

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 12, 2024

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley, Commissioner Coleman

Prayer: Pastor Brian Keller, Mercer United Methodist Church, Mercer

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held

Others Present: Nicki Biles, Tim Callahan, Amy Freeman, Brian Gruber, Frank Jannetti, Autumn Johnson, John Logan, Christian McElhaney, Tammy McLaughlin, Dave Moyer, Stephen Sherman, Amber White, Jim McCluskey, Aliyah Hunt, Joanie Micsky, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright, Bill McConnell, Roni Shilling

General Discussion Items: The Board of Commissioners would like to recognize Dan Gracenin and Brian Barnhizer on their dedication to the County. Mr. Gracenin and Mr. Barnhizer will be retiring at the end of this month.

Opening of bids for carpet and flooring at Public Safety Building. Two bids were received:

- Carmella Tile Marble and Design, Pittsburgh, PA \$109,100.00
- Marett Carpet One, Volant, PA \$111,509.06

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

2024-541 RESOLUTION to approve 12/05/2024 Commissioners’ Meeting MINUTES:

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS

2024-542 RESOLUTION to approve ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS executed by the Chair on behalf of the Board of Commissioners for the period of 11/01/2024 – 11/30/2024.

- Single Application for Assistance – Mosquito borne disease control grant
- Cyber Hygiene-Department of Homeland Security
- Water obstructions and encroachment general permit registration
- PACCD Public Defender Social Services Advocate
- Mercer County Jail – Commander and Data Logging System Upgrades
- Letter to PA Housing Finance Agency RE: Veterans Housing Development Center Project
- Letter to MC Housing Authority RE: Veterans Housing Development Center Project
- Purchase agreement for White’s Clock & Carillon Northeast, Inc. repair Courthouse clock
- CDBG Flagged Activities Reporting Schedule

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

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RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-545	N/A	N/A	Effective 12/12/2024

Resolution to authorize the transfer of any unencumbered balance, or any portion thereof within the 2024 County Budget(s), to accounts that are overdrawn, pursuant to Section 1784 of the County Code.

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

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RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-546	N/A	N/A	Effective 12/12/2024

Resolution to adopt the 2025 Mercer County Budget.

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

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RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-547	N/A	N/A	Effective 12/12/2024

Resolution to certify that the County is in compliance with Act 106 of 2011 as to “Bonding Requirements for Elected Officials and identified employees” for 2025—2026 as evidenced by insurance provided through the Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool (PCoRP).

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

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RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-548	Neshannock Creek Watershed Joint Municipal Authority 369 McClelland Road Mercer, PA 16137	\$37,500.00	Effective 12/12/2024

Resolution to authorize a payment of \$37,500.00 from the County’s Economic Development Fund to the Neshannock Creek Watershed Joint Municipal Authority for sewer infrastructure expansion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Finley advised he has been attending the Authority’s Meetings, and they are interested in expanding south of I-80 for future developments.

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

Commissioner’s Reports:

- Commissioner Coleman reminded everyone of the Christmas Concert Choirs in the Courthouse. She attended the Mercer County Food Bank meeting. There are 15 member agencies with the Food Bank and there has been 3 million pounds of food provided to citizens this year. Commissioner Coleman advised that in 2025 the Commissioner Meeting will be held on the first and third Thursdays on the month, at the same time and location.

Elected Official/Department Head Reports:

- Treasurer White advised the dog licenses that were sent out last month were incorrect. Any questions shall be directed to the Treasurer’s Office.
- Controller Sherman thanked the Commissioners for passing the agreement with ADP, Inc. The agreement will be a cost savings of approximately 30% on processing and maintaining payroll and the savings will be passed on to the County taxpayers.
- Public Safety Director Frank Jannetti said that Beth Stigliano is retiring tomorrow, Friday, and she was one of the first employees of the E911 Center.
- Public Defender Autumn Johnson informed the Commissioners there is a new employee in the Public Defender’s Office and thanked the Commissioners for approving and supporting the grant for this position.
- Sheriff Callahan thanked the Commissioners for contributing to Shop With A Cop and the event is taking place next Wednesday.
- Maintenance Director Brian Gruber provided updates on the statue and clock. The statue has been completed and he is waiting on parts for the pedestal that the statue is mounted on. The tower clock is expected to be repaired at the end of January 2025.

Recess to Salary Board - Meeting was postponed to December 19, 2024, due to revisions on agenda.

Public Comment: None

Questions of the Media: Caleb Stright of the Record Argus asked about the Neshannock sewer infrastructure expansion. Information was given by Commissioner Finley. The expansion would be south of Route 19 and Interstate 80 and would be available for residents and businesses.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners