

An agenda meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at the Fayette County Courthouse first floor commissioners conference room, 61 East Main Street, First Floor, Uniontown PA.

In attendance-

Commissioner Chairman Dave Lohr
Commissioner Scott Dunn
Chief Clerk Amy Revak
Assistant County Solicitor Sheryl Heid

Commissioner Lohr welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:02 a.m. He asked everyone to stand for a silent prayer, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Redevelopment Authority

Andrew French presented the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda:

Adoption of the attached resolution which allocates funding through the Act 152 Fayette County Demolition Fund to the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority to support demolition of blighted properties.

Adoption of the attached resolution which allocates Act 137 Affordable Housing Trust Funds to the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority to support the implementation of affordable housing initiatives.

Adoption of the attached resolutions which approve revisions to Fayette County's FY 2018 and FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Adult Probation Office

Jim Kovacs presented the agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda the formal approval of the submitted grant application from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant ID:

40017; Titled: Fayette 2022-23 Cont. Co. Prob/Parole Grant. Maximum eligible funding is \$60,158.00, of which was requested for personnel costs of adult probation officers. No matching funds are required.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Assessment Office

Jim Hercik presented and explained the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda:

Approval of the following veterans for real estate tax exemption as they have been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Military Affairs having been qualified as 100% disabled veterans.

Betty E Beatty 222 Oglevee Ln Connellsville PA 15425	09-24-0052 Dunbar Township	Review	Eff Dec 2, 2022
John D Drake 108 Long St Newell PA 15466	23-04-0098 Newell Boro	Review	Eff Oct 31, 2022
Robert J Michael 488 Wharton Furnace Rd Farmington PA 15437	42-15-0005 Wharton Township	New	Eff Oct 16, 2020*
Warren J Upton Buchanan Rd Normalville PA 15469	31-07-0074-09 Saltlick Township	Review	Eff Oct 11, 2019 *
James J Vollberg 115 Rogers Mill Rd Normalville PA 15469	35-11-0028-01 Springfield Township	New	Eff Nov 18, 2022

- *Letters received by the county in December 2022.

Approval of the following: Re-establish the Real Estate & Per Capita tax payment dates and penalty rates. March 1 to April 30, 2 percent Discount Period; May 1 to June 30, Face Period; July 1 to December 31, 10 percent Penalty Period. These are the same rates as prior years, which are reestablished annually.

Adoption of Ordinance 1 of 2023 with regard to Act 41 of 2022 (SB477) amending Title 53, the Consolidated County Assessment Law with regard to the proper sub-mission of building permits by municipalities and third-party engineering firms. The ordinance shall be known as “The Parcel Improvement Notification Ordinance.” This was properly advertised.

Approval of an amendment to the Professional Services Contract between the County of Fayette and James A. Hercik, GA CPE for services to the Fayette County Assessment Office effective January 1, 2023. The amended agreement moves the budget line from 4136.51200 to 4136.53122 for 2023 and removes the director reference and adds staff training and director training.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a vote, a discussion was held about the Ordinance, and what it means for the county. Mr. Hercik explained it was a law passed throughout the commonwealth last year that spells out that engineering firms and municipalities must get their building permits to the county in a timely manner. Mr. Hercik introduced the new director of assessments, Rebecca Cieszynski.

Behavioral Health Administration

Dave Rider presented the agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda approval of the following modification agreements.

	<u>Contract Value</u>	<u>Period</u>
<u>Modification Agreement #1 2022-2023</u>		
Therapeutic Early Intervention Services, LP (TEIS)	\$12,000	07/01/22-06/30/23
<u>Modification Agreement #2 2022-2023</u>		
Fayette Resources, Inc.	\$258,981	07/01/22-06/30/23

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Building and Grounds

Chief Clerk Revak read the agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda advertising for bids to purchase fuel for a term of February 2023 to February 2024.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Children and Youth Services

Gina D’Auria presented the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda:

Approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children and Youth Services and **Alternative Community Engagement Solutions (ACES)**, 414 S. Maple Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601 for Sex Offender Services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Assessments	
Needs Assessment	\$ 250.00/per assessment
Family Needs Assessment	
Up to five (5) family members	\$1000.00
Each additional family member	\$ 200.00
Mental Health Assessment	\$ 400.00/per assessment
Additional for testing when necessary or requested	\$ 50.00
Alleged Victim/Trauma Assessment	\$ 400.00/per assessment
Additional for testing when necessary or requested	\$ 50.00
Non-Offending Parent Assessment	\$ 300.00/per assessment
Sex Offender Treatment (Group) 90-minute session	\$ 40.00/per 90-minute session
Sex Offender Treatment (Individual & Family)	\$ 75.00/hr
Reunification/Reconciliation Services	\$ 90.00/hr
Psychoeducational/Supportive Services for Caregivers	\$ 90.00/hr
Co-Parenting	\$ 90.00/hr
Therapeutic Supervised Visitation	\$ 90.00/hr
Truancy Services	\$ 90.00/hr
Consultations	\$ 50.00/hr
Report Writing	\$ 50.00/hr
Court Testimony	\$100.00/hr
Travel	\$ 30.00/hr
No-Call/No-Show Fee	\$ 25.00 flat rate per appt.
Mile reimbursement per the IRS rate.	

Approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement Addendum between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania**, 233 George Junior Road, Grove City, PA 16127 for Secure Detention on an as needed basis. The rate for this service is \$755.54 per day.

Approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **Corporate Security and Investigations (CSI)**, 3645 Brodhead Road, Monaca, PA 15061 for the conducting of investigations in an attempt to locate missing, abducted or runaway youth, youth who may be involved in sex trafficking and parents with children attempting to avoid or abscond from child welfare agencies on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

- a. \$105.00/hour for investigative services and \$80.00/hr for subpoena services. Any work beyond twenty (20) service hours, extraordinary work or surveillance will not be conducted without prior approval by a member of the Agency management.
- b. Mileage for business travel will only be billed once the Service Provider reaches Fayette County and will only be billed for travel occurring within Fayette County. Reimbursement for travel will be at the current reimbursement rate of the IRS and shall automatically update at any such time that an IRS rate update occurs.

Approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **Gerious T. George, Esquire**, 92 E. Main Street, Suite 1, Uniontown, PA 15401 for agency representation. The rate for his services is \$125.00 per hour.

Approval to purchase 3 Microsoft Surface Laptops at a cost of \$996.41 each, 3 Microsoft Surface Docking Stations at a cost of \$164.90 each, 3 Microsoft Extended Hardware Service Plans with 4-year extended service agreements at a cost of \$153.05 each, and 6 ViewSonic LED Monitors with full HD at a cost of \$108.89 each for a total cost of \$4,596.42. This purchase is through costars CDW.

Approval of the following Co-Star Leases through Ford of Uniontown which includes an 8-year 150,000-mile warranty and an extended service premium maintenance plan. Financing will be through First National Bank Commercial Leasing. The lease information is as follows:

- a. 2022 Ford Escape SE 4dr All-Wheel Drive at the cost of \$37,275.00 to be paid quarterly at the cost of \$2,167.37 for 20 payments with a \$1.00 buyout option.

- b. 2022 Ford Escape SE 4dr All-Wheel Drive at the cost of \$36,715.00 to be paid quarterly at the cost of \$2134.80 for 20 payments with a \$1.00 buyout option.
- c. 2022 Ford Escape SE 4dr All-Wheel Drive at the cost of \$35,770.00 to be paid quarterly at the cost of \$2,079.86 for 20 payments with a \$1.00 buyout option.
- d. 2023 Ford Explorer XLT 4dr 4x4 at the cost of \$54,100.00 to be paid quarterly at the cost of \$3,145.66 for 20 payments with a \$1.00 buyout option.

Commissioner Dunn yes

Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Commissioner Lohr asked about the condition of the vehicles that are being replaced. Ms. D’Auria said they are all in good condition, and one is getting a transmission replaced. Commissioner Lohr said they could be taken over by the county.

Emergency Management Agency/911

Roy Shipley presented the agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda adoption of the “Fayette County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update” as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan for the county. Plan has been approved by PEMA and FEMA.

Commissioner Dunn yes

Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Shipley said that is a five-year plan and he has already secured a grant for the next one.

Human Resources

Cristi Spiker presented the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda:

Assessment

Ratification of the hiring of Rebecca Cieszynski, Director of Assessment, Non-U Supervisor, PG 15, Step H \$31.68/hour (\$61,776.00 annually) effective January 17, 2023.

Building & Grounds

Ratification of the hiring of William Cahill, Custodial Worker I, SEIU, PG 3, SR \$11.87/hour (\$23,146.50 annually) effective December 19, 2022.

Ratification of the hiring of Logan Michaels, Custodial Worker I, SEIU, PG 3, SR \$11.87/hour (\$23,146.50 annually) effective December 27, 2022.

CYS

Ratification of the voluntary demotion of Russell Nicholson to Case Aide 1, SEIU CYS, \$14.31/hour (\$27,913.71 annually) effective December 27, 2022.

Ratification of the hiring of Maria Berry, Clerk Typist 1, SEIU CYS, \$14.24/hour (\$27,768.00 annually) effective January 3, 2023.

Ratification of the hiring of Amanda Glusica, Caseworker I, SEIU CYS, \$19.04/hour (\$37,128.00 annually) effective January 17, 2023.

ELECTION BUREAU

Approval of the resignation of Cindy Ekas-Brown, Part Time Clerk, effective January 6, 2023.

Approval of the retirement of Cheryl Karol, Department Clerk III, effective January 31, 2023.

EMA

Approval of the resignation of William Cobin, Part Time Dispatcher, effective January 9, 2023.

Ratification of the promotion of Dylan Ditmore to Full Time Dispatcher I, SEIU, PG 10, \$16.11/hour (\$33,508.80 annually) effective January 15, 2023.

Ratification of the promotion of Hailey Plavi to Full Time Dispatcher I, SEIU, PG 10, \$16.11/hour (\$33,508.80 annually) effective January 15, 2023.

Ratification of the promotion of Andrew Kelley to Full Time Dispatcher I, SEIU, PG 10, \$16.11/hour (\$33,508.80 annually) effective January 15, 2023.

FACT

Ratification of the promotion of John Difilippo to Full Time Bus Driver (Non-CDL), SEIU, PG 12, SR \$16.46/hour (\$32,097.00 annually) effective January 17, 2023.

Ratification of the hiring of Robert Softcheck, Part Time Bus Driver (Non-CDL), SEIU, PG 12, \$16.46/hour effective January 17, 2023.

Approval of the retirement of Ray McDonald, Transportation Information Manager, effective January 20, 2023.

Approval of the promotion of Robin Leonard to Transportation Information Manager, Non-U Supervisor, PG 12, Step B, \$23.76/hour (\$46,332.00 annually) effective January 23, 2023.

Approval of the promotion of Kevin Mansberry to Technician Supervisor, Non-U Supervisor, PG 11, SR1, \$20.16/hour (\$39,312.00 annually) effective January 23, 2023.

FCBHA

Approval of the separation of employment of Theresa Battaglini, County Caseworker 2, effective January 10, 2023.

Approval of the resignation of Quintana Teets, Clerk Typist 2, effective January 13, 2023.

Approval of the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Compensation Plan for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Ratification of the transfer of Travis Rhodes to Assistant Public Defender, Non-U Non Sup, PG 17, Step A, \$21.69/hour (\$42,295.50 annually) effective December 12, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes

Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Office of Human and Community Services/FACT

Rudy Dutko presented the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda:

Approval to accept the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Consolidated Capital Grant Application (CCA) for FY 2022-23. Fayette County resolves and certifies local cash matching funds of no less than \$4,659.00. (CCA is FACT's annual application for state funding of transit capital expenses to maintain a state of good repair.)

Approval to enter into a contract with West Media Group in the amount of \$850.00 for the design of a new Logo for Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation.

Approval to adopt the submitted design Logo from/by West Media Group as the final and new Logo design for use by Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation.

Approval to authorize the Director of Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation to implement the new and approved Logo design effective immediately but rolled out over a period of transition for business promotional use (for such uses as, but not limited to: use for FACT's visual name identity, use on any FACT vehicle, property and/or buildings; use on any FACT electronic format; and use for any FACT advertisement).

Commissioner Dunn yes
 Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Tax Claim

Sarah Minnick presented the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda:

Approval of the following repository bids opened December 6, 2022, subject to all conditions being met. The total bid amount is \$10,916.00.

Accepted			
Bidder	Parcel	Twp/City	Amount
DCSM Inc	38-12-0408	Uniontown City	\$2,916.00
John Hodge	38-10-0117	Uniontown City	\$8,000.00
Rejected			Total
Ken Poindexter	19-29-0023	Luzerne	\$10,916.00 Not Complete

Approval of the following repository bids opened January 3, 2023, subject to all conditions being met. The total bid amount being \$4,991.17.

Accepted			
Bidder	Parcel	Twp/City	Amount
Kimberly Herm	19-07-0031	Luzerne	\$372.48
Kimberly Herm	19-26-0013	Luzerne	\$605.46
Kimberly Herm	30-26-0087	Redstone	\$1249.47
Kimberly Herm	30-37-0001	Redstone	\$649.71
Kimberly Herm	09-33-0014	Dunbar	\$393.03
Kimberly Herm	36-14-0115	Springhill	\$358.71

Russell Mechling	38-12-0433	Uniontown	\$500
Michael Balmer	39-07-0085	Upper Tyrone	\$464.34
Michael Balmer	19-07-0004	Luzerne	\$397.97
Rejected			
Michael Balmer	30-26-0087	Redstone	Total \$4,991.17 Outbid

Commissioner Dunn yes
 Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioners

Chief Clerk Revak read the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda:

Approval of the December 13, 2022 agenda meeting minutes.

Approval of the December 15, 2022 commissioners meeting minutes.

Approval of the December 15, 2022 special commissioners meeting minutes.

Commissioner Dunn yes
 Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda approval of entering into a contract between Fayette County and the Uniontown City Police Department to run the daytime Booking Center in the annual amount of \$108,323 commencing October 1, 2023.

Commissioner Dunn yes
 Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda approval of a resolution approving certain changes to the Articles of incorporation of Lafayette Manor, Inc., and authorizing other related actions. A copy of the proposed Resolution is attached.

Commissioner Dunn yes

Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Public Announcements

Commissioner Dunn said the prior vote was about properties being sold to other entities. He said the county commissioners only appointed board members and they will no longer do that. Solicitor Jack Purcell said via zoom that attorney Gary Frankhouser will attend the Thursday meeting to explain the resolution. He said there may be slight adjustments. Commissioner Lohr said they feel it is a positive move.

The Fayette County Children and Youth Advisory Committee has one vacant position. Applicants must be a resident of Fayette County. Anyone interested in serving on this board should complete the application that is on the Fayette County CYS webpage on the Fayette County website and return it no later than February 3, 2023 to

Fayette County Children & Youth Services
130 Old New Salem Road
Uniontown, Pennsylvania, 15401

The Fayette County Hospital Authority has one vacant position. Anyone interested in serving on this board should send a letter of interest to Chief Clerk, Amy Revak at arevak@fayettepa.org or 61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401.

Letters must be received no later than February 3, 2023.

Commissioner Lohr said we recently lost Joe Hardy, a former county commissioner and he offered prayers and condolences to his family. He said he was a great man, adding that 84 Lumber is a benefit to the area and he was a World War II veteran. Commissioner Dunn said he was larger than life.

Public Comments

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY
ALLOCATING FUNDING THROUGH THE
FAYETTE COUNTY ACT 152 DEMOLITION FUND TO THE
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF FAYETTE, PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania State Legislature passed Act 152 in 2016 (P.L. 1170, No. 152); and

WHEREAS, Act 152 enabled counties within Pennsylvania to raise additional revenue to be used exclusively for demolition of blighted structures by increasing fees for recording mortgages and deeds; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution approved on April 18, 2017, the Fayette County Commissioners established the Fayette Demolition Fund in accordance with Act 152 of 2016 of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania serves as the administrator of Act 152 funds for the County to support the demolition of blighted structures throughout the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fayette that a total of **One Hundred Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$121,950.00)** is allocated to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania from the Act 152 Demolition Fund to support the demolition of blighted properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Authority of Fayette County, Pennsylvania will maintain the responsibility of insuring that the funds are expended in accordance with Act 152 of the Commonwealth.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

David Lohr, Chairman

Vincent A. Vicites, First Vice-Chairman

Scott Dunn, Second Vice-Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Pennsylvania at their meeting held on the 19th day of January, 2023.

Chief Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY
ALLOCATING FUNDING THROUGH THE
FAYETTE COUNTY ACT 137 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO THE
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF FAYETTE, PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania State Legislature passed Act 137 in 1992 (known as the Housing Trust Fund and the Optional County Affordable Housing Funds Act); and

WHEREAS, Act 137 enabled counties within Pennsylvania to raise additional revenue to be used exclusively for affordable housing needs by increasing fees for recording mortgages and deeds; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance Number 93-1, approved on September 23, 1993, the Fayette County Commissioners established the Fayette County Affordable Housing Trust Fund in accordance with Act 137 of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania has traditionally served as the administrator of Act 137 funds for the County, utilizing Act 137 funding to support a variety of affordable housing initiatives throughout the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fayette that a total of Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty One Dollars (\$82,281) is allocated to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania from the Act 137 Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support the Authority's various affordable housing initiatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Authority of Fayette County, Pennsylvania will maintain the responsibility of insuring that the funds are expended in accordance with Act 137 of the Commonwealth.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

David Lohr, Chairman

Vincent A. Vicites, First Vice-Chairman

Scott Dunn, Second Vice-Chairman

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Chief Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF FAYETTE COUNTY
AUTHORIZING REVISIONS TO THE
FISCAL YEAR 2018
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) allocated Community Development Block Grant Funds to the County of Fayette for Fiscal Year 2018 of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fayette needs to make certain revisions to the budget of the 2018 CDBG Program in order to implement CDBG-funded projects and to insure the timely expenditure of funds; and

WHEREAS, all projects funded through the County's CDBG Program will continue to benefit low- to moderate-income persons or aid in the removal of slums and blight and will also continue to comply with all applicable state and federal rules and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fayette that the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania is hereby authorized to make revisions to the budget of the County's 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program in compliance with state and federal rules and regulations as follows:

Municipality	Activity	Action	Approved Current Amount	Revised Amount
Fayette County FY2018 Revision#3	03J Water System Improvements: Point Marion Borough Water Treatment Plant Improvements	Reduced	82,200	29,000
	04 Clearance & Demolition Fayette County-Wide	Increased	118,897	172,097
	14A Single Housing Rehabilitation Program Administration	No Change	18,000	18,000
		No Change	48,094	48,094
	TOTAL		\$267,191.00	\$267,191.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania is directed to submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) such documentation as is necessary to inform them of these revisions.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners at their meeting held the 19th day of January, 2023.

(SEAL) Chief Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF FAYETTE COUNTY
AUTHORIZING REVISIONS TO THE
FISCAL YEAR 2021
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) allocated Community Development Block Grant Funds to the County of Fayette for Fiscal Year 2021 of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fayette needs to make certain revisions to the budget of the 2021 CDBG Program in order to implement CDBG-funded projects and to insure the timely expenditure of funds; and

WHEREAS, all projects funded through the County's CDBG Program will continue to benefit low- to moderate-income persons or aid in the removal of slums and blight and will also continue to comply with all applicable state and federal rules and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fayette that the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania is hereby authorized to make revisions to the budget of the County's 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program in compliance with state and federal rules and regulations as follows:

Municipality	Activity	Action	Approved Current Amount	Revised Amount
Luzerne Township FY2021 Revision#1	03K Street Improvements: Alicia Heights Road Reconstruction	Increase	30,740	32,140
	03K Street Improvements: Telegraph Road Reconstruction	Increase	18,678	23,264
	03K Street Improvements: 5 th Street Road Reconstruction	Reduce	40,533	34,547
	14A Single Housing Rehabilitation	No Change	4,000	4,000
	Program Administration	No Change	20,623	20,623
TOTAL			\$114,574.00	\$114,574.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania is directed to submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) such documentation as is necessary to inform them of these revisions.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners at their meeting held the 19th day of January, 2023.

(SEAL) Chief Clerk

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF FAYETTE (PENNSYLVANIA)**

ADOPTED JANUARY 19, 2023

WHEREAS, Lafayette Manor, Inc. ("LMI") is a nonprofit corporation duly and properly organized, currently subsisting and lawfully operating under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having been originally incorporated under Articles of Incorporation filed with the Department of State on December 18, 1975, as amended by filings completed on June 7, 1978, January 6, 2000 and April 2, 2002 (collectively, the "Articles"); and

WHEREAS, LMI was incorporated for the purpose of owning and operating skilled nursing (i.e., "Lafayette Manor", a facility originally owned and operated by the County of Fayette (the "County") and transferred to LMI) and assisted living (i.e., "Beechwood Court") facilities (together, the "Care Homes") to serve the health care needs of the residents of Fayette County, especially those who are elderly and/or of limited means; and

WHEREAS, LMI has been recognized as organized exclusively for charitable purposes as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC") and has received and maintained proper designation letters to such effect from the United States Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service; and

WHEREAS, the Articles, as complemented by the duly adopted By-Laws of LMI (the "By-Laws"), grant to the County the power to appoint members of the Board of Directors of LMI (the "LMI Board") and also specifically recognize the County as an "other body," as defined in 15 Pa.C.S.A. §5103(a), and thereby authorized to exercise certain powers, including particularly the power to adopt, amend or repeal the By-Laws of LMI, as provided under 15 Pa.C.S.A. §5504; and

WHEREAS, this Board is now advised by appropriate officials of LMI that, at the census levels experienced over the last two years, particularly as the same have been impacted by the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Care Homes are not a financially sustainable enterprise and that the continued operation of the Care Homes on their present course, without a significant capital investment for operating and improvement purposes, is not commercially feasible; and

WHEREAS, this Board is now advised by appropriate officials of LMI that LMI is presently without the financial means to make such capital investment; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for the Care Homes to continue to be able to operate, and thereby to fulfill the valuable mission of LMI to serve the health care needs of the residents of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, LMI has executed a Letter of Intent (the "LOI") from The Guardian Foundation, Inc. ("Guardian"), accepting out an offer from Guardian to assume responsibility for the future operation of the Care Homes, and to devote its financial and management resources to the preservation of operations at the Care Homes, subject to a number of conditions, including the replacement of individual members of the LMI Board with individuals to be named by Guardian, along with severance of the Corporation's present governance relationship with the County, as an "other body," as presently documented in its Articles and By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, this Board is now advised by appropriate officials of LMI that the LMI Board has determined Guardian to be a well-qualified, a properly credentialed and the most viable, candidate to assume responsibility for the continued operation of the Care Homes as described, having demonstrated a resume of national experience and success in the health care industry and having a business structure and plan, as an IRC Section 509(a)(3) "control organization," most likely able to achieve the universally desired goal of the continued operation of the Care Homes; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, this Board has determined to follow the recommendation of the appropriate officials of LMI, and to endorse and pursue the course of action outlined in the LOI as the most viable option for the continued operation of the Care Homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, this Board accepts the findings and recommendations of the appropriate officials of LMI and concurs with the basic terms and conditions of the LOI;

THAT, in order to satisfy the conditions of the LOI, the County does hereby waive, release and relinquish its power to appoint members to the LMI Board, as well as any and all rights and powers relative to the control and management of LMI, and the operations of the LMI Board, which it might otherwise have, or be entitled to, as an "other body" specifically recognized in the Articles and By-Laws of LMI; and

THAT, the County does hereby approve the form and substance of revised By-Laws for LMI, as set forth in the draft attached hereto, and does specifically authorize and approve any and all amendments and revisions to and of both the Articles and By-Laws of LMI which are determined by legal counsel to be necessary and proper to remove the County from control or management of LMI, as shall be necessary and appropriate to achieve the intent and purposes of the LOI; and

THAT, the foregoing authorization, and the whole of this Resolution, constitutes a proper proposal by this Board of a proposed amendment to the Articles and By-Laws, as contemplated by Section 1.07 of the By-Laws: and

THAT, the Chairman of the Board, appropriate members of this Board, the Chief Clerk, appropriate administrative officers and legal counsel (the "Designated Representatives") of and to the County are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such revised and amended Articles and By-Laws, together with all such additional legal instruments and agreements, as shall be necessary and appropriate to achieve the intent and purposes of the LOI, as all the same shall have been reviewed and approved by counsel before such execution; and

THAT, the Designated Officers shall cooperate with Guardian and with LMI in the preparation and filing of appropriate requests with, and the pursuit approval of, all government agencies, including without limitation, the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, as the same shall be necessary and appropriate to achieve the intent and purposes of the LOI; and

THAT, notwithstanding the foregoing, the County does hereby reaffirm and restate its claim and right to a remainder interest in the net assets of LMI upon dissolution, for deployment to continuing charitable, healthcare purposes serving the interests of the indigent elderly, as set forth in that certain "Dissolution Clause" (purportedly being an amendment to the LMI Articles, but numbered and presented as an amendment to the By-Laws) which was the subject of a certain resolution of this Board adopted February 14, 2002, and does order and direct that the substance and effect of such clause be preserved, by inclusion and restatement in the revised Articles of LMI, or by other appropriate instrument; and further that the foregoing authorizations of this Board to amendments and revisions of the Articles and By-Laws of LMI, in order to achieve the intent and purposes of the LOI, are specifically conditioned on the preservation of such remainder interest to the County, or its designee, consistent with the original said Dissolution Clause; and

THAT, the Designated Officers are hereby authorized and directed to do and to perform all such acts as shall be necessary and proper to the prompt achievement of the goals of the LOI and this Resolution.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners, this 19th day of January, 2023.

COUNTY OF FAYETTE

[SEAL]

By: _____
Name: Dave Lohr
Title: Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest:

By: _____
Name: Amy Revak
Title: Chief Clerk

By: _____
Name: Vincent A. Vicites
Title: First Vice-Chairman

By: _____
Name: Scott Dunn
Title: Second Vice-Chairman