

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 6, 2025

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley,
Commissioner Coleman-absent

Prayer: Pastor Sean Hall, Hillside Presbyterian Church, Greenville

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Nicki Biles, Tim Callahan, Annette Dohanics, Christian McElhaney, Dave Moyer, Stephen Sherman, Angela Sorg, Amber White, DeeDee Zickar, Dan Wallace, Charles Baldoff, Ronald Monald, Venesta Kirk, Laura Paxton, Monica Williams, Becky Humes, Tiffany Wolf, Ralph Oakes, Maggie Oaks, Judy Hines, Diane Syphrit, Jeanne Croyle, Sean Hall, Zayla Griffin, Ryder Griffin, Carl Turner, Jaycee Yasko, Presley Yasko, Dalis Ames, Rayme Ames, Craig Conforti, Jennifer Arnett, Joanie Micsky, Bill McConnell, Roni Shilling

General Discussion Items: President Judge Wallace provided information on Mortgage Foreclosure Court.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

2025-092 RESOLUTION to approve 02/20/2025 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Absent-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATIONS

2025-093 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize March 16, 2025 through March 22, 2025 as PENNSYLVANIA 4-H WEEK.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Absent-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATIONS

2025-094 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize MEGAN BLASKO for receiving an Eagle Scout Award, the highest honor conferred in Scouting.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Absent-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATIONS

2025-095 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize the month of March 2025 as DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH.

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

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

EXPENDITURES

2025-096 RESOLUTION to approve DISBURSEMENTS in the following amount of \$9,481,943.11 for the period of 02/01/2025 – 02/28/2025.

\$7,946,255.73 County Operations
\$1,650.66 Opioid Projects
\$12,307.12 Election Integrity Grant
\$1,518,949.00 ARPA/SLFRF Projects
\$2,780.60 Witness Fees

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

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

REFUNDS

2025-097 RESOLUTION to approve the following REFUND listed effective 03/06/2025.

NAME/ADDRESS	DISTRICT	R.E.	REFUND	REASON
Emergycare, Inc. 1926 Peach Street Erie, PA 16502	Hempfield Twp	X	\$737.03	Assessment Appeal- Court Ordered

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

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

2025-098 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>NEW HIRES</u>		
CLERK OF COURTS		
Sherry Thellman Senior Procedure Clerk	03/10/2025	TCN 06-00-01 (\$18.87/hr.)
E-911		
Daiyauana Reeves Part-Time Telecommunicator	03/17/2025	TCE 00-01 (\$17.63/hr.)

RECORDER OF DEEDS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2025-110	GovConnection, Inc. 732 Milford Road Merrimack, NH 03054	\$786.35	Effective 03/06/2025

Resolution to approve the purchase of one HP desk top computer to connect with and run the software for the ScanPro 2500 Standard 650 Scanner. Cost to be paid from the Recorder’s Office Records Improvement Fund.

DISCUSSION: Recorder Zickar advised this computer will be connected to the ScanPro Scanner that was approved for purchase at the previous Commissioner’s Meeting.

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

RECORDER OF DEEDS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2025-111	Amazon	Not to exceed \$400.00	Effective 03/06/2025

Resolution to approve the purchase of three (3) 27-inch Computer Monitors for use in the Recorder of Deeds Office. One (1) monitor will be used for the ScanPro 2500 Standard 650 Scanner and two (2) will be used as public stations. Cost to be paid from the Recorder’s Office Records Improvement Fund.

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

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR:	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2025-112	Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	TBD	Effective 03/06/2025

Resolution to approve a grant application to DCNR for the Munnell Run Farm Accessibility Enhancement Project, to support parking and accessibility improvements at the Munnell Run Farm. Total amount will be determined once a cost estimate is completed. Any required matching funds for the project can be sourced from the Community Facilities Grant.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Commissioner’s Reports:

- Commissioner McGonigle provided information on the avian flu epidemic that was forwarded to him by EMA Director Frank Jannetti. Information was on the status of avian flu in Pennsylvania. Commissioner McGonigle also reminded the public who are buying chickens to offset the costs of eggs, to keep the chickens inside. Migrating birds can infect the chickens with the avian flu if the chickens are free roaming outside. Laura Paxton commented by adding information that if milk from the dairy cows is pasteurized, nothing can be passed to humans.

Elected Official/Department Head Reports:

- First Assistant Public Defender Annette Dohanics addressed the two new law clerk positions being added at the Public Defender’s Office on the Salary Board Agenda. She advised there are two graduating law students that will fill these positions. They will be taking the Bar Exam in July and are committed to public service and indigent defense. After passing the Exam they will become two additional attorneys in the Public Defender’s Office.

Recess to Salary Board

Public Comment:

- Diane Syphrit addressed the status and budget of the Oracle Project, asking if it was completed, the timeline, and if it was over or under budget. Controller Sherman provided information on the Oracle Project.

Questions of the Media: None

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners