

An agenda meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 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 Vincent A. Vicites
Commissioner Scott Dunn
Chief Clerk Amy Revak
Chief County Solicitor Jack Purcell

Commissioner Lohr asked everyone to stand for a moment of silent prayer, which was followed by the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Commissioner Dunn said they needed to amend the agenda. Chief Clerk Revak said there was items for Adult Probation, Commissioners and Planning and Zoning.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to amend the agenda to:

Consider placing on the agenda approval of a SMART grant proposal to construct the Sheepskin Trail within the city limits of the City of Uniontown. Total project cost is estimated at \$612,703.00. The program requires a non-federal match of 20% of the SMART funds being requested. In this case it is \$122,541.00. The City of Uniontown is providing the match.

Consider placing on the agenda approval of the submission of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, PCCD, Grant Application, ID: 37164; Titled: Fayette Co. 2022-23 IPP & Treatment Programs. Maximum state funding available to Fayette County is \$180,000, of which, \$108,000.00 is for non-treatment services.

Consider placing on the agenda approval to advertise for bids for the connection structure between the Fayette County Courthouse and the Ferens Building.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Public Comment on Amended Agenda Items- None

Proclamations

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of the following proclamations:

Autism Awareness Month- April 2022

Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month- March 2022

National Library Week- April 3-9, 2022

Pennsylvania 4-H Week- March 13-19, 2022

Safe Digging Month- April 2022

Child Abuse Prevention Month- April 2022

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Adult Probation Office

Jim Kovacs 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 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, PCCD, Project Modification Request (PMR) for Grant ID: 35749; Titled: Fayette 2021-22 PRC & Treatment; for a net change of \$1,331.00 for additional treatment supplies for the Fayette County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

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Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Assessment Office

Jim Hercik 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 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.

Paul A. DiPierro 609 Airshaft Rd New Salem PA 15468	30-35-0005 Redstone Twp	New	Eff	10/26/2021
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Harry S Morris 60 N Main St Fairchance PA 15436	11-10-0054 Fairchance Boro	New	Eff	1/11/2022
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Jacqueline R Rosnick 215 S Water St Point Marion PA 15474	29-02-0434 Pt Marion Boro	Renewal		
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James A. Dillinger 123 Park St Brownsville PA 15417	03-06-0198 Brownsville Twp	Renewal		
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Timothy R Reckner 84 Devan Ave Uniontown PA 15401	25-42-0022 North Union Twp	Renewal		
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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 adopting the following as Discount, Face & Penalty periods for both Real Estate & Per Capita Bills for the 2022 Fiscal year. This is to clarify a printing error on the 2022 statements recently mailed.

March 1 – April 30 th	2% Discount Period	
May 1 – June 30 th	Face Period	(erroneously printed as June 29)
July 1 – December 31	10% Penalty Period	

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 consider placing on the agenda approval of the following agreement modification.

	<u>Contract Value</u>	<u>Period</u>
<u>Modification Agreement #1 2021-2022</u>		
Western PA School for the Deaf	\$11,000	07/01/21-06/31/22

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Children and Youth Services

John Fritts presented the agenda items.

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

Approval of a **FY2021-22** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **Adoption Connection PA**, 700 Turnpike Street, Beaver, PA 15009, for foster care placement on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing \$250.00	
Cert. # 411680	Rate/day
Basic: Infant-12 Years Old, BC	\$ 68.86
Parenting Teen: 13-19 Years Old with infant, PT	\$ 102.83
Enhanced: Infant-12 Years Old with Mild Issues, YF	\$ 79.86
Therapeutic: 13-19 Years Old with Moderate to Severe Issues, OT	\$ 114.86
Therapeutic: 3-12 Years Old with Moderate to Severe Issues, YT	\$ 109.87
Enhanced: 13-21 Years Old with Mild Issues, OF	\$ 84.85

Approval of a **FY2021-22** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia**, 1291 Stanley Road NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152, for residential placement. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing	\$250.00	
Residential & Related Services		\$ 544.86/day
Education Services		\$ 208.25/day
1:1 Services		\$ 38.00/hour
Speech/Language or Occupational Therapy		\$ 116.00/hour

Approval of a **FY2021-22** Maintenance & Support Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **Ford Business Machines, Inc.**, 700 Laurel Drive, Connellsville, PA 15425 for on-site technical support at a rate of \$4,600.00 per month.

Approval of the acceptance of the reappointment of Dr. Selina Matis to a 3-year term on the Fayette County Children & Youth Services Advisory Committee. Dr. Matis's current term will expire on April 30, 2022. The new term will expire on April 30, 2025. The Advisory Committee voted unanimously, at the February monthly meeting, to recommend her reappointment to the commissioners at the March, 2022 meeting.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Economic Development

Mark Rafail presented the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of a resolution to submit a grant application request to the Business in Our Sites program from the Commonwealth Financing Authority, through the Department of Community and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the development of the North Union Commercial Park. The grant request will not exceed 40% of the project costs, and is TBD based upon amount of loan requested by J.D. & D. Enterprises from the same program.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

After the vote, Commissioner Vicites said he voted for it, but he wanted to see it done another way.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval to execute the HRG Agreement for the Fayette County Infrastructure Bank pending final legal review and approval.

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 to execute the RBC Capital Markets Agreement for the Fayette County Infrastructure Bank pending final legal review and approval.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resources

Chief Clerk Revak presented the agenda items.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

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

Approval of the retirement of Keith Collins, Custodial Worker III effective February 2, 2022.

Ratification of the promotion of Robert Klink to Maintenance Worker II, SEIU, PG 8, Step A, \$15.07/hour (\$31,345.60 annually) effective March 1, 2022.

Approval of retirement of Charles Pulig, Maintenance Worker I effective March 4, 2022.

Ratification of the promotion of Jonnie Shandor to Maintenance Worker I, SEIU, PG 6, SR1, \$13.15/hour (\$25,642.50 annually) effective March 7, 2022.

The hiring of Steven Landis, Maintenance Worker II, SEIU, PG 8, SR, \$13.54/hour (\$28,163.20 annually) effective March 21, 2022.

CYS

The hiring of Dianna Pluto, Fiscal Tech, SEIU CYS, \$18.14/hour (\$35,371.57 annually) effective March 21, 2022.

Approval of the acceptance into the Child Welfare Education of Leadership (CWEL) program to begin fall of 2022 for Jessica Burden, Caseworker.

EMA

Ratification of an unpaid internship for Jakob Sabatula to begin February 21, 2022 for 120 total hours to end in May 2022.

Approval of the resignation of Ricki Sampson, Part Time Dispatcher, effective March 7, 2022.

Approval of the resignation of Gianluigi Langeri, Part Time Dispatcher, effective March 7, 2022.

FACT

Approval of the resignation of John Isler, Full Time Bus Driver, effective February 21, 2022.

Approval of the separation of employment of Lori Groover-Smith, Director of Human Services, effective February 22, 2022, due to her passing.

Ratification of the hiring of Khattie Goodwin, Full Time Bus Driver (Non-CDL), SEIU, PG 12, SR \$15.53/hour (\$30,283.50 annually) effective March 1, 2022.

Ratification of the hiring of Lawrence Grace, Part Time Bus Driver (CDL), SEIU, PG 14, SR \$16.64/hour effective March 1, 2022.

Approval of the retirement of Anthony Theodori, Mechanic Tech A effective March 1, 2022.

Ratification of the hiring of Charles Crago, Full Time Bus Driver (Non-CDL), SEIU, PG 12, SR \$15.53/hour (\$30,283.50 annually) effective March 7, 2022.

Ratification of the promotion of Donald Gano to FACT Dispatcher, Non-Union, Supervisor, PG 9, Step B, \$21.23/hour (\$41,398.50 annually) effective March 7, 2022.

The promotion of Kevin Mansberry to Mechanic Tech A, SEIU, PG 16, SR, \$17.78/hour (\$34,671.00 annually) effective March 21, 2022.

FCBHA

After her arrival, Cristi Spiker presented the remaining agenda items.

Ratification of the hiring of Sara Sichi, County Care Manager, Non-Union, PG 39, Step OO, \$31.26/hour (\$60,957.00 annually) effective February 28, 2022.

Approval of the resignation of Benjamin Crable, MR Program Specialist 2, effective March 4, 2022.

Ratification of the promotion of Brenda Buskirk to MH Program Specialist 1, Non-Union, PG 39, Step KK, \$27.97/hour (\$54,541.50 annually) effective March 7, 2022.

The promotion of Sherri Mitchell to Deputy MR Administrator 1, Non-Union, PG 44, Step YY, \$48.62/hour (\$94,809.00 annually) effective March 21, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resources

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of the collective bargaining agreement between the County of Fayette Board of Commissioners and SEIU 668 (Master Unit) employees represented by SEIU 668 for the period of January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025.

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 a Bring Your Kids to Work Day for all county employees on April 28th, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

After the vote, Solicitor Purcell said he assumes that excludes the jail and Ms. Spiker said someone from FACT asked also. She said it has to be in a building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of updates to county policies 6.2 Travel and Business Expenses, 6.3 Directive on Outside Communications and 6.6 Vehicle Use and Operations effective March 17, 2022.

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 amended Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Compensation Plan for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

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:

Approval of a PA-DCNR grant proposal for improvements at Mill Run Park, Springfield Township, a Fayette County owned park – including ADA upgrades and a walking trail around the park facility that is approximately one quarter mile. Total project is TBD.

Approval of a SMART grant proposal for design of the Sheepskin Trail – from South Union Township (Hutchinson area) to Fairchance Borough – approximately 4.5 miles. The match will be paid through loss revenue. Total project cost is \$312,500.00. SMART funding request is \$250,000.00 and match amount is \$62,500.00.

Approval of a PA-DCNR grant proposal for construction of trails at both Dunlap Creek Park and German-Masontown Parks, Fayette County owned. Total project cost is TBD.

Approval of a grant/loan proposal to the USDA for a security wall in front of the Main Courthouse Building. Total project cost is \$1,140,491.00.

Approval of a supplemental engineering agreement for Bridge 73. The supplemental agreement is for Design Services during Construction. Total cost is TBD.

Approval of a SMART grant proposal to construct the Sheepskin Trail within the city limits of the City of Uniontown. Total project cost is estimated at \$612,703.00. The program requires a non-federal match of 20% of the SMART funds being requested. In this case it is \$122,541.00. The City of Uniontown is providing the match. The County Commissioners shall also provide a letter of support.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, a discussion was held about whether or not the county or the city were the applicant for the grant. Commissioner Vicites said he believed it was the city that was the applicant. Solicitor Purcell said usually you don't provide a letter of support to your own application. Mr. Cappella said the county was going to be the applicant. Commissioner Vicites said he spoke with SPC and the city was going to be the applicant. Mr. Cappella said he thought the only municipality that could apply is the city of Pittsburgh. Commissioner Dunn said he also thought that.

Commissioner Vicites said he could have messed that up and Solicitor Purcell said it needed clarified for Thursday. For number two, PennDOT is the applicant. For number three, Mr. Cappella said last year it was denied so they are applying again. Commissioner Vicites said they are trying to step up the Sheepskin Trail to have two sections going at the same time. Commissioner Dunn said they are now building by Point Marion and there will be four sections of the trail under four different modes. The commissioners said there are other grants available from the federal government.

Tax Claim Bureau

Sarah Minnick 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 following bids opened on March 1, 2022, Subject to all conditions being met. Total accepted bid amount is \$4,263.88.

Accepted Bids

Bidder Name	Parcel	Twp/City/Boro	Amount
Deborah Berry	34-35-0012	South Union Twp	\$1,019.63
Cody Knotts	05-07-0313	Connellsville City	\$688.45
Cody Knotts	05-07-0315	Connellsville City	\$2,555.80
			\$4,263.88

Rejected Bids Bidder Names	Parcel	Twp/City/Boro	Amount	Reason
Jason Paul	05-11-0261	Connellsville City	\$100.00	Unmarked
Eric Holcomb	02-02-0020	Brownsville Boro	\$607.41	Unmarked/personal check
Jimmy Merosier	19-33-0013	Luzerne Twp	\$420.00	Unmarked
JJ Bizelia	19-02-0020	Luzerne Twp	\$1,000.00	Unmarked
Scott Jordan	30-06-0080	Redstone Twp	\$651.00	Banned/didn't record from last sale

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 for the Director of Tax Claim to attend the Tax Claim Association Spring conference held in State College, on April 22, 2022. Total budgeted cost is \$103.00.

Approval to charge a non-refundable pre-registration fee of \$20, in accordance with Act 33 that was passed making it mandatory to pre-register bidders and charge a fee.

Commissioner Dunn yes
 Commissioner Lohr yes
 Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Ms. Minnick said they should have started charging a fee last year, adding that it is being mandated by the state.

Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of the February 15, 2022 commissioners agenda 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 17, 2022 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 appointing James A. Hercik, GA CPE as Chief Assessor/Director of Assessments in the Assessment Office effective February 22, 2022 under a Professional Services Agreement.

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 to adopt a resolution to apply for \$410,000 LSA grant for property acquisition work in Dunbar and North Union Townships for the Sheepskin Trail.

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 to advertise for bids for the connection structure between the Fayette County Courthouse and the Ferens Building.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Public Announcements

Commissioner Dunn said there is a nonprofit grant symposium on March 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at Penn State. He said an agricultural round table will be held on April 8. He said they have enough suits they need people in dungarees to attend.

Mr. Hercik said the tax claim preregistration amount is nonrefundable. Solicitor Purcell said it must be paid every time. Chief Clerk Revak said she would add in the motion that

it is nonrefundable. Ms. Minnick said the bidders must meet certain criteria to be able to register.

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