

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

**March 21, 2024**

**Members Present:** Mr. Finley, Dr. Coleman

**Prayer:** Pastor Janet Pratt, Lakeview Area Community Church, Sandy Lake

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Was held.

**Others Present:** Pete Acker, Nicki Biles, Tim Callahan, Thad Hall, Jennifer Hamilton, Frank Jannetti, Autumn Johnson, Christian McElhaney, Stephen Sherman, Amber White, Tanya Williams, Janet Pratt, Cindy Whitman, Melissa Klaric, Holly Patterson, Tim Kramer, Bill McConnell, Roni Shilling

**General Discussion Items:** None

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**# 2024-120 RESOLUTION** to approve 03/14/2024 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES:

**Moved:** Mr. Finley

**Seconded:** Dr. Coleman

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**# 2024-121 RESOLUTION** to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize PETER PLUMMER JR. for receiving an Eagle Scout Award, the highest honor conferred in Scouting.

Peter Plummer Jr. joined Cub Scouts with Pack 45, and became a Boy Scout in 2017 with Troop 45, earning a total of 32 badges. For his Eagle Scout Project, Peter Plummer Jr. made an account of all Veterans buried at Riverside Cemetery in Sharpsville, replaced broken flag holders, and made a documented map of the Veteran's graves in the cemetery, complete with GPS coordinates. He presented copies of the maps to Riverside Cemetery and the Veterans Affairs Office.

**Moved:** Mr. Finley

**Seconded:** Dr. Coleman

**Vote:** Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman





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

**Seconded:** Dr. Coleman  
Yes-Dr. Coleman

**GRANTS**

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR:	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-127	Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation	Up to \$48,000.00	Effective 03/21/2024

Resolution to approve an application, not to exceed \$48,000.00, for the Firehouse Subs Foundation. This grant is for the Mercer County District Attorney’s Detective Department to purchase GreyKey software for County investigations. This is a one-time grant. No County match required.

**Discussion:** D.A. Acker informed the Board that this software will be used for cell phone investigations and will provide the County with its own software program instead of taking the evidence to Butler or Pittsburgh to be processed.

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

**Seconded:** Dr. Coleman  
Yes-Dr. Coleman

**GRANTS**

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR:	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-128	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency 3101 N. Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110	Up to \$165,000.00	Effective 03/21/2024

Resolution to approve an application, not to exceed \$165,000.00, for the 2024/25 JAG Single Solicitation Local Initiatives. This grant is for the Mercer County Public Defender’s Office to hire a Social Advocate to address the social service needs of Public Defender clients. Mercer County will utilize the Public Defender’s Office to fulfill these objectives. These are State Funds. The grant period will be 10/2/2024 – 09/30/2026. No County match required. Application is due 03/28/2024.

**Discussion:** Public Defender Autumn Johnson advised this Social Advocate position will address the needs of the Public Defender’s client that cannot be provided by other employees of her department.

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

**Seconded:** Dr. Coleman  
Yes-Dr. Coleman

**Old Business:** Commissioner Coleman advised the Commissioner’s Townhall Meeting that was original scheduled for March 19, 2024, at Lakeview High School has been rescheduled for April 2, 2024, 6:30pm to 8:00pm, at Lakeview High School.

**New Business:** Commissioner Coleman advised that the National Weather Service has awarded a Certificate of Recognition to Mercer County for successful recertification with the Storm Ready Program. She introduced EMA Director, Frank Jannetti, who stated Mercer County was one of the first counties in Pennsylvania to be designated at 'Storm Ready' and has received this certification for twenty years.

EMA Director Frank Jannetti provided information on a SkyWarn Training Class to be held on April 17, 2024, at 6:30pm at the EMA Office for those who are interested in attending.

Commissioner Coleman provided information on the Tax Reassessment being performed by Tyler Technologies, that the reassessment is on track to meet the goal of being completed by May 2025, and farmstead/homestead information for the public will be posted on the County website.

**Recess to Salary Board**

**Public Comment:** None

**Questions of the Media:** None

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Moved:** Mr. Finley

**Seconded:** Dr. Coleman

**Attest:**

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Mercer County Board of Commissioners**