

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 2, 2025

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley, Commissioner Coleman

Prayer: Pastor Tim DeTal, Red Door Ministries

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Nicki Biles, Tim Callahan, Thad Hall, Frank Jannetti, John Logan, Christian McElhaney, Stephan Sherman, Aliyah Hunt, Joanie Micsky, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright, Tim DeTal, Roni Shilling

General Discussion Items: Commissioner Coleman advises Human Resources Resolution 2025-003 is being amended to add two positions transfers in the Records Office and Commissioner’s Resolution 2025-007 is being tabled to another meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

2025-001 RESOLUTION to approve 12/19/2024 Commissioners’ Meeting MINUTES:

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

CYS

2025-002 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENT(s) with the following provider for services listed.

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025

RATE CORRECTION

| VENDOR | PROGRAM | RATE | TERM |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Community Health | CTC Mobilizer | \$50,102.00 | Annually |
| Partnership of Mercer | | | |
| County | | | |
| P. O. Box 1201 | | | |
| Hermitage, PA 16146 | | | |

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

HUMAN RESOURCES

2025-003 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION

EFFECTIVE

LEVEL/STEP/GRADE

NEW HIRES

JAIL

Gabriel Blough 01/06/2025 JCO 00-00 (\$17.33/hr.)
Corrections Officer-Part Time

Nicholas Rainey 01/06/2025 JCO 00-01 (\$19.25/hr.)
Corrections Officer

Allen Edwards 01/06/2025 JCO 00-01 (\$19.25/hr.)
Corrections Officer

Donald Rihel 01/06/2025 JCO 00-01 (\$19.25/hr.)
Corrections Officer

TRANSFERS

RECORDER

Pam McCluskey 12/16/2024 PA 04-06-01 (\$22.95/hr.)
First Deputy Transfer from Second Deputy

Maria VanCise 12/16/2024 PA 03-07-01 (\$21.96/hr.)
Second Deputy Transfer from Clerk

SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

CYS

Cassidy Murray 01/07/2025
Caseworker II

Moved: Mr. McGonigle
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley
Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

ORDINANCES

| # 2025-004 | TITLE | AMOUNT | DATE RANGE |
|------------|-------|--------|----------------------|
| | N/A | N/A | Effective 01/02/2025 |

Resolution to approve the advertisement of proposed Ordinance #2025-001 of the Board of Commissioners, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, imposing a Countywide Hotel Room Rental Excise Tax, setting a rate of taxation at 5% of the consideration paid for hotel lodging; providing for the collection of the tax; requiring monthly remittance to the County Treasurer; providing for a 4% administrative fee; restricting use of funds received from the tax; providing for fees, penalties, and other administrative requirements; making provisions severable; repealing inconsistent ordinances; and providing an effective date.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Coleman advised this Ordinance does not change the tax rate but changes the administrative rate. The amount received in 2023 from the prior Ordinance was \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million in 2024.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley
Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION

2025-005 Resolution to confirm the following Reappointment to the MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD for the term as specified:

John Burkett 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2027

Moved: Mr. McGonigle
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley
Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION

2025-006 Resolution to confirm the following Appointment to the WEST CENTRAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD for the term as specified:

Jake Rickert Economic Development and Business 01/02/2025 – 06/30/2027

Moved: Mr. McGonigle
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley
Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSIONERS

| RESOLUTION | VENDOR | AMOUNT | DATE RANGE |
|------------|--|-------------|----------------------|
| # 2025-007 | PA Chiefs of Police Assoc. 3905 N. Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110 | \$19,746.00 | Effective 01/02/2025 |

Resolution to approve renewal of Livescan/CPIN maintenance fee for 2025.

- Mercer County Jail \$6,582.00
- Greenville Regional PD \$6,582.00
- City of Farrell \$6,582.00

Moved:
Vote:

Seconded:

Moved: Mr. McGonigle
Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley
Yes-Mr. Finley Yes-Dr. Coleman

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Commissioner's Reports:

- Commissioner Coleman reminded everyone the 2025 Commissioner Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. The resolution for the Hotel Tax that was passed in this meeting was to authorize the advertisement of the Ordinance, not adopting the Ordinance.

Elected Official/Department Head Reports:

- Public Safety Director Frank Jannetti provided information for the next several days, saying there is an active weather pattern occurring over the next four days and reminded everyone to be careful while driving on the roads. Director asked everyone to be vigilant with the incidents occurring in New Orleans and Las Vegas. He is involved with the FBI Fusion Center in Pittsburgh.
- Elections Director Thad Hall advised his office will have petition packets available for pick-up on February 3, 2025. His office is now using new software that will allow information to be accessed online on petition information. This is expected to be available at the end of January.

Public Comment:

- Joanie Micsky relayed a request from the online access for the meeting from William Kline of Millcreek Township, asking the Commissioners to check on the long delay for the local poll workers to be paid from the November election. Elections Director Thad Hall provided information on the process of payment. Advising all the election workers information had been sent directly to the Controller's Office and provided information on the labor intensive procedure that needed to be followed for payment to the workers. Director Hall said the payment delay is why he suggested an alternative payment option for future election pays. Controller Sherman advised his office is processing the checks as quickly as they can. Each worker's information has to be verified prior to a check being issued. Commissioner Finley thanked Mr. Kline to bringing this issue to their attention and will improve this pay system before the next election cycle.
- Elections Director Thad Hall asked the Commissioners on any updates with Sharon Regional Hospital System. Commissioners Coleman said she and Commissioner Finley did attend a meeting with community leaders at 1:30pm today, but they had the leave at 2:15pm to attend the Commissioners Meeting. Very little had been discussed prior to their leaving the meeting.

Questions of the Media:

- Caleb Stright of the Record Argus asked questions regarding the administrative fee on the Hotel Tax, the Broadband Grant, and the County property at I80 and Rt 19. All questions were answered by the Commissioners.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners