

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 21, 2020

Attendance	Present	Absent	By Phone
Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Tom Amundsen, Nicki Biles, Brad Elder, Jared Hoffacker, Frank Jannetti, Bill Madden, Ann Morrison, Deb Sicilian, Amber White, Mary Ann Daniels, George Benninghoff, JoEllen Benninghoff, Jason Benninghoff, Robert Goeltz, Pastor Eric Peters, John Libonati, Allison Wheeler, Lt. Jim. Baker, Lt. James Scott, Kevin Arbuckle, Tracy Auell, Caleb Stright, Allison Mack-Gordon

General Discussion Items: See Below.

Mercer Community Band is suspending the Summer Concert Series and plans to present a “Celebration Concert” on the grass of the Courthouse when Mercer County moves to the Green Phase.

Commissioners presented a Proclamation recognizing “Corrections Employees Recognition Week in Mercer County” to Tom Amundsen, President of Prison Board and to representatives; Lt Jim Baker, Lt. James Scott and Officer Kevin Arbuckle, from the Mercer County Jail.

Commissioners reported that jobs numbers are down slightly. Currently 23% of the workforce is out of work nationally. CareerLink will be starting soon to provide job assistance and they requested patience from everyone. The Commissioners and service providers recognize that the Unemployment Claims software/system in PA is antiquated and may be frustrating during the application or servicing process.

Commissioners shared a message with High School Seniors that there is a positive future in Mercer County. Economic Development is a goal and focus of the Commissioners. They want young adults to stay in the County, work and raise their families here. Mercer has successfully flattened the curve, deaths are low, hospital capacity is available, and senior citizens have been kept safe. The appeal to the Governor is to open Mercer County in June and to continue appropriate CDC precautions.

Commissioners reconfirmed that Mercer County has done no furloughs or layoffs. They have used Paid Administrative Leaves, as necessary, to address staffing needs. The concern is that future State or Federal funding could be restrictive. The Commissioners thanked all service providers and the Director of Public Safety for their work and commitment during this time.

Commissioners discussed COG and transportation access in Mercer County. COG has implemented a “demand-response” system. They have done an excellent job and have also provided additional services including food deliveries to Veterans. Mercer COG received \$2MM in funding from CARES and they are using funds effectively to provide services and to retain employees.

Treasurer White expressed her concern about proposed Resolution # 2020-182 and the impact on an Elected Official’s “1620” rights. She did say there has been wide spread compliance among employees and she thanked all employees who have worked throughout the “shut down” during COVID-19.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

2020-172 RESOLUTION to approve **5/7/2020** Commissioners’ Meeting MINUTES.

RESOLUTION adopted:

	Moved	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain
Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROCLAMATIONS

2020-173 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize George Benninghoff’s retirement from the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department with 52 years of service.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROCLAMATIONS

2020-174 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize May 2020 as Prevention Month promoting Mental Health and prevention around Substance Abuse.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXPENDITURES

2020-175 RESOLUTION to approve DISBURSEMENTS in the amount of \$5,336,060.66 for the period of 03/28/2020–04/27/2020.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXONERATIONS

#2020-176 RESOLUTION to approve the following EXONERATION(s) being granted as listed effective 05/21/2020.

TAX COLLECTOR	TAXING DISTRICT	COUNTY PER CAPITA - EXONS	COUNTY PER CAPITA - TBC	TAX YEAR
Lori M McKnight	Clark Borough	\$ 25.00	\$	2020
Brenda Struthers	Coolspring Township	\$ 140.00	\$	2020
Mary E Pederson	Deer Creek Township	\$ 5.00	\$	2020
Melissa Cannone	Farrell City	\$ 165.00	\$	2020
Melissa Cannone	Farrell City	\$ 15.00	\$	2020
Melissa Cannone	Farrell City	\$ 140.00	\$	2020
Fonda McElhinny	Greene Township	\$ 15.00	\$	2020
Leona McIntire	Jackson Township	\$ 10.00	\$	2020
Paulette L Young	Otter Creek Township	\$ 70.00	\$	2020
Karen King	Perry Township	\$ 110.00	\$	2020
Carrie Jo Steese	Pine Township	\$ 70.00	\$	2020
Carrie Jo Steese	Pine Township	\$ 15.00	\$	2020
Doris Fisher	Mill Creek Township	\$ 40.00	\$	2020
Beth Garrett	Shenango Township	\$ 200.00	\$	2020
Beth Garrett	Shenango Township	\$ 25.00	\$	2020
Leanne Dumars	South Pymatuning Twp.	\$ 10.00	\$	2020
Leanne Dumars	South Pymatuning Twp.	\$ 60.00	\$	2020
Leanne Dumars	South Pymatuning Twp.	\$ 10.00	\$	2020
Christi Cratty	Springfield Township	\$ 55.00	\$	2020
Cheryl Babcock	West Middlesex Borough	\$ 90.00	\$	2020
Sandra J Ohl	West Salem Township	\$ 90.00	\$	2020
Sandra J Ohl	West Salem Township	\$ 80.00	\$	2020
Jill A Niddel	Wheatland Borough	\$ 10.00	\$	2020
Jill A Niddel	Wheatland Borough	\$ 40.00	\$	2020
Jill A Niddel	Wheatland Borough	\$ 65.00	\$	2020
Jill A Niddel	Wheatland Borough	\$ 35.00	\$	2020
		\$ 1,590.00	\$ 0.00	

CANCELLED

NAME/POSITION **EFFECTIVE** **LEVEL/STEP/GRADE**
SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

PROTHONOTARY:

Karey Rodgers 5/8/2020
 Clerical Assistant

JAIL:

Josh Conover 5/18/2020
 Part-Time Corrections Officer

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

Stephanie Lauderbaugh 5/29/2020
 Assistant District Attorney

Brian Farrone 5/19/2020
 First Assistant District Attorney

VOTER REGISTRATION:

Lauri Galentine 5/18/2020
 Clerical Assistant

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2020-178 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions.

NAME/POSITION **EFFECTIVE** **LEVEL/STEP/GRADE**
NEW HIRES

DUI SCHOOL:

Mark Benedetto 5/18/2020 DUI1-10-00 (\$40.00/hr.)
 DUI Instructor

TRANSFERS

JUVENILE PROBATION:

Joshua Leskovac 8/9/2020 PA09-07-01 (\$69,343/yr.)
 Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Transfer from Deputy Chief Juvenile
 Probation Officer

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
DOMESTIC RELATIONS:		
Amanda Baughman Conference Officer	5/11/2020	PA05-04-01 (\$20.65/hr.) Transfer from Enforcement Officer
Judy Beck Enforcement Officer	5/11/2020	PA04-00-01 (\$16.71/hr.) Transfer from Senior Procedure Clerk

SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

JUVENILE PROBATION:

Mark Benedetto 8/7/2020
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

DOMESTIC RELATIONS:

Cheryl Lewis 6/26/2020
Data Processing Tech

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APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION

2020-179

Confirm the following re-appointment to the CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD for the term as specified:

Paulette Benegasi MH/ID Director 07/01/2020—06/30/2023

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BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2020-180	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Mercer County	\$6,500,000.00 (Incoming)	Effective 5/21/2020

Amend Resolution 2019-200 for the Kelly Road Bridge project. Add \$6,500,000 (80% federal funds plus 20% state funds) to Reimbursement Agreement No. R18010028. This is to reimburse Mercer County for project costs related to construction via the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This is also associated with project reimbursement agreements R18010030 (withdrawn) and 010P48 (supplement C). The total reimbursement agreements for this project will now be \$7,695,900 including preliminary engineering, final design, utilities, right-of-way and construction.

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BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2020-181	HDR, Inc. 11 Stanwix St., Suite 800 Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1357	N/A	5/31/2020–5/31/2021

Extend the completion date for Part 1 (preliminary engineering services) related to Agreement No. 010P96 for Mercer County Bridge 803, Ohl Street, Greenville. The extension is necessary to complete the remaining tasks, including the time required to proceed with the removal process and to acquire any right-of-way that is needed.

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COURTS

RESOLUTION # 2020-184	VENDOR/CONTRACT Zito Business 102 S. Main Street, Box 665 Coudersport, PA 16915	AMOUNT \$14,382.00	DATE RANGE Effective 08/15/2020
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Approve agreement for 48-month term to provide E-line fiber connection from Farrell MDJ Office to Mercer County 9-1-1 Center for Data and Voice connectivity. New fiber connection eliminates the need for current microwave equipment. Installation/Build-Out one-time cost is \$6,750 and monthly recurring cost is \$159 inclusive.

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FISCAL/E911

RESOLUTION # 2020-185	VENDOR/CONTRACT Maher Duessel 112 Hollywood Dr., Ste. 204 Butler, PA 16001	AMOUNT N/A	DATE RANGE Effective 05/01/2020
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Accept the engagement by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) of Maher Duessel, Certified Public Accountants, to audit the Mercer County 9-1-1 Program for the year ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2019. There is no fee to the County.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2020-188	Vertiv Corporation 1050 Dearborn Drive Columbus, OH 43085	\$16,478.02	Effective 05/21/2020

Approve agreement for replacement and verification of batteries at 9-1-1 Center. Cost includes battery replacement at a cost of \$11,735.85 and installation during normal business hours at a cost of \$4,742.17. Vendor is sole OEM service provider for Vertiv products. Estimated replacement of batteries is 5 years.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2020-189	Quality Enhanced Management Systems, Inc. (QEMS) 530 Mace Street Greensburg, PA 15601	\$295,000.00 (Year 1) \$265,000.00 (Renewal)	Effective 05/21/2020

Approve shared Professional Services Agreement, PEMA #2019-046, Project # 3120190082, for use of Quality Assurance Software Program to provide required maintenance and consultation services for the maintenance and evaluation of the performance of 9-1-1 systems. The agreement is in cooperation with Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Lawrence and Venango Counties. The product Quality Administration for Emergency Services (QAES), a relational databased management solution, is in conjunction with the End User License Agreement. Cost is paid by PEMA 9-1-1 funds at no cost to the County.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2020-190	United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, LLC 5454 W. 110 th Street Overland Park, KS 66211	\$294,025.85	Effective 05/21/2020

Approve two amendments to Shared Distribution Agreement:

CenturyLink Agreement #N86339 whereby CenturyLink is providing 9-1-1 and Region 13 counties customer premise equipment (NG9111 CPE WestCORE). Amendment is to provide County with new equipment, software and maintenance.

CenturyLink Agreement #N66960, (04/25/2014) with Region 13 Counties. Amendment is to transition the existing VESTA 9-1-1 Systems to an updated state of the art, NG 9-1-1 call taking solution in conjunction with services currently provided by CenturyLink.

Cost is to be paid by PEMA 9-1-1 funds at no cost to the County.

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GRANTS

RESOLUTION	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2020-191	PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 4th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225	Up to \$300,000.00 TBD	Effective 05/21/2020

Apply for a grant for an Emergency Solutions Grant – CARES (ESG-CV) – The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 contracted by the County for sub-recipient AWARE, Inc. Funds are from three allocations of homeless assistance funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts created by coronavirus. No match dollars are required from AWARE, Inc. (sub-recipient) or from the County.

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Matthew B. McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GRANTS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2020-192	PCoRP PO Box 60769 Harrisburg, PA 17106-0769	\$20,000.00	06/01/2019–05/31/2020

Accept PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to partially offset the cost of replacing the roof at the Gooseberry Warehouse and construction of a staircase to connect the lower and upper parking lots at the Acker Building. The cost of the replacement roof was \$18,875.00 and the cost of the stairs was \$11,730.31. The balance of the cost for each project was paid by the County (roof) and CYS (stairs).

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Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: Request from Allison Mack-Gordon, President of Mercer County Humane Society for funding. Questions asked and answered.

Questions of the Media: Topics discussed included moving to the Green Phase for Mercer County. Questions asked and answered.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Mr. Boyd

Seconded: Mr. McGonigle

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners