

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 14, 2024

Members Present: Ann Coleman, William Finley Jr., Timothy McGonigle

Prayer: Reverend Bruce Rosa, retired Mercer County Sheriff

Pledge of Allegiance: Was held.

Others Present: Nicki Biles, Tim Callahan, Thad Hall, Jennifer Hamilton, Bill McConnell, Christian McElhaney, Stephen Sherman, Amber White, Stacey Curry, Monica Williams, Roberta Leonard, Stacy Butera, Mike McKinny, Tim Kramer, Adam Scott, Tom Roskos, Bruce Rosa, Jennifer Arnett, Kim Griffin, Zayla Griffin, Ryder Griffin, Saphira Knize, Jordan Olson, Melissa Klaric, Holly Patterson, Joanie Micsky, Roni Shilling

General Discussion Items: Two requests for Use of Courthouse Grounds were approved.

1. Mercer County National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2, 2024, and,
2. A wedding on Friday, August 9, 2024.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

2024-108 RESOLUTION to approve 03/07/2024 Commissioners' Meeting MINUTES.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATIONS

2024-109 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize Adam Cook for receiving the 2023 Community Service Award from the Grove City Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Cook is the current CEO of the Franklin/Grove City YMCA and a board member of the Grove City Chamber of Commerce for six years. Mr. Cook continually develops and promotes programs that serve community needs. He most recently developed the Early Education Center in the former Highland School Building, which also provides space for the Mercer County Head Start Program. Mr. Cook is a true servant and leader in the community.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

PROCLAMATIONS

2024-110 RESOLUTION to approve a PROCLAMATION to recognize March 17, 2024 through March 23, 2024 as Pennsylvania 4-H Week.

4-H Week showcases the incredible ways that 4-H has inspired kids to achieve their potential and highlights the remarkable youth in Mercer County who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them. 4-H’s network provides youth with opportunities for leadership development, career exploration, problem-solving, friendships, and community involvement with purpose. 4-H in Pennsylvania is delivered by Penn State Cooperative Extension in rural areas, small towns, and cities in all 67 counties of the Commonwealth.

Discussion: 4-H Educator, Jennifer Arnett, spoke about 4-H in Mercer County, stating there are 212 kids enrolled this year in 4-H, and two have been selected to sit on a 10 member panel representing the State of Pennsylvania.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

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2024-111 RESOLUTION to enter into AGREEMENT(s) with the following for services being provided:

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

VENDOR	PROGRAM	RATE	TERM
Computer Aid, Inc. 1390 Ridgeview Drive Allentown, PA 18104	Professional Fiscal Consultancy Services	\$ 110.00	Hourly
Gallo & Associates	Cognitive Assessment	\$ 250.00	Hourly
Psychological Services 60 Snyder Road Hermitage, PA 16148	Projected Testimony Fee for Cognitive Assessment	\$ 250.00	Hourly
	Mental Health Diagnostic Assessment	\$ 250.00	Hourly
	Projected Testimony Fee for Mental Health Assess.	\$ 250.00	Hourly
	Bonding/Custody Assessment (per parent + 1 child)	\$ 250.00	Hourly
	Projected Testimony Fee for Bonding/Custody	\$ 250.00	Hourly

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSONERS

RESOLUTION	GRANTEE	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-116	Buhl Park Corporation 715 Hazen Road Hermitage, PA 16148	\$20,000.00	Effective 03/14/2024

Appropriate funds from the Economic Development Capital Reserve Fund 302 for the Buhl Park Learning Center Addition. The estimated project cost is \$1,014,607.00 with additional funding sources from Corporate and Private Contributions, Foundation Gifts, and State Grants. The project will include indoor/outdoor hitting bays, fitness area, indoor putting green, space for group and corporate gatherings and expansion of current facilities for additional customer flow.

Discussion: Tom Roskos expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for the funding provided to the project, stating the benefits this project will have on the Community including the introducing golf to another generation of children in the community and the other amenities the Learning Center Addition will provide to the community.

Commissioner McGonigle explained the Economic Development Fund was established in the early 2000's for projects such as Buhl Park's Learning Center Addition and this is the funding being used for this grant.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

COMMISSONERS

RESOLUTION	GRANTEE	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-117	LSWM Community Pool Committee 25 North Street West Middlesex, PA 16159	\$20,000.00	Effective 03/14/2024

Appropriate funds from the Economic Development Capital Reserve Fund 302 for the LSWM Community Pool Renovation Project. The estimated project cost is \$206,802.35 with additional funding from three communities that share the pool, a pledge from Senator Michelle Brooks, and fundraising activities. The project will include renovations of the pool, pool house kitchen and bathrooms, a pool heater, fencing, steps, and lifeguard equipment.

Discussion: The Mayor of West Middlesex, Stacy Curry, expressed appreciation for the funding, not only for West Middlesex but also on behalf of the local municipalities involved in the Pool Project, which include Lackawannock and Shenango Townships. Mayor Curry advises the pool, and its amenities, provides recreation for all Mercer County residents.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

SHERIFF

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-118	East Coast Emergency Lighting Inc. 200 Meco Drive Millstone Township, NJ 08535	\$20,314.60	Effective 03/14/2024

Approve purchase and installation of emergency package of required after-market equipment including lighting, partitions, and safety equipment to be installed in two (2) 2023 Ford Interceptors. Costs to be paid from Fund 322.

Discussion: Sheriff Callahan advises this equipment provides his staff with all the required safety equipment for the two new units, and this company had the best pricing.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

SHERIFF

RESOLUTION	VENDOR/CONTRACT	AMOUNT	DATE RANGE
# 2024-119	TopCap Auto & Truck Accessories 738 Colt Road Transfer, PA 16154	\$1,524.00	Effective 03/14/2024

Approve purchase and installation of identifying graphics (decals) for two (2) 2023 Ford Interceptors. Costs to be paid from Fund 322.

Discussion: Sheriff Callahan informed this local company has been making and applying the graphics on the Sheriff's Office fleet for the past few years and they are the most professional and provide the best pricing.

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Vote: Yes-Mr. McGonigle

Yes-Mr. Finley

Yes-Dr. Coleman

Old Business: None

New Business: Thad Hall provided information on the voter equipment testing that will take place next week and saying that the Democrat and Republican Parties will have representatives attending the equipment testing. The Elections Office will be sending the 'mail-in ballots' out by March 25th and the ballots need to be returned within one month.

Public Comment: Commissioner Coleman informed everyone that the funding for Thiel College's grant came from Act 13 and not from Mercer County tax dollars, explaining Act 13 Unconventional Gas Well Funding is provided from the drilling industry.

Questions of the Media: None

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Mr. McGonigle

Seconded: Mr. Finley

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Mercer County Board of Commissioners