MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 22, 2011

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held

Others Present: Tom Amundsen, Michael DeForest, Kathryn Gabriel, Jeff Greenburg, Jennifer Hamilton, Tim Hofius, Robert Kochems, John Logan, Bill Madden, Deb Plant, Tracy Romesburg, Cheryl Skarica, Ginny Richardson Media Lauren Mylo, Phil Rau

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Motion to approve November 30, 2011Chief Clerk's Meeting minutes.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

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

Motion to approve December 7, 2011 Chief Clerk's Meeting minutes.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

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

Motion to approve December 14, 2011 Chief Clerk's Meeting minutes.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

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

Motion to approve December 8, 2011 Commissioners' Meeting minutes.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

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

Motion to contract with National Fuel Resources, Inc. 165 Lawrence Bell Drive, Suite 120, Williamsville, New York 14221 for base contract for the purchase of natural gas beginning July 1, 2012 for 48 months at monthly NYMEX Last Day settle plus \$0.56 per DTH delivered to the Citygate. This contract is a 41% reduction from the current contract.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Motion to revise the FY 2008 Mercer County CDBG program by transferring \$4,060 from the Senior Center/Facility activity to the Housing Rehabilitation activity.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

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

Mr. Ammann re-stated his concern regarding the funding to Area Agency on Aging being reduced.

Motion to enter into a memorandum of understanding for Act 22 services between the Prison Inmate Medical Cost Containment Program (PIMCC) at: County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania P.O. Box 60769, Harrisburg, PA 17106, and the County of Mercer.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

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

Motion to enter into an Act 22 Service Agent Designation in conjunction with Act 22 MOU, designating Prime Care Medical Inc, 3940 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109, as Mercer County's Agent for Payment of Act 22 service funds to the PIMCC program. The Act 22 Agreement will permit Mercer County to take advantage of significant savings on inmate inpatient medical costs. The County's cost will be 50% of the Medicaid rates. Additionally all other hospital services will be capped at Medicaid rates.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

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

Motion to appoint Black, Bashor & Porsch, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, Sharon, PA, as independent auditors for the audit of the 2011 financial statements of the County at a fee not to exceed \$61,675, and for the audit of the fiscal year financial statements of Children and Youth Services at a fee not to exceed \$11,950. This is an increase of 1.5% over the prior year. If additional special consulting or auditing services are required, they will be invoiced at 75% of their standard rates.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

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

Motion to enter into an agreement with Intergraph Corporation, 170 Graphics Drive, Madison, Al. 35758 to provide software maintenance for the I-CAD system. The performance period is 1-01-12 to 12-31-12. The total contract amount is \$98,004. Wireless funds allocated toward the cost in the amount of \$57,135.04. Subject to final approval by the solicitor.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Motion to approve the following Human Resources actions:

NAME/POSITION EFFECTIVE LEVEL/STEP/GRADE

NEW HIRES:

JUVENILE PROBATION:

Anna Rueberger 1/3/2012 No Salary/No benefits

Intern

Emily Jackson 1/3/2012 PA 06-00-01 (\$32,416/yr.)

Community Liaison Officer

JUDGE FORNELLI/JUDGE YEATTS:

Gary Kern 12/27/2011 LCLK1-10-00 (\$35,253/yr.)

Law Clerk

TRANSFERS:

JAIL:

John A. Vellente III 12/6/2011 JCO 04-01 (\$19.55/hr.)

Jail Sergeant – Day Shift Transfer from Corrections Officer

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Kathryn Gabriel 12/27/2011 PA09-02-01 (\$49,049/yr.) – No rate change

Director Transfer from Acting Director

SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT:

BUILDING & GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE:

Thomas Stefanowicz 2/17/2012

Maintenance III

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Rachel Milligan 12/23/2011

Caseworker II

CLERK OF COURTS:

Ruth Bice 12/31/2011

Cost Collections Coordinator

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

Nicholas Brevetta 12/23/2011

Assistant District Attorney

JAIL:

Chris Hartman 12/17/2011

Corrections Officer

JUDGE REED:

William J. Boyle 11/30/2011

Tip Staff

James M. Brown 11/30/2011

Tip Staff

William L. Tobin 11/30/2011

Tip Staff

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Motion to ratify the attached previously approved expenditures dated 12-06-11 to 12-19-11 in the amount of \$\$1,504,365.80.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

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

Motion to Approve the following Exoneration(s) being granted as listed: 12/22/2011

			County	County Per	Tov
Tax Collector	Taxing District	Per Capita Tax		Capita Tax - TBC	<u>Tax</u> Year
Debra K. Schnur	Clark Boro	\$	5.00		2011
Mary E. Pederson	Deer Creek Twp	\$	15.00		2011
Luann M. Moose	East Lackawannock Twp	\$	135.00		2011
Susan K. Pears	Fairview Twp	\$	15.00		2011
Kathleen Multari	Farrell City	\$	10.00		2011
Mary Ann Tomson	Findley Twp	\$	60.00		2011
Mary Ann Tomson	Findley Twp	\$	720.00		2011
Sandra Swogger	French Creek Twp	\$	35.00		2011
Fonda McElhinny	Greene Twp	\$	20.00		2011
Frank H. Vanderslice	Greenville Boro	\$	115.00		2011
Bernadette Harry	Hermitage City	\$	3,335.00		2011
JoAnn Donner Goodlin	Jamestown Boro	\$	20.00		2011
Diane McCullough	Jefferson Twp	\$	5.00		2011
Nancy Reithmiller	Lackawannock Twp	\$	75.00		2011
Barbara Elder	Lake Twp	\$	20.00		2011
Barbara Elder	Lake Twp	\$	15.00		2011
Suzanne Carter Barner	Mercer Boro	\$	55.00		2011
Scott Boyd	New Vernon Twp	\$	50.00		2011
Karen King	Perry Twp	\$	25.00		2011
Sharyn Kawecki	Sandy Lake Twp	\$	5.00		2011
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Diane M. Thut	Sharon City	\$	3,735.00		2011
AJ Kovach	Sharpsville Boro	\$	845.00		2011
Roberta Rhodes	Sheakleyville Boro	\$	5.00		2011
Lea Anne DuMars	South Pymatuning Twp	\$	190.00		2011
Ruth Magee	Springfield Twp	\$	85.00		2011
Ruth Magee	Springfield Twp	\$	5.00		2011
Linda S. Watts	Stoneboro Boro	\$	5.00		2011
Esther Viglio	Wheatland Boro	\$	370.00		2011
Laurie E. Campbell	Wilmington Twp	\$	5.00		2011

TOTAL \$ 9,985.00

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Motion to approve a Tax Assessment Appeal Stipulation with Nancy Yakimovich, for property located at 2005-2035 East State Street in Hermitage. The property will be assessed in the amount of 205,200.00, with an implied market value of \$600,000.00 for the year 2011. If applicable, any 2011 Mercer County Real Estate Tax excess payments shall be refunded to the Appellant, following Court Order.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

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

Motion to approve a Tax Assessment Appeal Stipulation with GE Apartments LTD, for 1.254 acres of vacant land located on North Hermitage Road in Hermitage. The property will be assessed in the amount of 76,250.00 with an implied market value of \$248,370.00 for years 2010 and 2011. If applicable, any 2010 and 2011 Mercer County Real Estate Tax excess payments shall be refunded to the Appellant, within sixty (60) days following Court Order.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

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

Motion to approve a Tax Assessment Appeal Stipulation with Hermitage Commons Retail Associates, LLC, for 9.9242 acres and improvements, located on North Hermitage Road in Hermitage. The property will have an assessed value of 564,900.00 with an implied market value of \$1,840,000.00, effective 2010. Additionally, 18,316 square feet of vacant space in the buildings will be valued at \$23.39 per square foot for future assessments. If applicable, any 2010 and 2011 Mercer County Real Estate Tax excess payments shall be refunded to the Appellant, within sixty (60) days following Court Order.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

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

Motion to approve an Agreement with Richard G. English & Associates, Inc., 191 Connelly Blvd. Sharon, Pennsylvania, 16146, to provide assessment evaluation and related services effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Mercer County will pay Richard G. English And Associates, Inc. \$5,349.00 per month, on a monthly basis, for a total of \$64,188.00. Same cost as last year.

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

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

Motion to approve the following refunds as listed:

Hermitage City - Elizabeth Wagner for Tax Year 2011 in the amount of \$4.90 Liberty Twp - Starla Lindey for Tax Year 2010 in the amount of \$78.01

Moved: Mr. Ammann Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Motion to enter into an agreement with Mission Critical Partners 200 Innovation Blvd. State College, Pa. 16803 to provide professional consulting services for Next Generation 911 Operational Readiness and Governance Support for a fixed fee of \$51,870.00.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

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

Motion to enter into a professional services agreement with SBM Electronics 628 California Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15202 for the Max Pro Digital Voice Logger in the 911 Center. Total contract is from August 31, 2011 to August 30, 2012 in the amount of \$6,151.09.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

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

Motion to enter into an agreement with the law firm Campbell Durant Beatty Palumbo and Miller, PC, 555 Grant Street, Pittsburgh Pa 15219 for legal services relating to collective bargaining, arbitration, representation before the Human Relations Commission, EEOC, the Wage & Hour Division of the Department of Labor, grievance arbitrators and the State Civil Service Commission, as well as general human services consultation. Contract is for the period 1/1/12 to 12/31/12 for a retainer of \$24000.00. If billable hours exceed the contract limit the County shall be billed hourly for services as specified in the contract.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

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

Mr. Ammann questioned removal of clause regarding contract negotiations.

Motion to enter into a 3 year SIP phone service agreement effective January 11, 2012 with Broadvox, 1228 Euclid Ave., Suite 290, Cleveland, OH. 44115 to provide 46 concurrent unlimited calling lines for \$1500 a month to the Mercer County Courthouse.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

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

Mr. Ammann questioned if the solicitor had approved this which he acknowledged that he did.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-15 certifying that the County is in compliance with Act 106 Bonding requirements for Elected Officials and identified employees for 2012 as evidenced by PCORP Insurance.

Moved: Mr. Lechner Seconded: Mr. Ammann

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

Old Business: None

New Business: None	
Public Comment: Mr. Ammann thanked every most part he was appreciative of all the support	one for the honor of having served and noted for the the received.
Questions of the Media: Were answered.	
Motion to adjourn.	Caran dada Mar Assessana
Moved: Mr. Lechner	Seconded: Mr. Ammann
	Mercer County Board of Commissioners
Attest:	Mercer County Board of Commissioners
Chief Clerk	