in the County and advised there have been 7,000 mail-in ballots requests to this date.

Recess to Salary Board

Public Comment: None

Questions of the Media: Caleb Stright from the Record Argus asked Commissioner McGonigle why he voted against the extension on the Oracle Project. Commissioner McGonigle explained his reasons behind his vote.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners