MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 10, 2008

Members Present: Brian Beader, Kenneth R. Ammann, John N. Lechner

Pledge of Allegiance:

Others Present:

Tom Amundsen, Bill Boyle, Liz Fair, Tim Hofius, Bill Madden, Ginny Richardson

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Motion to approve March 26, 2008 Chief Clerk's Meeting minutes.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to approve April 2, 2008 Chief Clerk's Meeting minutes.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner. Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to approve March 27, 2008 Commissioners' Meeting minutes.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to accept the bid of Northeastern Mowing Service, Inc. of Poland, Ohio for the mowing of the County owned Dams. This is a three year contract with two mowings per year and in the third year an application of lime to the entire area. The cost is \$6,275.00 per cut plus \$8,925.00 for the lime application. (\$46,575.00 Total)

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to enter into an agreement with Vern Coleman of Burghill, Ohio to provide caretaker services for the Orangeville Cemetery from April 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008. Contract calls for 15 mowings at \$95.00 each for a total of \$1,425.00.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Motion to enter into a contract with Armstrong Cable to provide internet services for twelve months commencing April 2008 in the amount of \$420.00 per month to provide Internet service. This is a change from Verizon our current provider which will result in a \$600.00 per month savings and provide a significant increase in our Band width which we have outgrown with Verizon.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to accept the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant from the Commonwealth of Pa. in the amount of \$7,200.00 for the Department of Public Safety to conduct Hazardous Material Training.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to adopt Resolution 2008-08 authorizing Kim A. DiCintio of Mercer County Community Transit to be designated as the authorized official to submit grant applications within established County policy and to assign roles within Dot grants on its behalf.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to amend the bylaws of the Mercer County Ag Land Preservation Board as follows: Factors and considerations under which an offer to purchase would be made in something other than descending order or farmland ranking score (Section 138e.66(a)(3)).(a) Selections for purchasing an easement outside of the ranking order shall be made for specific circumstances where the use of federal farmland preservation funding is essential to the purchase of an easement that would otherwise result in the loss of federal funding to the county easement program. In addition a clarification of the application timetable to state that Applications must be received at the Mercer County Extension Office or postmarked no later than July 31. They will be ranked at the September Board meeting.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to accept the HAVA title II Section 261 Grant from the State Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation to improve polling place accessibility for individuals with disabilities. The grant is in the amount of \$6,152.39

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Motion to adopt Resolution 2008-09 to amend the Articles of Incorporation for the Neshannock Creek Watershed Joint Municipal Authority to allow a provision to increase the number of Board members to seven and also that the Mercer County Board of Commissioners shall name that Board of Director.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to enter into a Community Service Agreement with the Community Library of the Shenango Valley 11 N. Sharpsville Ave. Sharon, Pa and the Mercer County Intermediate Punishment Program to carry out mutually agreeable activities enabling offenders to perform community services as directed by the Courts.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to accept two grants in the amount of \$5,000.00 each from the Pa. Commission on Crime and Delinquency from the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds. The County will provide in kind services with no cash expenditure match.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

A motion to ratify the Contract and the attached Side Letter Agreement Relative to Healthcare Opt-Out benefits between the County of Mercer and Teamster Local 250 effective Jan. 1, 2006 through Dec. 31, 2008.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to approve the following financial investments as listed:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	Amo	<u>unt</u>		
General Fund Northwest Savings Bank Money Market	t	General Fund Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest		\$ 6	,428,527.00
General Fund First National Bank Index MMKT		General Fund Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest		\$	8,961.00
Affordable Housing First National Bank Index MMKT		Affordable Housing Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest		\$	396.00
Co. Share Records Improvements Northwest Savings Bank Municipal		Co. Share Records Improvements Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest		\$	126,678.00
Recorder Records Improvements Northwest Savings Bank Municipal		Recorder Records Improvements Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest		\$	104,495.00
Capital Reserve Northwest Savings Bank Municipal		Capital Reserve Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest		\$	2,738,349.00

2001 Capital Bond Sinking National City Bank Money Market	2001 Capital Bond Sinking Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest	\$ 9,552.00
2001 Capital Bond Sinking Northwest Savings Bank Municipal	2001 Capital Bond Sinking Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest	\$ 73,583.00
2001 Capital Bond Sinking First National Bank Index MMKT	2001 Capital Bond Sinking Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest	\$ 75.00
Retirement Northwest Savings Bank Municipal	Retirement Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest	\$ 530,217.00

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to approve the Personnel action(s) as follows:

Accept the following resignations from the Bridge Department:

Johnny R. Goodman Effective 4/04/08 Bonnie J. Parsons Effective 4/04/08 Lionel B. Parsons Effective 4/04/08

From the Jail:

Thomas Lewis Effective 3/28/08

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to ratify the attached previously approved expenditures dated 3-25-08 to 4-07-08

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Motion to approve the following exoneration(s) being granted as listed:

<u>Tax</u>	<u>Taxing</u>	<u>County</u> Per Capita	County	<u>Year</u>
Collector	<u>District</u>	<u>Per Capita</u> <u>Tax</u>	Per Capita Tax-TBC	
William H. Blatt	Hempfield Twp.	260.00		2007
Debra K. Schnur	Clark Borough	5.00		2007
Nanci E. Gearhart	Sugar Grove Twp.	5.00		2007
Cindy Smith	Worth Twp.	70.00		2007
Laurie Mayne	Millcreek Twp.	<u>20.00</u>		2007
	Total	360.00		

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to approve the following refund(s) as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	Amount	<u>Year</u>
C. Eugene Jordan	Perry Twp.	\$ 117.24	$\overline{2007}$
Dennis & Elizabeth Campbell	Perry Twp.	\$ 61.01	2007
Sandy Lake Properties LLC	Sandy Lake Boro	\$6,942.37	2006 & 2007

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion to enter into an agreement with First Energy Solutions Corp., Akron, Ohio, to supply electricity from May 16, 2008 through June 16, 2010 (a period of 25 months) at specified locations at the fixed-rate prices specified. The rates range from \$.0799/kwh to \$.0935. The locations are 121 North Pitt, 205 S. Erie, Courthouse, S. Diamonds Street Annex, Acker Building, and Jail (Thompson Road).

Moved; Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

A motion to adopt Resolution 2008-10 of the Board of Commissioners of Mercer County authorizing the sale of the real estate, formerly the Mercer barracks of the Pennsylvania State Police, to Bretton C. Walberg , he being the highest bidder for said property. The bid price of Twenty six thousand five hundred and one dollars and zero cents (\$26,501.00) being an amount herewith declared by the Board to be the fair market value of the property being sold after consultation with those persons required by Section 2306 of the County Code.

Vote Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Amman	nn, Mr. Beader
Recess to Salary Board. There being no business to contain the salary Board.	ome before the Salary Board it was not convened.
Questions of the Media: Questions of the media were	answered.
Motion to adjourn.	
Moved: Mr. Lechner	Seconded: Mr. Ammann
	Manage Compte December 1 of Comptendence
	Mercer County Board of Commissioners
Attest:	
Chief Clerk	