

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 17, 2024

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle/by telephone, Commissioner Finley,
Commissioner Coleman

Prayer: Laura Paxton

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held

Others Present: Nicki Biles, Tim Callahan, Jennifer Hamilton, Christian McElhaney, Dave Moyer, Stephen Sherman, Aliyah Hunt, Peter Messina, Megan Gahring, James Kirsch, Jerry Ferilla, Daniel Cassidy, Laura Paxton, Todd Guffy, Joanie Micsky, Bill McConnell, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright, Roni Shilling

General Discussion Items: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

2024-463 RESOLUTION to approve 10/10/2024 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

Moved: Mr. Finley

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

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2024-464 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENTS with the following providers for services listed.

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
George Junior Republic PA 233 George Junior Road Grove City, PA 16127	Regular Residential – RG	\$313.62	Daily
	Special Needs – SN	\$392.56	Daily
	Drug & Alcohol – DA	\$323.82	Daily
	Diagnostic – DX	\$336.62	Daily
	Intensive Supervision – IS	\$501.74	Daily
	GJR Secure – SD	\$730.99	Daily
	Special Needs M.A. – SM	\$190.14	Daily
	Drug & Alcohol M.A. – DM	\$82.94	Daily
Preventative Aftercare, Inc. 233 George Junior Road Grove City, PA 16127	Preventative Aftercare (\$41.61 per 15-minute intervals)	\$166.44	Hourly

Family Services of NW PA 5100 Peach Street Erie, PA 16509	Family Preservation (\$34.25 per/quarter hr.)	\$137.00	Hourly
	Brief Services (\$34.25 per/quarter hr.)	\$137.00	Hourly
	Multi-Systemic Therapy	\$279.80	Hourly
	Family Behavior Therapy	\$213.00	Hourly
	Family Group Decision Making: Conference	\$3,000.00	Unit
	Follow-Up	\$1,000.00	Unit
	Successful Referral	\$1,000.00	Unit
	Unsuccessful Referral	\$ 250.00	Unit
Family Services of NW PA 5100 Peach Street Erie, PA 16509	Foster Care 0-11	\$93.92	Daily
	Foster Care 12+	\$98.92	Daily
	Foster Care Supportive 0-21	\$108.92	Daily
	Foster Care Medically Dependent 0-21	\$118.92	Daily
	Foster Care Supportive&Medically Dep. 0-21	\$160.92	Daily
	Foster Care Teen Mother & Child	\$133.92	Daily
	Kinship AA 0-11	\$62.00	Daily
	Kinship BB 12+	\$67.00	Daily
	Kinship CC Supportive 0-21	\$77.01	Daily
	Kinship DD Medically Dependent 0-21	\$86.93	Daily
	Kinship HH Teen Mother & Child	\$101.93	Daily
	Kinship II Supportive & Medically Dep. 0-21	\$111.93	Daily
City Mission Living Stones, Inc. 155 North Gallatin Avenue Uniontown, PA 15401	Promise Place	\$275.00	Daily
	Promise House	\$256.00	Daily
	Hope House	\$367.00	Daily
JusticeWorks Youthcare 1500 Ardmore Boulevard Suite 410 Pittsburgh, PA 15221	STOPP	\$96.50	Hourly
	JustCare	\$90.00	Hourly
	VIP (Violation Initiative Program)	\$90.00	Hourly
	WhyTry	\$90.00	Hourly
	Truancy Remediation/Diversion	\$90.00	Hourly
	Independent Living	\$96.50	Hourly
	Nurturing Parenting	\$90.00	Hourly
	Anger Management	\$96.50	Hourly
	Family Finding	\$79.00	Hourly
	Drug Testing (No Shows \$38.00 Flat)	\$96.50	Flat
	Seeking Safety	\$96.50	Hourly
	Thinking for a Change	\$523.00	Per Grp
	Supervised Visits	\$79.00	Hourly
	Visit Coaching	\$90.00	Hourly
	Triple P – Positive Parenting Program	\$110.00	Hourly

Hoffman Homes, Inc.	Psychiatric Residential Treatment – PRTF - Non-MA	\$506.21	Daily
815 Orphanage Road	Psychiatric Residential Treatment – PRTF	\$506.21	Daily
Littlestown, PA 17340	Shelter (BA)	\$425.00	Daily
	Transitional Living Program (JU)	\$888.99	Daily
	Transitional Living Program (HO)	\$888.99	Daily
	County CYS Clothing & Personal Incidentals	\$5.00	Flat

Moved: Mr. Finley

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

HUMAN RESOURCES

2024-465 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION

EFFECTIVE

LEVEL/STEP/GRADE

NEW HIRES

SHERIFF

Gary Sawor

10/21/2024

SD00-00-00 (\$19.73/hr.)

Part-Time Sheriff Deputy

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Donald Edinger

10/21/2024

TCE 00-01 (\$16.89/hr.)

Custodian I

Moved: Mr. Finley

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

HUMAN RESOURCES

2024-466 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions for Departments reporting to the Courts:

SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

DISTRICT JUSTICE STRAUB

Malinda Bence

10/11/2024

Sr. Proc. Clerk

Moved: Mr. Finley

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSIONERS**RESOLUTION**

# 2024-467	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
	N/A	N/A	Effective 10/17/2024

Resolution authorizing the County Solicitor on behalf of the County to execute a Tax Assessment Settlement Agreement with Lakeshore Distribution LLC, Shenango Township, and the West Middlesex Area School District with respect to a 25.38 acre parcel of commercial property owned by Lakeshore Distribution, LLC., located at 2909 Mercer West Middlesex Road. This appeal was filed in 2021. The Agreement would reduce the assessed value of the property from \$253,800 to \$189,500 in 2021, to \$175,950 in 2022, to \$159,950 in 2023 and to \$150,000 in 2024.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor McConnell advises this is an older tax appeal and was done with consultation with the County Appraiser.

Moved: Mr. Finley

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSIONERS**RESOLUTION**

# 2024-468	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
	Integra Realty Resources 215 Chesterfield Bus. Prkwy Chesterfield, MO 63005	\$1,833.33	Effective 10/17/2024

Resolution to approve a Cost Sharing Agreement with the Sharon City School District and the City of Sharon to obtain an appraisal analysis from Integra Realty Resources for use in the MPT commercial tax assessment appeals. Cost to the County will be \$1,833.33, which is one third of the \$5,500.00 total cost of the appraisal analysis.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor McConnell advised MPT is the entity that owns the real estate property that Sharon Regional Hospital is located on and the adjacent property. MPT filed an assessment appeal. This is a specialized assessment appeal that involves an evaluation.

Moved: Mr. Finley

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes- Dr. Coleman

BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-469	C.H. & D. Enterprises, Inc. 100 Brady Place New Stanton, PA 15672 / ECMS # 1665	\$2,354,627.26	Effective 10/10/2024

Resolution to accept the low bid and proceed with entering into contract for reconstruction of Mercer County Bridges 2707 & 2717 on Gilmore Road in Wolf Creek Township. This project is 100% federally funded via reimbursement agreement R19010009. Motion is contingent upon PennDOT's ECMS review and acceptance process.

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

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

JAIL

RESOLUTION	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-470	McCandless Ford 8416 Sharon Mercer Road Mercer, PA 16137	\$88,694.00	Effective 10/17/2024

Resolution to approve the purchase of two (2) 2025 Ford Interceptor SUV Police Cruisers at a cost of \$44,347.00 each. Vendor is on COSTARS and is low apparent responsible bid. Cost to be paid from the Commissary Fund.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle**Seconded:** Mr. Finley**Vote:** Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

MERCER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-471	PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 4 th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120	\$300,000.00	Effective 10/17/2024

Resolution to apply for the Main Street Matters Accessible Housing Grant Program under the provisions administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$300,000.00, to provide grant administration and housing modification services to qualifying disabled individuals. Mercer County and Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. will equally share the grant award and provide the required match. The dollar match will be met using Community Development Block Grant Funds, HOME Rehabilitation Program Funds, and Lead Hazard Control Grant Funds.

DISCUSSION: Peter Messina from the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission advised this resolution and Resolution 2024-349 from August for the DCED Grant are for the same funding. A new resolution was needed when the name of the grant changed its name from the Keystone Communities Accessible Housing Grant Program to the Main Street Matters Accessible Housing Grant Program.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR:	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-472	Glass Recycling Foundation 416 Longshore Drive Ann Arbor, MI 48105	\$17,500.00	Effective 10/17/2024

Resolution to approve acceptance of an award in the amount of \$17,500.00 for the Lawrence - Mercer County Recycling/Solid Waste Department, supporting the Glass Recycling Program for the recovery and recycling of glass containers. The recycling program will provide for the drop-off collection of glass and establish a local consolidation site for aggregation. This award provides the matching funds for the PA Department of Environmental Protection Grant submitted earlier this year and helps offset the costs of constructing the glass bunker storage area. The initial funding request was for the amount of \$16,500.00. The Glass Recycling Foundation funded an additional \$1,000.00 for promotional and marketing purposes, making the total award amount \$17,500.00.

DISCUSSION: Lawrence-Mercer Recycling Deputy Director Megan Gahrng advised the Recycling Program was pleased to have been selected for this award. This was a competitive grant from applicants across the Country.

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 Coleman reported the last Town Hall Meeting with the Commissioners occurred last night in Grove City. The Commissioners plan to continue the Town Hall Meetings next year. Tyler Technologies is currently conducting property reassessments in Greenville and the Townships of West Salem, Sugar Grove, and Hempfield. Current data shows that 41% of residential and 59% of commercial properties have been completed. The Commissioners are discussing a change in the meetings for next year. Being discussed are having a public work session meeting on Wednesdays at 9:00am and holding the Commissioner Meetings on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

Elected Official/Department Head Reports:

- Sheriff Callahan expressed his thanks to HR Director Jennifer Hamilton and the Commissioners for their assistance and support for the part-time deputy new hire.

Public Comment:

- Laura Paxton commented on attending the Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday in Grove City and the new Munnell Run Grant Project, on how it can affect leadership development and financial development after students graduate high school.
- Mercer County Trades President Jerry Ferilla advised he was at the meeting with two other delegates, Vice-President Dan Cassidy, and James Kirsch. He commented on the Stabilization Agreement with the County and would like the opportunity to meet with the Commissioners on the agreement.

Questions of the Media: None

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Mr. Finley

Seconded: Dr. Coleman

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners