

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**November 7, 2024**

**Members Present:** Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley, Commissioner Coleman

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Was held.

**Others Present:** Stephen Sherman, Aliyah Hunt, John Logan, Joanie Micsky, Matt McConnell, Jay Wengler, Chris Brewer, Martin Wierzba, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright, Bill McConnell, Amber White/online, Roni Shilling

**General Discussion Items:** None

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

- Former Commissioner Matt McConnell spoke regarding proposed Ordinance 2024-006 and asked the Board of Commissioners to reconsider passing the Ordinance due to the high interest rates and advising this may be sooner than what is needed based on the funding to take this bond.
- Martin Wierzba asked questions of and spoke of Ordinance 2024-006 regarding the cost of a 30 year bond and asked amounts of previous County bonds. He commented on the responsibilities concerning the future of County citizens with a 30-year bond. Mr. Wierzba also asked questions regarding the length of warranties involving the radios for the County-wide Radio Project. Answers were provided to Mr. Wierzba’s questions on all subjects.

**ORDINANCES**

<b># 2024-498</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DATE RANGE</b>
	N/A	N/A	Effective 11/07/2024

Resolution to approve Ordinance #2024-005 of the Board of Commissioners, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending debt Ordinance #2021-003, enacted on April 15, 2021, by deleting and restating the definition of “Project” in Section 1 to enlarge the scope of “Project” to include additional capital improvements to County facilities.

**DISCUSSION:** Solicitor McConnell advised he did research Ordinance #2021-003, that it was very restrictive on the spending of the bond issue, and it did not have the language in it that extended to additional Capital projects. Discussion was held with Bond Council confirming this amendment does allow Capital Projects beyond bridge maintenance.

**Moved:** Mr. Finley

**Seconded:** Dr. Coleman

**Vote:** No-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

