

An agenda meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 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** welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and 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.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to amend the agenda to add under Election Bureau:

Consider placing on the agenda approval of an increase in payroll for Election Day Precinct works as follows:

Judge of Election \$160  
Majority Inspector \$130  
Minority Inspector \$130  
Clerk \$130  
Constable \$130

The increases in pay are budgeted and precinct worker training and travel expenses remain the same.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Proclamations/Recognitions**

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

Mental Health Awareness Month- May 2022

Laurel Highlands High School Boys Basketball 2022 WPIAL Class 5A Championship Team and Coaches

Laurel Highlands High School Boys Soccer WPIAL Class AAA Section 3 player of the year Matt Lucas and Coaches

Frazier High School 2022 AA PIAA State 172-pound Wrestling State Champion Rune Lawrence and Coach

Connellsville Area High School 2022 WPIAL Class 3A 160-pound Wrestling Champion Jared Keslar and Coach

Brownsville Area High School girls Cross Country 2A WPIAL and PIAA individual champion Jolene Quarzo and Coach

Retired U.S. Army Major Lenora Byrd

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Commissioner Lohr** said he was going to have Behavioral Health go first.

**Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration**

**Lisa Ferris** presented the agenda items. She said the first two are modifications and the third is a new agreement. He said the Mr. Ek would train the new person and the contract is as needed. Commissioner Lohr said he wanted to have discussions about the new contract prior to approving it. He said they would vote on the first two and then table the third.

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

<b><u>Modification Agreement #1 2021-2022</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Value</u></b>	<b><u>Period</u></b>
The Arc of Fayette County	\$271,425	07/01/21-06/31/22
Laurel House, Inc.	\$475,325	07/01/21-06/31/22

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 table the following agreement:

Professional Services Agreement- Christopher Ek      \$20,000      05/07/22-12/31/22

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 approving 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 veteran.

Barbara E Rohaley      22-02-0104      New      Eff    3/2/2022  
100 Rohaley Ln      MenallenTwp  
Waltersburg PA 15488

Patricia A Szuch      02-10-0367      New      Eff    2/10/2022  
626 Howard Ln      Brownsville Boro  
Brownsville PA 15417

Frank E Cole      34-15-0038      Renewal  
38 Lebanon Ave      South Union Twp  
Uniontown PA 15401

Jason Moats      25-29-0060      New      Eff 12/06/2021  
211 Dillon Dr      North Union Township  
Lemont Furnace PA 15456

Charles J Thrasher      27-13-0068-01New      Eff 12/27/2021  
280 Fayette City Rd      Perry Township  
Perryopolis PA 15473

Samuel C Wood      14-17-0231      New      Eff 01/20/2022  
115 Mt Road      Georges Township  
Uniontown PA 15401

Patrick V Thompson      27-11-0058-02      Renewal  
130 French Island Rd      Perry Township  
Perryopolis PA 15473

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 approving an Amended Resolution 21-01-21-29 to read “Fayette County Tax Collectors shall be compensated at a rate of \$ 3.05 per “county real estate” bill for the period January 1, 2022, thru 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 approving five (5) assessors to attend the Assessors Association Annual Conference May 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Each assessor will receive 15 continuing education credits toward their biannual state certification requirement. Cost is \$540 per person registration and classes. This is budgeted for in 4136.53350. James A. Hercik, CPE Jared Billy, CPE Sarah Byers, CPE Jenn Thomas, CPE Sam Murphy, CPE.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites 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 Vicites to consider placing on the agenda the following:

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 **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	\$ 99.58
Class BB	\$ 90.65

Class CC	\$ 94.55
Class EE	\$ 104.65
Class FF	\$ 89.65
Family Profile	\$2,950.00

Approval of a **FY2021-22** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **CPP Behavioral Health**, 253 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401 for referrals, psychological evaluations, testing, court testimony and court reports. The rates are as follows:

In-Home Drug & Alcohol Services	
Individual Therapy (per 15 min)	\$ 26.50
Family Therapy (per 15 min)	\$ 26.50
Court Testimony (for services purchased by the County)	\$ 85.00/hr

Approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services, and **Avanco International, Inc.**, 12685 Wiltonshire Drive, Clifton, VA 20124, for child accounting and profile system application service agreement relating to support services. The cost for this service is \$10,305.89 per quarter.

Approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of **HIPAA Business Associate Agreement Addendum** supplements and is made part of the agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **Avanco International, Inc.**, 12685 Wiltonshire Drive, Clifton, VA 20124, for child accounting and profile system application service provider agreement relating to privacy and security services. There is no change to the cost of this service.

Approval of a **FY2022-23** Addendum for Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services, and **Avanco International, Inc.**, 12685 Wiltonshire Drive, Clifton, VA 20124, for a business agreement for Consulting and Ad Hoc IT Services and Support. The rates are as follows:

Research Analyst	\$ 54.50/hr
Junior Programmer	\$ 65.40/hr
Junior Programmer Analyst	\$ 73.00/hr
Programmer Analyst	\$ 76.20/hr
Senior Programmer Analyst	\$ 78.70/hr
Developer	\$ 92.50/hr
Senior Developer	\$ 111.20/hr
Project Director	\$ 125.00/hr

Approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services, and **Avanco International, Inc.**, 12685 Wiltonshire Drive, Clifton, VA 20124. CWIS 2.0 Upgrades. Upgrades include the following services: reports, research findings, project design specifications,

anticipated training requirements, infrastructure status and estimated target dates, schedules and critical checkpoints and deliverables. The total cost of CWIS 2.0 Upgrades is \$350,000.00 and is shared by all CAPS counties. The cost has been proportionally allocated across counties based on the number of users in each county compared to the total number of CAPS users. The cost of the CWIS 2.0 Upgrades for Fayette County is a fixed price of \$6,351.15.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

#### **Election Bureau**

**Billie Jo** Guthrie presented the agenda items.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to consider placing on the agenda ratification of the fourth amendment to the voting system agreement between Dominion Voting Systems Inc. and Fayette County, as attached.

Commissioner Dunn no  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

### **Motion passed 2-1**

**Prior to** a motion, Commissioner Vicites asked about it. Marybeth Kuzniak explained the amendment, saying when there was the statewide recount there was an additional scanner received so the ballots didn't have to be hand counted. She said the county was then offered the opportunity to purchase the scanner at a reduced price. A discussion ensued about the warranty length and the need for the scanner. Commissioner Dunn said it is already signed, so it should be a ratification.

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Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**After the vote**, Commissioner Lohr said hopefully the pay raise will fill all the holes. Commissioner Dunn said they still need precinct workers.

**Emergency Management Agency/911**

**Roy Shipley** 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 contract with JH Consulting for updating the County Commodity Flow Study at a cost of \$6,100.00. We have received funding under our Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant to cover the cost.

Approval for James Bittner EMA Planner/Training Officer to attend a two-day Basic Inland Search and Rescue Class May 12-13 being held at PEMA Headquarters in conjunction with the United States Air Force and U.S. Coast Guards. Cost will be for 2 nights hotel and meals.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Human Resources**

**Cristi Spiker** presented the agenda items.

**FCBHA**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda ratification of the promotion of Jeremiah Johnson, County Social Worker 1, at \$37.39 per hour, \$72,910.50 annually, effective March 21, 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 retirement of Gerald Griffith, County Mental Health Program Specialist 1, effective May 2, 2022.

Approval of the retirement of Glenda Moore, Medical Records Assistant, effective May 2, 2022.

Approval of the resignation of Chris Ek, Network Administrator 1, effective May 6, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

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

Ratification of the hiring of Melissa Arnold, Custodial Worker, SEIU, PG 3, SR \$11.87/hour (\$23,146.50 annually) effective March 21, 2022.

Ratification of the promotion of Joshua Wadler to Custodial Worker III, SEIU, PG 4, Step C, \$14.32/hour (\$27,924.00 annually) effective March 21, 2022.

Ratification of the hiring of Aaron Rowe, Custodial Worker, SEIU, PG 3, SR \$11.87/hour (\$23,146.50 annually) effective March 28, 2022.

Ratification of the hiring of George Wyland, Maintenance Worker I, SEIU, PG 6, SR, \$13.10/hour (\$25,545.00 annually) effective April 18, 2022.

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 hiring of Tyler Metzger, Part Time West Nile Virus Technician, Non-Union, \$12.05/hour, effective May 2, 2022.

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 consider placing on the agenda:

Approval of the resignation of Dianna Pluto, Fiscal Tech, effective April 1, 2022.

Approval of the hiring of Mia Fuller, Caseworker I, SEIU CYS, \$19.04/hour (\$37,134.15 annually), effective April 25, 2022.

Approval of the hiring of Russell Nicholson, Caseworker I, SEIU CYS, \$19.04/hour (\$37,134.15 annually), effective April 25, 2022.

Approval of the resignation of Velencia Fields, Caseworker II, effective April 29, 2022.

Approval of the resignation of Haley Gray, Caseworker I, effective May 23, 2022.

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 promotion of Christina Shanaberger to Department Clerk II/Voting Machine Tech, SEIU, PG 5, \$12.66/hour (\$24,687.00 annually) effective April 11, 2022.

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 consider placing on the agenda:

Ratification of hiring of Rebecca Glessner, Dispatcher Trainee, Non-Union, \$10.00/hour, effective April 4, 2022.

Ratification of hiring of Kelly Phillips, Dispatcher Trainee, Non-Union, \$10.00/hour, effective April 4, 2022.

Ratification of hiring of Emma Racz, Dispatcher Trainee, Non-Union, \$10.00/hour, effective April 4, 2022.

Ratification of hiring of Anthony Vigil, Dispatcher Trainee, Non-Union, \$10.00/hour, effective April 4, 2022.

Approval of the resignation of Alexa Campbell, Dispatcher II, effective April 5, 2022.

Approval of the resignation of Emma Racz, Dispatcher Trainee, effective April 7, 2022.

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 hiring of Jimmie Lane, Director of Human Services, Non-Union Supervisor, PG 20, SR \$27.73/hour (\$54,073.50 annually) effective March 28, 2022.

Ratification of the promotion of Matthew Troycheck to Mechanic Tech B, SEIU, PG 14, Step A, \$19.04/hour (\$37,128.00 annually) effective April 5, 2022.

Ratification of the hiring of Peter Ciarmella, Full Time Bus Driver (CDL), SEIU, PG 14, SR \$17.13/hour (\$33,403.50 annually) effective April 18, 2022.

Approval of the resignation of Jimmie Lane, Director of Human Services, effective April 15, 2022.

Approval of the promotion of Dennis Speelman, Full Time Bus Driver (Non-CDL), SEIU, PG 12, Step B, \$18.24/hour (\$35,568.00 annually) effective April 25, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Planning, Zoning and Community Development**

**Sara Harvey** presented the agenda items.

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

Approval of DCNR grant for German Masontown and Jacobs Creek Parks in the amount of \$249,378.14. The county is requesting \$159,600.19 and providing a match of \$89,777.95. The project is to construct a walking trail around the perimeter of both parks.

Approval of DCNR grant for Mill Run Park in the amount of \$98,824.05. The county is requesting \$70,000.00 and providing a match of \$28,824.05. The project is to construct a walking trail around the perimeter of the park as well as upgrade ADA.

Approval of J.F. Shea who has met PennDOT specifications concerning the bidding process for construction of Bridge 73 Meidel's Bridge in Bullskin/Connellsville Townships. Bid total is \$1,068,744.50.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

**Commissioner Dunn** asked if for the first item it is one grant for both parks. Ms. Harvey confirmed that is the case. Solicitor Purcell asked where the ZHB hearings are being held. Ms. Harvey said they are at the 911 building. She said the rezonings will still be in the commissioner's conference room in the courthouse.

### **Sheriff**

**Chief Clerk Revak** read the agenda item.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of an agreement for a mobile app for the Sheriff's office with TheSheriffApp.com for three years in an amount of \$36,965.00; and an annual amount of \$7,995.00 for subsequent years.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

### **Solid Waste/Recycling**

**Sheila Shea** presented the agenda item.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval for Fayette County to become the affiliate with “Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful.”

Commissioner Dunn yes  
 Commissioner Lohr yes  
 Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Ms. Shea** said since it is a transfer from Pa Cleanways there is not a fee. She said everything gets transferred over to the county. Commissioner Vicites said he once saw a coyote up by Ferguson Road.

**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 approving the following repository bids opened on April 5, 2022, subject to all conditions being met. Total bid amount is \$4,522.77.

Accepted Bidder Name	Amount	Twp/City/Boro	Parcel
Redstone Township	\$50.00	Redstone	30-24-0200
Redstone Township	\$50.00	Redstone	30-24-0218
Sean Cotton	\$1,019.63	South Union Twp	34-35-0012
Michele Michotte	\$651.00	Redstone	30-06-0080
Jack Bizelia	\$1,000.00	Luzerne	19-02-0020
Heather Burden	\$600.00	Uniontown	38-03-0384
Jason Paul	\$100.00	Connellsville	05-11-0261
Lana Fuhrmann	\$1,052.14	Brownsville	02-07-0205
	<b>\$4,522.77</b>		
<b>Rejected</b>			
Emily Feagin		04-36-0012-99	No Bid Form
Jack Bizelia		19-02-0020	Bid twice

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 March 15, 2022, commissioners agenda minutes.

Approval of the March 17, 2022, commissioners meeting minutes.

Approval of the March 17, 2022, special 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 a Lease Agreement between Fayette County and the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority for the Gallatin Bank Building at 2 West Main Street in the City of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Prior to** a vote, Commissioner Vicites said he would vote for it, but he believes the county should own that building in the near future, for zero dollars.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to table consider placing on the agenda approval of the exoneration of \$1,822.92 in County taxes for property in South Union Township identified as Parcel 34-17-0066.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Public Announcements**

**Commissioner Dunn** said they will approve an increase in poll worker pay on Thursday. He said they still need workers for that day. He also announced a grant writing workshop for people who want to learn how to write grants.

**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**