

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

In attendance-

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

Commissioner Lohr opened the virtual meeting at 10:04 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

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

National Library Week, April 4-10, 2021

Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2021

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Fayette County Redevelopment Authority

Andrew French presented the agenda item. He said the project has been discussed for a long time. He said the county was fortunate to get two awards through the state capital budget to support the project. He said \$500,000 was received in in 2019 and \$2 million in 2020. He said the county has allocated \$1 million through the capital budget to support the project. Mr. French said a sales agreement was approved by the redevelopment authority and they are beginning the subdivision process. He said the money would be used to acquire the property and as a match for the money coming through the state. He said there is a \$2.5 million match requirement. He said there 57 acres to develop like the existing business park. He said the county will install the infrastructure and then sell the lots for private development. Commissioner Vicites asked if he spoke with Sam Lynch. Mr. French said they have discussed where the money will come from. He said the money will be needed in about 90 days.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of a Cooperation Agreement between the County and the Redevelopment Authority providing funding for the Fayette County Business Park – Mt. St. Macrina Economic Development Initiative, as attached.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Adult Probation Office

Jim Kovacs presented the agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of the formal submission of the Project Modification Request Signature Page to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), Titled: Fayette IPP Treatment Program 2020-2021, Grant ID: 34282. The Project Modification Request is for an additional \$37,037.00 for program personnel costs.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Assessment Office

Chief Clerk Revak read the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to consider placing on the agenda approval of the following 11 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 six applications are new while the latter five are renewals.

William A. & Marlene R. Edwards 234 Montgomery Road Scottdale, PA 15683
Parcel No. 39-07-0164-10 Acreage: 0.603 AC Improvements: R1 ATTD RG RM
Deed: 1348-164 Municipality: Upper Tyrone Township Effective Date: December 16, 2020

Chance W. Thompson 1303 Buckeye Street Connellsville, PA 15425
Parcel No. 05-13-0087 Acreage: 0.41 AC Improvements: R1 BSMT RG
Deed: RB3389-2367 Municipality: Connellsville City Effective Date: January 20, 2021

Dianna Lee Jackson 306 Dixon Blvd Uniontown, PA 15401
Parcel No. 34-10-0016 Acreage: 0.29 AC Improvements: R1 BSMT RG
Deed: RB3446-872 Municipality: South Union Township Effective Date: December 3, 2020

Lawrence E. & Dorothy S. Wilson 145 French Island Road Perryopolis, PA 15473
Parcel No. 27-11-0059 Acreage: 0.62 AC Improvements: R1 ATTD RG RM POOL
Deed: DB1239-540 Municipality: Perry Township Effective Date: November 4, 2020

James Clarke & Christine K. Lee 748 Pleasant Valley Road Connellsville, PA 15425
Parcel No. 04-25-0301 Acreage: 1.25 AC Improvements: R1
Deed: RB3274-1371 Municipality: Bullskin Township Effective Date: January 21, 2021

David A. & Christine Martin 2329 Dinner Bell-Five Forks Road Farmington, PA 15437
Parcel No. 42-28-0039-02 Acreage: 1.466 AC Improvements: R1 RG
Deed: RB3455-1658 Municipality: Wharton Township Effective Date: December 15, 2020

Richard L. & Glenda G. Grant 723 First Street New Salem, PA 15468
Parcel No. 22-13-0079 Acreage: 2.00 AC Improvements: ½ RS2 RG
Deed: RB745-103 Municipality: Menallen Township Effective Date: October 28, 2020

Patrick E. & Lauren G. Livingston 535 Old Braddock Road Lemont Furnace, PA 15456
Parcel No. 25-40-0101-02 Acreage: 4.72 AC Improvements: R1 RM
Deed: RB1564-286 Municipality: North Union Township Effective Date: January 13, 2021

George & Ruth A. Dressel 1268 Beaver Creek Road Farmington, PA 15437
Parcel No. 16-07-0001-17 Acreage: 2.001 AC Improvements: Doublewide ATTD RG RM
Deed: RB804-298 Municipality: Henry Clay Township Effective Date: December 30, 2020

William E. & Sue Ann Stewart, Jr. 200 Denney Road Uniontown, PA 15401
Parcel No. 22-21-0164-05 Acreage: 2.65 AC Improvements: R1
Deed: RB2937-375 Municipality: Menallen Township Effective Date: February 3, 2021

James C. & Linda L. Whipkey 31 East Church Street Fairchance, PA 15436
Parcel No. 14-31-0126 Acreage: 0.317 AC Improvements: R1 RG
Deed: DB1162-21 Municipality: Georges Township Effective Date: February 12, 2021

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to consider placing on the agenda approval of the following for admittance into the Wharton Township LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance) program:

Applicant: Klay LLC Parcel No. 42-05-0074-01 Purpose: Construction of a 12 x 20 Storage Shed

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 Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to consider placing on the agenda approval of the following agreements:

	<u>Contract Value</u>	<u>Period</u>
<u>HealthChoices Reinvestment Agreement – 2017 Funds Modification #1</u>		
Cheryl McNeil, Ph.D	\$19,250	N/A
<u>Modification Agreement #1 2020-2021</u>		
Western PA School for the Deaf	\$8,000	07/01/20-06/30/21

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Building and Grounds

Ray Eicher presented the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to consider placing on the agenda approval to advertise to accept bids on the following county owned vehicles:

1999 Chevy 2500 truck	1GC0K24R0XR703679
2001 GMC DUMP TRUCK	1GDLH1BGYJ528568
2005 FORD E350 BOX TRUCK	1FDXE455X5HB19499
1995 FORD RECYCLE TRUCK	1FDXF82C1SVA66190

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 accept bids or to junk the following county owned vehicles. All of these vehicles have been sitting at the bridge dept. for four-plus years with bad motors, transmissions, frames, and are beyond repair.

2006 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	2FAFP71W46X125021
2008 FORD ESCAPE	1FMCU93198KC90776
2005 CHEVY VENTURE	1GNDV03E25D133862
2006 CHEVY UPLANDER	1GNDV23176D123422
2001 JEEP CHEROKEE	1J4FF482X1L562211
2007 DODGE CARAVAN	1D4GP25E57B168079
2006 FORD E350 VAN	1FT553486DB07391
1998 FORD WINDSTAR	2FMZAS1U7WBC74723
2000 CHRYSLER TOWN COUNTRY	1C46P44R3YB744900
2007 GMC ENVOY	1GKDT13SB72207190
2001 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT	1J4FF48541L619362
2001 GRAND CHEROKEE LARAEDO	1J4GW8541C700950
1999 PLYMOUTH BREEZE	1P3E146C9XN5S1830
1997 JEEP CHEROKEE	1J4FJ6855VL603087
2001 JEEP SPORT	2J4FF48581L561210
2004 FORD FREESTAR	2MZA5163413A21560
2001 JEEP CHEROKEE	1J4FF489591L533148
1998 JEEP CHEROKEE	1J4FJ6852WL197531

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 authorizing the preparation of specifications by a qualified engineering firm determined by the director of Building and Grounds to repair the EMA building at the Joseph A. Hardy/Connellsville Airport and the advertising of bids for the repairs.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Mr. Eicher was asked who would prepare the specifications. He said Sleighter Engineering did the original specifications. He said he was planning to call

another engineer but he would do what they ask. A discussion ensued about how detailed the specifications will be and if the project needs monitored.

Children and Youth Services

John Fritts presented the agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of a **FY2020-21** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services & **Appalachian Youth Service**, 135 Sanborn Lane, Ebensburg, PA 15931 for Residential and Foster Care Services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00	
Kathy's House	\$ 183.94/day
Day Treatment Program	\$ 40.27/day

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 acceptance of the reappointment of Jennifer George, to a 3-year term on the Fayette County Children & Youth Services Advisory Committee. Jennifer George's current term will expire on March 31, 2021. The new term will expire on March 31, 2024. The Advisory Committee voted unanimously, at the February monthly meeting, to recommend her reappointment to the commissioners at the March, 2021 meeting.

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 purchase six Microsoft Surface Laptops at a cost of \$963.81 each, six Microsoft Surface Docking Stations at a cost of \$166.88 each, six Microsoft Extended Hardware Service Plan extended service agreement- four-year at a cost of \$156.02 each, 10 Startech.com Mini DisplayPort to HDMI Video Adapter Converter at a cost of \$17.77 each, and 12 Tripp Lite High Speed HDMI Cable w/Audio UHD at a cost of \$8.88 each for a total cost of \$8,004.52. This cost was sought from CDW-G as part of the state Costars program.

Commissioner Dunn yes

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

County Parks

Thomas Petrus presented the agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval for the County Parks Department to rent out pavilions at all 3 of the parks. The pricing is described below.

Penalty fee = if pavilion is not cleaned all debris staples streamers and trash are not removed and all garbage is to be taken with the occupant and or taken to dumpster if one is available on site. Anything left behind will incur a penalty fee.

Dunlap Creek 5 pavilions same size \$60 a day with a \$40 penalty fee Dumpster is available on site

Jacobs Creek 4 pavilions same size \$60 a day with a \$40 penalty fee

German Masontown Park 6 pavilions ranging in sizes 2 Large pavilions \$75 a day with \$50 penalty fee; 3 Small pavilions \$35 a day with a \$25 penalty fee

1 mid-sized pavilion not for rent it is by ballfield and I will leave that open for the teams that will be playing for family to utilize.

Dumpster is available on site

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Petrus explained the pricing and how the schedules will be listed on the website.

Human Resources

Cristi Spiker presented the agenda items.

CYS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda ratification of the hiring of Jessie Davis, Caseworker I, SEIU CYS, \$18.49/hr.; (\$36,055.50 annually) effective March 1, 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 resignation of Danielle Guthrie, Part Time Clerk, effective February 18, 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 Brenda Pennington, 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 ratification of the promotion of Melissa Rexrode to Department Clerk III, SEIU, Pay Grade 7, Step A, \$14.57/hr. (\$28,411.50 annually) effective March 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 promotion of Jennifer Bensen to Department Clerk III, SEIU, Pay Grade 7, Step SR1, \$13.50/hr. (\$26,325.00 annually) effective March 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 promotion of Billie Jo Guthrie to Deputy Director of Voters, Non-Union Supervisory, Pay Grade 8, Step B, \$19.84/hr. (\$38,688.00 annually) effective March 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 promotion of Janice Lake to Election Technology Manager, Non-Union Supervisory, Pay Grade 8, Step C, \$20.44/hr. (\$39,858.00 annually) effective March 1, 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 retirement of Donald Gallagher, Full Time Bus Driver, effective March 5, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

PUBLIC DEFENDER

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda ratification of the hiring of David Kaiser, Assistant Public Defender-Specialty Courts, Non-Union Non-Supervisory, Pay Grade 17, Step D, \$22.94/hr. (\$44,733.00 annually) effective March 8, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

FCBHA

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approving the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Compensation Plan for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Office of Human and Community Services/FACT

Lori Groover-Smith presented the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda agreements with Fayette County Housing Authority and Fayette County Community Action Agency for administering the Emergency Rental Assistance Program on behalf of the County.

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 amendment of agreements for HSDF FY 2020-21 as follows:

- Center in the Woods decrease by \$3,269
- Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration decrease by \$62,000
- Albert Gallatin Human Services increase by \$3,700
- Fayette County Drug & Alcohol increase by \$6,400
- Fayette County Community Action Agency increase by \$43,169
- City Mission Living Stones Inc increase by \$12,000

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 an amendment to a PA DCED/CFA grant for Jacobs Creek Park Phase 2 trail development. Specifically, DCED modified the budget to incorporate a county cash commitment of \$24,900.00, and, requesting the full amount of the project -- \$181,292.00.

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 consider placing on the agenda approval of an amendment to an USDA Rural Development grant/loan application for county vehicles. The amendment involves adding seven (7) vehicles to the proposal increasing the total to fifteen (15).

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Commissioner Lohr asked how much the county will be responsible to pay. Mr. Cappella said the total amount is \$450,000 and the county will be responsible for about \$180,000 or 40 percent of the amount.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda RZ 21-01, Frances Burwell, German Township, requesting a change of zone from A-1 Agricultural-Rural to B-1 General Business.

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 awarding RFQ 21-01 to TBD for the digitization of zoning maps.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Commissioner Lohr asked if the bids had come in. Mr. Cappella said the bids were in and the interviews were the next day. He said there would be a recommendation for the Thursday meeting.

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 following repository bids opened on March 2, 2021, subject to all conditions being met. Total bid amount is \$6,211.00
Accepted

Name	Parcel	Twp/City/Boro	Amount
Big River Enterprises	05-09-0542	Connellsville	\$2,278.00
Kenneth Forsythe	30-27-0039	Redstone	\$500.00
Kenneth Forsythe	30-26-0163	Redstone	\$1,200.00
Tom Phillips	05-09-0541	Connellsville	\$550.00
Robert Work	19-26-0059	Luzerne	\$750.00
Baijet Karim	38-03-0269	Uniontown	\$933.00
		Total	\$6,211.00

Rejected			
	05-09-0541	Connellsville	OUTBID
Big River Enterprises			

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Veterans Affairs

Brian Bensen 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 for flags- US Flag Maker of Marietta, GA at a cost of \$0.60 each = \$18,576 includes freight.

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 following for Markers- All Quality Memorial Markers of Smoketown PA at a cost of \$7.00 each = \$12,425 includes freight.

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 consider placing on the agenda approval of the February 16, 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 February 18, 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 26, 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 of the March 10, 2021 commissioners special meeting minutes.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Public Announcements- None

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