

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 15, 2025

Members Present: Commissioner McGonigle, Commissioner Finley (by phone),
Commissioner Coleman

Prayer: Glenn Hink, First Presbyterian Church

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held

Others Present: Thad Hall, Jared Hoffacker, Autumn Johnson, John Logan, Bill McConnell, Christian McElhaney, Tammy McLaughlin, Joanie Micsky, Stephen Sherman, Nicole Sweitzer, Eric Karmacy, Gregg Dogan, Laurie Dogan, Aliyah Hunt, Jay Russell, Gail Moon, Chad Rowe, John Greenwood, Dan Vogler, Chris Sainato, Dan Kennedy, Laura Paxton, Mary Thompson, Jeanne Croyle, Ralph Oakes, Diane Syphrit, David Ristvey, Glenn Hink

General Discussion Items: *Citizen for a Day* Recognition with a certificate to Angela Huang

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

2025-193 RESOLUTION to approve 05/01/2025 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATION

2025-194 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to honor SGT. PAUL D. MCKNIGHT, United States Army, for serving during the Viet Nam Conflict. During his second tour of duty in Viet Nam, Sgt. McKnight was mortally wounded during hostile actions in Tay Ninh Province on July 31, 1969.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATION

2025-195 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to honor SSGT. GEORGE E. REITER, United States Army, a Purple Heart and Bronze Star Recipient, for serving during World War II. On August 25, 1944, near Troyes, France, SSgt. Reiter displayed meritorious service in action by providing medical aid to his platoon members while he was exposed to enemy fire.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATION

2025-196 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize GREGG DOGAN for receiving the 2025 Workforce Phoenix Award.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMENTS: Lawrence and Mercer County Commissioners both presented Mr. Dogan with Proclamations.

REFUNDS

2025-197 RESOLUTION to approve the following REFUND listed effective 05/15/2025.

NAME/ADDRESS	DISTRICT	R.E.	REFUND	REASON
Zirkle, Thomas E Jr. 53 Canal St. PO Box 145 Wheatland, PA 16161	Hermitage D	X	\$ 33.39	Parcels combined per deed

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

CYS

2025-198 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENT(s) with the following provider for services listed.

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
BCL Partners, LLC d/b/a	Residential Services	\$785.09	Daily
Leading Youth for	Intensive Supervision	\$20.91	Hourly
Excellence (LYFE)	Transportation Rate	\$1.75	Per Mile
911 Gibson Boulevard Steelton, PA 17113			

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

CYS

2025-199 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENT(s) with the following provider for services listed.

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
Central Counties	Secure Detention	\$595.00	Daily
Youth Center			
148 Paradise Road Bellefonte, PA 16823			

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

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

2025-200 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions:

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>NEW HIRES</u>		
CORONER		
Renee Mercer Intern	05/06/2025	No Salary/No Benefits
Emily Reiter Intern	05/07/2025	No Salary/No Benefits
CYS		
Clinton Holt Caseworker I	05/27/2025	YCW 00-01 (\$20.65/hr.)
Mercedes Nearhood Caseworker II	05/27/2025	YCW 00-02 (\$21.45/hr.)
JAIL		
Stephanie Bates Corrections Officer	05/12/2025	JCO 00-01 (\$19.25/hr.)
Jasmine Strothers Corrections Officer	05/12/2025	JCO 00-01 (\$19.25/hr.)
Michael Jarrett Corrections Officer	04/22/2025 *Amended start date from 04/17/25 Meeting	JCO 00-01 (\$19.25/hr.)
<u>TRANSFERS</u>		
CYS		
Devon Smith Caseworker II	05/12/2025	YCW 00-02 (\$21.45/hr.) From Caseworker I
E911		
Cassandra Powell FT Telecommunicator	05/18/2025	TCE 00-02 (\$19.59/hr.) Transfer from Part-Time Telecommunicator
<u>SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT</u>		
E911		
Daiyauna Reeves PT Telecommunicator	05/10/2025	

JAIL

Jemma Stubbs 05/08/2025
Corrections Officer

Mark Amann 05/22/2025
Corrections Officer

SOIL CONSERVATION

Joshua Fleming 05/09/2025
Intern

TREASURER

Viki Berger 06/06/2025
Clerical Assistant

VOTER REGISTRATION

Deborah Fischer 04/30/2025
PT Machine Custodian

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

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

2025-201 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions for Departments reporting to the Courts:

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT</u>		
PRESIDENT JUDGE WALLACE		
Annette O'Brien	04/30/2025	
Court Crier		

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2025-202	N/A	N/A	Effective 05/15/2025

Resolution to confirm the following Re-Appointments to the MERCER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH/INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD for the term as specified:

Pam Dorfi 06/01/2025 – 05/31/2028
Greg Linder 06/01/2025 – 05/31/2028

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

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

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION #	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
2025-203	Mythics Oracle Platinum Partner 4525 Main Street, Suite 1500 Virginia Beach, VA 23462	\$120,984.00	Effective 05/17/2025-5/16/26

Resolution to approve the renewal of cloud subscription services and software. Software purchases are exempt from advertising, bidding, or price quotations per §1802(h)(9) of the County Code. Vendor participates in PEPPM cooperative purchasing program through Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit.

Moved: Dr. Coleman**Seconded:** Mr. Finley**Vote:** No-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION #	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
2025-204	N/A	N/A	Effective 05/15/2025

Resolution to authorize the County Solicitor to execute a Settlement Stipulation with the City of Sharon and Sharon City School District to resolve the 19 commercial assessment appeals filed by MPT of Sharon – Steward LLC in 2022. The settlement, which is retroactive to January 1, 2023, pertains only to 8 properties owned by MPT located in the City of Sharon, which include the hospital, school of nursing, various office and administrative buildings and parking lots. The settlement reduces the combined assessed values of the 8 Sharon properties by 44% from \$4,904,300.00 in 2022 to \$2,135,000.00 in 2025. The assessed values of the remaining 11 properties owned by MPT located in the City of Sharon, the City of Hermitage and Coolspring Township will remain unchanged. The settlement will result in the County refunding MPT \$118,985.52 for overpayments made by MPT in years 2023 and 2024 and the County reducing MPT's 2025 taxes in the amount of \$75,463.43 by exoneration.

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

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

Comments: Solicitor McConnell commented on the fact that this is what happens when you don't have a Tax Reassessment for 50 years – these things are all coming to fruition now and it comes with a large price tag.

JAIL

RESOLUTION #	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
2025-205	Cummins Sales and Service 7145 Masury Road Hubbard, OH 44425	\$5,474.26	05/07/2025-05/07/2026

Resolution to approve an annual planned maintenance agreement for the powered generator system. Agreement provides for annual full-service maintenance and a semi-annual inspection with a 2-hour load bank test.

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

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2025-206	Gov Connection, Inc. 732 Milford Road Merrimack, NH 03054	\$10,572.20	Effective 05/15/2025

Resolution to approve the purchase of parts, (cables and switches, etc.) to enable the use of one keyboard for multiple monitors. This will enable us to eliminate keyboards and other parts currently in use at each 9-1-1 position. Dispatchers will be able to control phone, computer aided dispatch and radio with one keyboard and one mouse. Currently, they must switch back and forth based on which computer they are working on. Cost to be paid from Fund 244.

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

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2025-207	PIC Electric Inc. P.O. Box 458 Wheatland, PA 16161	\$1,550.00	Effective 04/17/2025

Resolution to approve the payment of invoice #3324, for the installation of two receptacles required for the CAD refresh. The additional receptacles are for the new server rack. When the refresh is complete, Mercer County will host the four-County CAD 'back-up' equipment. The invoice will be paid from Fund 244.

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

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

SHERIFF

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2025-208	McCandless Ford 8416 Sharon Mercer Road Mercer, PA 16137	\$49,421.00	Effective 05/15/2025

Resolution to approve the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford F150 4x4 Responder Truck at a cost of \$49,421.00. Vendor is on COSTARS. Cost to be paid from Fund 322, Capital Reserve.
Comments: Sheriff Rowe thanked the Commissioners for the vehicle purchase.

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

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

SHERIFF

RESOLUTION #	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
2025-209	Kush Kustoms 151 Lopes Lane Greensburg, PA 15601	\$11,823.93	Effective 05/15/2025

Resolution to approve the purchase and installation of an emergency package of required after-market equipment including lighting, partition, safety equipment to be installed in one (1) 2025 Ford F150 4x4 Responder Truck. Costs to be paid from Fund 322.

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 McGonigle spent time in Harrisburg this week to lobby for better EMS reimbursement policies. 50 EMS services throughout the state have shut down this past year.
- Commissioner Finley thanked Commissioner Coleman for her work on the Mythics contact and reduction in charges to that contact.
- Commissioner Coleman spoke about the Tax Reassessment meeting update from today and the project is still projected to wrap up the first round at the end of August.

Recess to Salary Board**Public Comment:**

- Diane Syphrit asked if the \$2M project has a launch date yet.
- Jeanne Croyle – asked about updates for solar farms – Commissioner Coleman said she would get an update.

Questions of the Media: Questions were asked by Melissa Klaric regarding the tax refunds that will need to be made regarding MPT for the 2023-24 years.

Motion to Adjourn**Moved:** Mr. McGonigle**Seconded:** Mr. Finley**Attest:**

Chief Clerk

05/15/2025

Mercer County Board of Commissioners

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