

A (virtual) meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, 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 at 10:01 a.m. 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

Sen. Pat Stefano, along with Lisa Ferris, presented retired Sen. Rich Kasunic with the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Advisory Board Community Recognition Award. He was nominated by Township Supervisor A.J. Boni, who also attended. Sen. Stefano said they were going to present it to Sen. Kasunic a year ago. Sen. Kasunic said the award humbles him and it means more than any other award he has received. Ms. Ferris said he has done a lot of work with the leukemia society and the autism site and he has always helped FCBHA. She said he is so deserving of the award.

Commissioner Lohr read the proclamation for Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, February 2021.

Alexa Mapstone of Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pa thanked the commissioners for the proclamation. Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pa. She presented statistics for teens experiencing violence in relationships and spoke about what violence is and how to help teens know their worth and how to talk to them. She spoke about how to deal with the issue with teens. She said they offer housing, counseling and have a hotline at 724-439-9500.

Controller

Controller Scott Abraham presented the following financial condition of the county.

Office of the Controller

Fayette County, Pennsylvania

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Controller



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DATE	February 16, 2021		
GENERAL FUND			
Cash Balance	General Ledger		\$ 3,597,130.27
TRAN Tax Anticipation Note			\$ 8,000,000.00
2021 Revenue:	Budget		\$ 42,423,021.00
	YTD		\$ 1,712,262.82
	% Received		4%
2021 Expenditures:	Budget		\$ 42,134,991.00
	YTD		\$ 3,937,832.50
	% Used		11%
2020 Expenditures Paid in 2021			\$ 1,695,164.18
DUE TO GENERAL FUND			
Payroll Payments Due to General Fund - CYS	\$	649,123.69	
CYS Cash Balance = \$2,239,841.03			
Payroll Payments Due to General Fund - 911	\$	91,886.87	
911 Cash Balance = \$528,059.83			
TOTAL			\$ 741,010.56
ACT 13 MARCELLUS SHALE FUND/FUND 13			
Cash Balance - Unconventional Wells Account			\$ 649,038.93
Cash Balance - Legacy Account			\$ 367,222.82
Cash Balance - Bridge Department Account			\$ 1,490,590.51
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND/FUND 51			
Cash Balance			\$ 92,879.26

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Assessment Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve 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 approve 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 Equalization 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

Following the vote, Commissioner Vicites said most counties are approving the contract.

Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the following agreement:

	<u>Contract Value</u>	<u>Period</u>
<u>Professional Services Agreement 2020-2021</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

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve 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.

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 approve 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

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 approve 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

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 approve 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, Wilksburg, 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve 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

BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

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

Commissioner Dunn no
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed 2-1

ELECTION BUREAU

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify 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 ratify 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 ratify 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 ratify 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 approve 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 ratify 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 ratify 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 ratify 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 ratify 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 ratify 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

Office of Human and Community Services/FACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to award 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve a resolution authorizing the submittal and modification of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation DOTGRANT objects.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Planning, Zoning and Community Development

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify 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 have a tight timeframe to accomplish it. He said the funds have been secured and they have from March 15 to the end of April

to spend the money. Commissioner Dunn said they will get the information out as soon as they can. Sen. Stefano said the work was started in his district.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve an Widmer Engineering in the amount of \$15,000 as the engineer concerning Jacobs Creek Park intended to design a road inside the park as well as a second playground.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Commissioner Dunn read the three firms that submitted quotes: Gibson Thomas Engineering for \$20,000; McMillen Engineering for \$30,700 and Widmer Engineering for \$15,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve 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

Solid Waste/Recycling

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve 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 approve 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 Dunn said they received a grant from DCED, and it will be mostly grant funded. Commissioner Vicites said it will be a drive thru drop off recycling center. Commissioner Dunn said hard to recycle items will be accepted every day it is open.

Tax Claim Bureau

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve 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 approve 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 approve 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 approve 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

After the vote, Commissioner Lohr said the reason they looked at that is because they have lost bids in the past because of the way the structure is. Commissioner Vicites said they have lost low bids because of the requirement.

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. He said they are scheduling weekend clinics for the shots. Commissioner Dunn said all the entries are time stamped and they are pulling them in order, and it will be a process, it will not happen quickly. He said the caller IDs may show different things such as hospitals, the courthouse, chamber of commerce, the Bruderhof. Commissioner Vicites said if you miss the initial call, they will call back. Commissioner Lohr said they are working to get as many shots as possible, but it will take time. The commissioners

praised the volunteers for all their work. Sen. Stefano said it isn't a supply problem, it is a demand problem. He said Fayette County has a centralized list.

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