

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 16, 2023

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: Kate Aiken, Nicki Biles, Brad Elder, Thad Hall, Jennifer Hamilton, Ann Morrison, Stephen Sherman, Amber White, Joanie Micsky, Melissa Klaric, Caleb Stright, Ann Coleman, Bill Finley

General Discussion Items: See Below.

Due to Thanksgiving, the next Commissioners’ Meeting will be November 30th.

Commissioners provided an update on the Reassessment Project from their meeting with Tyler Technologies and the Chief Assessor and staff. Data Collection is proceeding well, and they encourage the public to access the website. A new color-coded map has been added to show the progression and status of Field Data Collection in each community.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

2023-534 RESOLUTION to approve **11/9/2023** Commissioners’ Meeting MINUTES.

RESOLUTION adopted:

	Moved	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain
Timothy M. McGonigle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>

PROCLAMATIONS

2023-535 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize “Wally”, Wallace King, Veteran of WWII Army Air Core, on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

RESOLUTION adopted:

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

EXPENDITURES

2023-536 RESOLUTION to approve DISBURSEMENTS in the amount of \$6,011,768.88 for the period of 09/30/2023–10/27/2023.

\$ 5,967,489.03	County operations
\$ 2,207.36	Election Integrity Grant
\$ 7,081.67	Witness Fees
\$ 33,740.82	CDBG projects
\$ 1,250.00	Veterans’ Memorial markers

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

CYS

2023-537 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENTS(s) with the following providers for services listed

EFFECTIVE 07/01/2023–06/30/2024

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
Clover Psychological Association 2722 Wilmington Road New Castle, PA 16105	Initial Eval. 1 st Appointment – 60 minutes	\$ 125.00	Hourly
	Individual Therapy Session – 30 minutes	\$ 75.00	Hourly
	Individual Therapy Session – 45 minutes	\$ 95.00	Hourly
	Individual Therapy Session – 60 minutes	\$ 125.00	Hourly
	Family Therapy Session – 60 minutes	\$ 145.00	Hourly
	Group Therapy Session – 90 minutes	\$ 60.00	Hourly
	Psychosexual Evaluation	\$ 1,500.00	Session
	Specific Incident Polygraph	\$ 475.00	Session
	Sexual History Polygraph	\$ 450.00	Session
	Monitoring Polygraph	\$ 400.00	Session
Court Appearance	\$ 150.00	Hourly	
Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC 2840 Liberty Avenue Suite 300 Pittsburgh, PA 15222	Abraxas I – Male Drug & Alcohol	\$ 341.76	Daily
	Abraxas I – Intensive Residential	\$ 375.07	Daily
	Abraxas I – Female Drug & Alcohol	\$ 370.81	Daily
	LDP – Specialized Treatment	\$ 387.67	Daily
	LDP – South Mountain Shelter	\$ 389.12	Daily
	AYC – Fire Setter/Sexual Offender	\$ 382.82	Daily

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
	AA – Secure Residential – Habitual Offender	\$ 502.29	Daily
	AA – Detention	\$ 519.05	Daily
**Three MC children placed prior to 07/01/2023 – Contracted rates for FY 23-24 for the current episode of placement will be at the rates of:			
	Unit ID: AI (Abraxas I Male D & A)	\$ 326.31	Daily
	Unit ID: LO (Abraxas Specialized Treatment Prog.)	\$ 374.37	Daily
	Unit ID: LP (Abraxas South Mountain Shelter)	\$ 379.58	Daily
	Unit ID: CA (Abraxas Youth Center Secure)	\$ 378.61	Daily
The Clock Tower Schools 99 Aldan Avenue # 5001 Glen Mills, PA 19343	Boys Residential	\$ 305.00	Daily
White Deer Run LLC, dba Cove Prep 5972 Susquehanna Trail Turbotville, PA 17772	Secure Residential Male Sex Offender Program	\$ 350.00	Daily
	Two-week Diagnostic Evaluation Program	\$ 400.00	Daily

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HUMAN RESOURCES

2023-538 RESOLUTION to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES actions.

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>NEW HIRES</u>		
JAIL:		
Jonathan Bain Part-Time Corrections Officer	11/14/2023	JCO 00-00 (\$16.49/hr.)
Kiara Wade Corrections Officer	11/14/2023	JCO 00-01 (\$18.32/hr.)
Shawna Hartman Corrections Officer	11/14/2023	JCO 00-01 (\$18.32/hr.)

NAME/POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
Brian Gordon Corrections Officer	11/14/2023	JCO 00-01 (\$18.32/hr.)

SOIL CONSERVATION:

Rebecca Smith Part-Time Summer Intern	11/20/2023	ENVI1-10-00 (\$13.00/hr.)
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SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

JAIL:

Phillip Fusco Corrections Officer	11/3/2023
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BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2023-539	TranSystems and Mercer County/L00395	\$264,300.57	Effective 11/16/2023

Amend Resolution 2023-386 and 2020-279 related to a Consultant Agreement between Mercer County and TranSystems for Mercer County Bridges 2707 and 2717 on East Gilmore Road in Wolf Creek Township. The scope provides final design phase tasks. This project is 100% federally funded and the total engineering agreement amount is now \$575,374.43.

DISCUSSION: Bridge Engineer Elder explained the history behind the amendments noted in 2023-539 and 2023-540. These projects use the STP spike funds that were made available to Mercer County at the governor’s discretion. Jim Ritzman, Deputy Secretary for Planning, gave a presentation at the May 2017 MPO meeting and said his office was offering a \$2MM match to counties that enacted the \$5.00 registration fee per Act 89. After that meeting Mercer County coordinated with his office to determine if other “non-traditional” funds could be used for the match instead.

The County provided a list of projects which met the criteria that would be funded using “general funds” as a match in exchange for a bundle of bridges (on Hosack and Gilmore Roads) that would be provided with the \$2MM of STP. Jim Ritzman approved these funds for Mercer County in January 2019, and the reimbursement agreements were executed in April 2019. It was

anticipated that all four bridges on Hosack and Gilmore Roads would be constructed in 2020 for a total cost of about \$2M. Mercer County has completed the other projects using the matching funds.

There is no project match requirement at this time (i.e. 100% funded so far), but the \$2MM will likely be exhausted at some point. The County will either continue the project via another source of funding or cancel and repay the funds. TranSystems has invoiced about \$272,000 to date for their project work on Bridges 2707 and 2717 (Gilmore Road). HRG has invoiced about \$168,000 to date for their project work on Bridges 2107 and 2108 (Hosack Road). Both are nearly complete with the preliminary engineering phase, which is part 1 of a 5-part engineering agreement. 2023-539 and 2023-540 on the agenda initiate the final design phase (part 2) for each project.

- Part 1 determines the scope of the project including environmental clearances, permitting requirements and site constraints.
- Part 2 uses the Part 1 determinations to develop the plans and specifications, including an estimate for the cost of construction.
- Part 3 acquires any right of way determined to be needed during Part 2.
- Part 4 administers the bidding and construction contract requirements.
- Part 5 inspects the construction work.

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BRIDGE

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2023-540	Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc. and Mercer County/L00394	\$253,950.58	Effective 11/16/2023

Amend Resolution 2020-277 related to a Consultant Agreement between Mercer County and Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc. for Mercer County Bridges 2107 and 2108 on Hosack Road in Jackson Township. The scope provides final design phase tasks. This project is 100% federally funded and the total engineering agreement amount is now \$531,479.64.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2023-541	Flagzone LLC 105A Industrial Drive Gilbertsville, PA 19525	\$17,585.28	Effective 11/16/2023

Approve purchase of 20,448 cemetery flags at a cost of \$0.86 each. Vendor is low apparent responsible quote.

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DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2023-542	N/A	\$0.00	Effective 11/16/2023

Approve for disposal. No bids received.

- Canon IPF770
- Colortrac SmartLF Ci40
- PFI-107BK (2)
- PFI-107Y
- PFI-107M
- PFI-107C

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DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

RESOLUTION # **2023-543** VENDOR/CONTRACT N/A AMOUNT < \$2,000.00 DATE RANGE Effective 11/16/2023

Approve notice of sale. Bids for items are due no later than 11/27/2023 at the office of the Chief Clerk. Items are being sold in “as-is,” “where is” condition with no implied warranties or guaranties. County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

- 1 box of plain smead card guides, assorted tabs, manila, 8x6, item 57030
- 15 blue letter size acco 2 prong report cover, item 25072
- 38 Blue pressboard file guides, legal size, assorted tabs and letters/numbers

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GRANTS

RESOLUTION # **2023-544** GRANTOR Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
3101 North Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110 AMOUNT N/A DATE RANGE Effective 11/01/2023

Apply for a grant extension to the CJAB Crisis Intervention Team Enhancement Strategy (#36260) through 6/30/2024. Award Letter received December 2021 with a grant maturity date of December 2023. This request is due to a delay in the start date and the amount of preliminary work that needed to be done. There are no budgetary changes.

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Old Business: Commissioners reported on a significant budget item. The County is paying \$730.99 per diem to incarcerate youth, less than 18 years old, in an approved facility. This expense equates to a cost of \$22K per child per month. Pending court cases may continue for several months and the County is responsible for the payment. The Commissioners will attend the County Commissioners of Pennsylvania (CCAP) annual conference next week and will request this issue to be addressed by the association as a “top priority.”

New Business: Voters Registration and Election Director Hall announced that the Board of Election has completed the first signing of the Election Book. On 11/22/2023, at noon, the Election Office will “pull balls” to break the tie in several write-in elections. Hall reported that the change to Phoenix Graphics for ballot printing and distribution was a good experience.

Public Comment: None.

Questions of the Media: None.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Mr. Boyd

Seconded: Mr. McConnell

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners