

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 7, 2017

Members Present: Matthew B. McConnell, Tim McGonigle

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held

Others Present: Tom Amundsen, Nicki Biles, Jeff Greenburg, John Logan, Bill Madden, Ann Morrison, Nicolette Read, Chris Conti, Mary Bell, Lisa Boeving-Learned, René Fustos, Molly Van Woert

General Discussion Items: Jeff Greenburg said the ballot is proofed and they are awaiting a replacement for a Wilmington Area School Director who withdrew.

Commissioners offered condolences to Commissioner Boyd upon the death of his father-in-law.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Motion to approve August 31, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting minutes.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. McConnell

Vote: Yes Mr. McGonigle, Mr. McConnell

Motion to appropriate \$4,400.00 from the Mercer County Unconventional Gas Well Fund for repair and upgrade of the pavilion adjacent to township building and athletic fields at 256 Edgewood Drive Ext, Transfer, PA 16154. The project falls under the "Community Park" sub-category of Sec. 2315.a.1 of Act 13. The project is sponsored by Pymatuning Township. Matching funds will come from Pymatuning Township's Act 13 monies (\$4,430.00) which will complete the funding of this \$8,830.00 project. Project Leader is Gary Lowers. The township will replace existing roof, upgrade electrical wiring and lights, and install a concrete floor in the pavilion. The pavilion is used for community gatherings, playground, and ball fields.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. McConnell

Vote: Yes Mr. McGonigle, Mr. McConnell

Motion to declare approximately 3 tons of scrap steel at Soil Conservation as having a value of less than \$1,000.00, and to authorize Conservation Manager Jay Russell to arrange for sale and removal.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. McConnell

Vote: Yes Mr. McGonigle, Mr. McConnell

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

NEW HIRES:

DOMESTIC RELATIONS:

**** DATE CORRECTION ****

Deneil Baldwin 9/7/2017
Senior Procedure Clerk

TCN05-00-01 (\$14.75/hr.)

JAIL:

Theodore Chechak III 9/11/2017
Part-Time Corrections Officer

JCO 00-00 (\$14.39/hr.)

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. McConnell

Vote: Yes Mr. McGonigle, Mr. McConnell

Old Business: None

New Business: Five motions to approve the following agreements as presented by Mercer County Regional Planning Commission:

Motion to authorize entering into CDBG FY 2016 Sub-Grant Agreement with Mercer Borough for Sidewalk Improvements in the amount of \$203,567.

Motion to enter into a cooperation agreement between the County of Mercer and the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission to administer the 2017-19 Mercer County Keystone Communities Program/ACCESS program.

Motion to modify the FY 2013 Mercer County Community Development Block Grant by transferring \$7,918.44 from the Sewer Improvement (Wheatland Borough) and Public Service (Mercer County Community Action Partnership) line items to the Housing Rehabilitation (Hempfield Township) line item.

Motion to modify the FY 2014 Mercer County Community Development Block Grant by transferring \$88,924.04 from the Sewer Improvement (Findley and East Lackawannock Townships) and Public Service (Mercer County Community Action Partnership) line items to the Housing Rehabilitation (Hempfield Township) line item.

Motion to modify the FY 2015 Mercer County Community Development Block Grant by transferring \$40,000 from the Housing Rehabilitation (Hempfield Township) line item to a Sewer Improvement (Sandy Lake Township) line item.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. McConnell

Vote: Yes Mr. McGonigle, Mr. McConnell

Public Comment:

John Logan thanked the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission for their clean audits, and maximizing the use of grant funds to allow the county to fully complete projects and use resources effectively.

Mary Bell of the Democratic Women of Mercer County presented an announcement of a “Resisting White Supremacy People’s Assembly” sponsored by Organize Mercer County to be held September 9th on the Courthouse grounds.

Chairman McConnell notified her that the event was not authorized. County procedure is to provide advance notice and to complete an application for use of the courthouse grounds.. Authorization is approved through a public meeting.

She was cautioned that the County has a major roof construction project scheduled for September 9th including the use of a crane, scaffolding and construction trucks. The courthouse will be cordoned off due to safety concerns.

Questions of the Media: Questions answered.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. McConnell

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Attest:

Chief Clerk