

A (virtual) agenda meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at the commissioners meeting room of the Fayette County Courthouse, 61 East Main Street, Uniontown PA.

In attendance-

Commissioner Chairman Dave Lohr
Commissioner Scott Dunn
Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites
Chief Clerk Amy Revak
Chief County Solicitor Jack Purcell (via Zoom)

Commissioner Lohr welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. He asked everyone to stand for a moment of silent prayer followed by the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Proclamations/Presentations

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to place on the agenda the following:

Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, February 2021

Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Advisory Board Community Recognition Award

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Assessment Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to place on the agenda approval of the following five Veterans' Exemptions from real estate taxation. In each case, the named party has been qualified as a 100% disabled veteran by the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans' Affairs. The first application is new while the latter four are renewals.

Frank & Bernice I. Spataro, Jr. 1215 Indian Creek Valley Road Indian Head, PA 15446
Parcel No. 31-15-0103 Acreage: 3.7 AC Improvements: R1 RG
Deed: DB1137-107 Municipality: Saltlick Township Effective Date: October 28, 2020

Michael R. & Donna M. Opalko 243 Bethelboro Road Uniontown, PA 15401

Parcel No. 25-12-0060 Acreage: 0.378 AC Improvements: R1 BSMT RG
Deed: DB1190-749 Municipality: North Union Township Effective Date: January 5, 2021

Charles C. & Fujiko Miller 350 Fords Hill Road Grindstone, PA 15442
Parcel No. 30-06-0203 Acreage: 40.0 Improvements: R1 5RM
Deed:DB1296-148 Municipality: Redstone Township Effective Date:December 28,2020

Bruce & Kathy D. Wagner 195 Kathleen Circle Acme, PA 15610
Parcel No. 31-02-0029 Acreage: 1.15 Improvements: Cabin 3RM
Deed: RB3124-2232 Municipality:Saltlick Township Effective Date:October 30, 2020

Larry C. & Anita L. Daugherty 426 Old Route 21 Road McClellandtown, PA 15458
Parcel No. 15-28-0166 Acreage: 39.51 AC Improvements: R1 RM CARPORTS
Deed:RB3261-993 Municipality: German Township Effective Date:December 9, 2020

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to place on the agenda the approval of a contract between the Counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (including Fayette County) and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) under which the separate counties would forego, for a period of 10 years, their annual 20 cents/parcel reimbursement for every sale reported to the State Tax Equilization Board (STEB) and such funds would be used by DCED and STEB (which is an adjunct of DCED) to upgrade and replace STEB's dated TEDTrac sales tracking and analysis system. In return, each county would be granted greater access to the accumulated sales data and analysis of same by STEB. The amount of reimbursement forgone by the county annually would be in the vicinity of \$900 with the total forgone figure over the 10-year life of the agreement approximately \$9,000.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration

Lisa Ferris presented the agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to place on the agenda approval of the following agreement:

<u>Professional Services Agreement 2020-2021</u>	<u>Contract Value</u>	<u>Period</u>
Global Wordsmiths	\$1,000	07/01/20-06/30/21

Commissioner Dunn yes
 Commissioner Lohr yes
 Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Children and Youth Services

Gina D’Auria presented the agenda items.

Commissioner Lohr said they would vote on adding the items in one motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to place on the agenda approval of the following agreements:

A **FY2020-21** Purchase of Service Agreement Addendum between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **PA Professional Health Services**, 50 W. Main Street, Suite 704, Uniontown, PA 15401 for Court Testimony. The rate for this service is \$300.00.

A **FY2020-21** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation, and **LifeSpan Family Services of PA**, 203 Lane Avenue, Punxsutawney, PA 15767, for foster family placement services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00	
Foster Care (FC)	\$ 69.94
Behaviorally Challenged (BC)	\$ 89.06
Medically Needy (MN)	\$ 89.06
Emergency Placement (EP)	\$ 96.94
Respite (RP)	\$ 96.94
Kinship (KN)	\$ 59.38
Parenting Youth (PY)	\$ 115.77
ICPC Initial Licensing of Foster Home	\$ 2,700.00
ICPC Unable to be Licensed Foster Home	\$ 500.00
ICPC Monthly Support of Licensed Home	\$ 7.50

A **FY2020-21** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation, and **Taylor Diversion Programs, Inc.**, 1 Lighthouse Island, Tionesta, PA 16353 for residential/group home services, independent living program, and foster family placement services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00
Community Based Residential Delinquent and Dependent Program \$208.00/day
License # 447790 – Occupancy 10
License # 445880 – Occupancy 12
License # 446660 – Occupancy 5

A **FY2020-21** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **Wesley Family Services**, 221 Penn Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221 for foster care services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing - 250.00

Foster Family	RATE/DAY
Class AA	\$ 86.08
Class BB	\$ 77.09
Class CC	\$ 81.06
Class DD	\$ 98.05
Class EE	\$ 91.09

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

County Parks

Thomas Petrus presented the agenda item.

He asked for a motion to consider placing on the agenda approval of the purchase of a truck for the Parks Department using Costars. Commissioner Lohr said that he went back to Costars. Mr. Petrus said he went back to Costars and got the information and sent it to the commissioners to review. Commissioner Dunn asked that they get the exact truck and cost for the Thursday meeting. Mr. Petrus said

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to place on the agenda approval of the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-150 from Thurby's Riverside in the amount of \$27,695.28 for the Parks Department using Costars.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resources

Cristi Spiker presented the agenda items.

BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to place on the agenda ratification of the separation of employment of Michael Modispaw, Bridge Worker II, effective February 1, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

CYS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to place on the agenda ratification of the resignation of Brandon Johnston, Caseworker II, effective January 29, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda ratification of the hiring of Mallory Varndell, Caseworker I, SEIU CYS, \$18.49/hr. (\$36,055.50 annually) effective February 8, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

ELECTION BUREAU

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda ratification of the hiring of Danielle Guthrie, Part Time Clerk, \$10.00/hr., effective February 16, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda ratification of the hiring of Abby Renze, Part Time Clerk, \$10.00/hr., effective February 16, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda ratification of the hiring of Asia Revak, Part Time Clerk, \$10.00/hr., effective February 16, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda the hiring of Felice Hart, Part Time Clerk, \$10.00/hr., effective February 22, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda the transfer of Jennifer Bensen to Department Clerk II, SEIU, PG 5, SR, \$12.30/hr. (\$23,985.00 annually), effective February 22, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

EMA

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to place on the agenda ratification of the resignation of Michael Perry, Assistant IT Manager, effective February 5, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

FACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda ratification of the resignation of Melissa Duncan, Full Time Bus Driver, effective January 16, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda ratification of the retirement of James Mattia, Full Time Bus Driver, effective January 29, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda ratification of the hiring of John J. Fisher, Part Time Bus Driver, SEIU, PG 10, SR, \$14.53/hr., effective February 1, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda ratification of the transfer of Kimberly Mayher to Full Time Bus Driver, SEIU, PG10, Step A, \$16.15/hr. (\$31,492.50 annually) effective February 1, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Lohr asked if there was an additional HR item. Ms. Spiker said that was for Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration. She said she could read it but it was for FCBHA. Commissioner Vicites asked if they had done anything with it. Ms. Spiker said some discussion needs to occur. The commissioners took no action to put it on the agenda. The commissioners said it needs to be resolved soon.

FCBHA

No action was taken regarding a motion to consider placing on the agenda approval of the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Compensation Plan for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The item was not moved on to the voting meeting.

Office of Human and Community Services/FACT

Lori Groover-Smith presented the agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda awarding the sale of the following vehicles to the highest bidder through Municibid:

- #156 2008 Gillig Bus to Fatima Abdur-rahman in the amount of \$875
- #1102 2014 Ford 12+2 Bus to Syed Ali in the amount of \$1,025
- #1105 2015 Ford 16+2 Bus to Syed Ali in the amount of \$1,250

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Ms. Groover-Smith said she needed to add a resolution for PennDOT. She said the motion would be to consider placing on the agenda approval of a resolution authorizing the submittal and modification of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation DOTGRANT objects. She said she would send the information to Chief Clerk Revak, adding that it is a requirement. The commissioners said they would add it to the agenda on Thursday.

Planning, Zoning and Community Development

Art Cappella presented the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda ratification of a Single Application for Assistance to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$1,464,205.00 concerning the COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (HIRP). Funds to be used to

reimburse eligible businesses for revenue losses experienced due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

After the vote, Commissioner Vicites said they put their application in the week before and he thanked Mr. Cappella. He said the money will be administered locally and will help the hospitality industry. He said the grants will be between \$500 and \$5,000 and there are qualifications that must be met. He said hospitality industry businesses should apply. He said it must be administered by an economic development organization. Mr. Cappella said the money must be spent by July 15, 2021. The commissioners said they are used to deadlines for spending.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of an amendment to a PA-DCED/CFA grant for Jacobs Creek Park Phase-2 trail development. DCED modified the budget to incorporate a county match of \$24,900.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Vicites said it is important to implement master plans for the parks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of an engineer concerning Jacobs Creek Park intended to design a road inside the park as well as a second playground. Three telephone quotes have been procured.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, a discussion was held about if that work had previously been completed. Mr. Cappella said the work before was a general outline, and now they are getting into the details.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of a grant proposal to Tree Vitalize Bare Roots

Tree Program that will provide up to 20 trees to be planted at the Recycling Center to support in controlling storm water runoff.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Commissioner Dunn asked if there was a cost involved. Mr. Cappella said there was only a cost to plant them. He said the value of the trees is about \$1,000. Commissioner Vicites asked if they could get trees that don't grow high. They discussed the types of tree that will be provided and if different trees could be obtained.

Solid Waste/Recycling

Sheila Shea presented the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of the quote from J&J Garage Doors of Smithfield in the amount of \$7,200.00 to purchase and install two new garage doors at the Recycling Convenience Center.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of the quote from Alarm Monitoring of Uniontown in the amount of \$3,144.00 to upgrade and install an alarm system at the Recycling Convenience Center.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

After the vote, Commissioner Vicites asked Ms. Shea if she is in charge of the trees and said he wanted something that didn't grow 100 feet high.

Tax Claim Bureau

Sarah Minnick presented the agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of the February 2, 2021 Repository bid opening results, subject to all conditions being met. The total bid amount is \$2,336.56.

Bidder Name	Parcel Number	Twp/City/Boro	Amount
William Lowry	30-23-0006	Redstone Twp	\$1,131.56
James Hercik	38-13-0293	Uniontown City	\$255.00
Fred Pounds	05-14-0038	Connellsville City	\$950.00
			\$2,336.56

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioners

Chief Clerk Revak read the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of the January 19, 2021 agenda meeting minutes.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of the January 21, 2021 commissioners meeting minutes.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of the February 2, 2021 commissioners special meeting minutes.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval that on all solicitations for Bids, RFPs and RFQs by Fayette County, it shall be sufficient for such submissions to be sealed by any method that securely seals the bid package or envelope. Clear tape shall not be required. This policy supersedes any previous County policy with regard to accepting sealed solicitations.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Lohr said the reason for the change is that there has been confusion in the past and some good bids have been lost over over-cautious requirements. He said they are changing the requirements to avoid any issues. Commissioner Dunn said it isn't an industry standard to require clear tape. He said it should eliminate a lot of confusion. Solicitor Purcell said has represented more than 20 governmental entities and none had this requirement and it created a problem. He said most contractors were not used to this and they would overlook it. Mr. Purcell said he didn't see a real need for it and he supports eliminating it.

Public Announcements

Commissioner Dunn spoke about the COVID-19 registry. He explained how to get on the list. The commissioners discussed the lack of a requirement of an email address. Tom Petrus then clarified what the contract is that they voted to place on the agenda for Jacob's Creek Park.

Public Comments- None

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

