

**MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**October 14, 2010**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance: Was held**

**Others Present: Tom Amundsen, Jeff Greenburg, Tim Hofius, Bill Madden, students, teachers and administration from Mercer High School, Media Lauren Mylo, Phil Rau**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items: None**

**Motion to approve September 22, 2010 Chief Clerk's Meeting minutes.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann**

**Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to approve September 29, 2010 Chief Clerk's Meeting minutes.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann**

**Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to approve October 6, 2010 Chief Clerk's Meeting minutes.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann**

**Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to approve September 23, 2010 Commissioners' Meeting minutes.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann**

**Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to approve a proclamation to support the Power of 32 Regional Visioning Program.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann**

**Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to write a letter of support to Pennsylvania Aqua for the extension of water service to serve customers North of Mercer on Route 58.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann**

**Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to accept the bid and enter into contract with Delta Constructors of 2984 Kirila Drive, Hermitage, PA 16148 in the amount of \$113,250 for the fabricated structural steel repairs to Mercer County Bridge 2303, Kelly Road in Hermitage. (This project is funded with Act 44 funds.)**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner** **Seconded: Mr. Ammann**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to enter into an agreement to permit the Jail and the Sheriff's Department to utilize the CLEAN Network system for access to criminal history records. There is no cost for this agreement.**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner** **Seconded: Mr. Ammann**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to declare the following Bridge Department items as scrap / no value: Weight Limit Signs, Combination Signs, Clearance Markers, Ft / Mile Signs, One Lane Bridge signs, sandblasting air tank, scrap rail, miscellaneous scrap steel.**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner** **Seconded: Mr. Ammann**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to re-enter into a preventative maintenance service agreement with Record Systems of 8166 Market Street Youngstown, Ohio for sixteen Kardex Lektreiver machines located in the Courthouse in various departments. The agreement for a one year term until 9-30-11 in the amount of \$11,196.00. Record Systems has exclusive territory rights to the parts, and service for Kardex equipment in Mercer County and this fee is being paid from the Records Improvement fund. The total fee represents a 15% multiple machine discount of \$2,064.00 and a \$500.00 negotiated discount.**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner** **Seconded: Mr. Ammann**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to approve a renewal of a preventative maintenance agreement with Compucom Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pa. to provide services on four pieces of equipment in the Micrographics department in the amount of \$4,090.00. Cost to be paid from the Records Improvement Fund.**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner** **Seconded: Mr. Ammann**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to approve the appointment of Patricia A. Reesman to the Mercer County Housing Authority to fill a vacant position until 8-31-13.**

**Moved: Mr. Lechner** **Seconded: Mr. Ammann**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Motion to award FY 2010 Mercer County Act 137 funding to the Community Action Partnership and the Community Counseling Center in the amount of \$144,700.00 These funds will match approximately \$220,500.00 in public and private funds, and will be used to construct two (2) bedroom single family houses on Woodland Avenue in the City of Farrell. Release of the Affordable Housing Funds will be contingent upon approval of the other sources of funding.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann** **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader**

**Motion to award FY 2010 Mercer County Act 137 funding to the Mercer County Housing Authority in the amount of \$265,000.00 to enable MCHA to construct four (5) unit apartment buildings for citizens 55 years of age and older. The match will consist of roughly \$2.5 million in public and private funds. The project, Hermitage Senior Housing Project Phase II is located at Lamor and Keel Ridge Roads in the City of Hermitage. Release of the Act 137 funds will be contingent upon approval of the other sources of funding.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann** **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader**

**Motion to approve the following financial investments as listed:  
INVESTMENTS 9-27-2010:**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
General Fund Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest	General Fund Northwest Savings Bank Municipal	\$ 6,000,000.00
DUI School Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest	DUI School Northwest Savings Bank Municipal	\$ 8,000.00
MH/MR PNC Bank Checking	MH/MR Northwest Savings Bank Money Market	\$ 103,180.00
2001 Capital Bond Sinking PNC Bank Checking Account	2001 Capital Bond Sinking Northwest Savings Bank Municipal	\$ 332,580.00
Private Sale PNC Bank Money Market	Private Sale Northwest Savings Bank Municipal	\$ 39,985.00
Tax Lien PNC Bank Checking/Sweep	Tax Lien Northwest Savings Bank Municipal	\$ 453,700.00
Retirement Citizens Bank Checking W/Interest	Retirement Farmer's National Bank Money Market	\$ 198,825.00

**Moved: Mr. Ammann** **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**  
**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader**

**Motion to approve the following 2011 Holidays:**

**2011 HOLIDAYS**

<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>HOLIDAY</u></b>
Monday	January 17, 2011	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday	February 21, 2011	President's Day
Friday	April 22, 2011	Good Friday
Monday	May 30, 2011	Memorial Day (Observed)
Monday	July 4, 2011	Independence Day
Monday	September 5, 2011	Labor Day
Monday	October 10, 2011	Columbus Day (Observed)
Friday	November 11, 2011	Veteran's Day
Thursday	November 24, 2011	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	November 25, 2011	Day after Thanksgiving
Monday	December 26, 2011	Christmas Day (Observed)

New Year's Day, January 1, 2011 is observed on Friday, December 31, 2010 and was approved at the Commissioners' Meeting on September 24, 2009.

**Moved: Mr. Lechner**

**Seconded: Mr. Ammann**

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

**Motion to approve the Human Resources action(s) as follows:**

<b><u>NAME/POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>EFFECTIVE</u></b>	<b><u>LEVEL/STEP/GRADE</u></b>
<b><u>TRANSFERS:</u></b>		
<b>E-911:</b>		
Kelly Johnston Telecommunicator	10/03/2010	TCE 02-01 Transfer from Part-Time Telecommunicator
<b>JAIL:</b>		
Lester Somerset Corrections Officer	10/03/2010	JCO 02-01 Transfer from Part-Time Corrections Officer
<b><u>SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT:</u></b>		
<b>E-911:</b>		
Amy Addison Part-Time Telecommunicator	9/25/2010	
Mary Pennington Part-Time Telecommunicator	9/24/2010	
<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH:</b>		
Bonnie Long Caseworker II	10/07/2010	
<b>SHERIFF:</b>		
David Devenney Deputy Sheriff	09/24/2010	
<b>JUDGE ST. JOHN:</b>		
Susan J. Wallace Court Crier	11/05/2010	

**Moved: Mr. Lechner**

**Seconded: Mr. Ammann**

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

Motion to ratify the attached previously approved expenditures dated 9-22-10 to 10-11-10 in the amount of \$3,323,333.12.

Moved: Mr. Ammann

Seconded: Mr. Lechner

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

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

<b><u>Tax Collector</u></b>	<b><u>Taxing District</u></b>	<b><u>Per Capita Tax</u></b>	<b><u>County Per Capita Tax - TBC</u></b>	<b><u>Tax Year</u></b>
Mary Peterson	Deer Creek Twp	\$ 20.00		2010
Linda Kellogg	Coolspring Twp	\$ 145.00		2010
Frank Vanderslice	Greenville Boro	\$ 510.00		2010
Karen King	Perry Twp	\$ 5.00		2010
Ruth Magee	Springfield Twp	\$ 320.00		2010
Roberta Rhodes	Sheakleyville	\$ 45.00		2010
Laurie Campbell	Wilmington Twp	\$ 45.00		2010
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>		<b>\$1,090.00</b>		

Moved: Mr. Ammann

Seconded: Mr. Lechner

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

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>District</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>
Geoffrey L. Buskirk	Shenango Twp.	\$ 273.12	2010
Jamestown Paint & Varnish Co.	Jamestown Boro	\$ 655.20	2010
Terry & Leatrice Smolnik	Lackawannock Twp.	\$ 76.73	2010
Donald & Theresa McAllister	Hempfield Twp.	\$ 280.92	2010
Beverly Hilgert	Hempfield Twp.	\$ 578.55	2010
Donald & Theresa McAllister	Hempfield Twp.	\$ 9.80	2010

Moved: Mr. Ammann

Seconded: Mr. Lechner

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

Old Business: None

**New Business:**

**Motion to approve locking into a fixed gas pricing agreement with National Fuel Resources at a price of \$6.435 per DTH from July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2012 per the Gas consortium recommendation. This is a reduction from the current rate of \$6.507.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann**

**Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader**

**Public Comment: Commissioners discussed their roles in County government and the structure of their liaison roles. Commissioners thanked the student poll workers in attendance for their participation in that important program. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions ranging from Marcellus Shale plans to protect the water system, recycling program changes, and County plans for a hazardous waste or toxic spill.**

**Questions of the Media: None**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Mr. Ammann**

**Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

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**Mercer County Board of Commissioners**

**Attest:**

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**Chief Clerk**