

**Fayette County Commissioners Meeting  
Thursday, September 15, 2022 – 10 a.m.**

1. **Prayer**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:**
4. **Proclamations/Recognitions:**

Employ Older Workers Week- September 18-24, 2022

Certificate of Recognition- Ford of Uniontown

5. **Controller:**

Financial condition of the county

6. **Fayette County Redevelopment Authority:**

Consider adoption of the attached resolution which authorizes the Redevelopment Authority to make a budget modification to the County's Fiscal Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

7. **Assessment Office:**

Consider 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.

|                                    |                                      |                              |                   |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ronald R Rosner<br>10 Orchard Ln   | 34-19-0031<br>South Union Township   | New<br>Uniontown PA 15401    | Eff July 7, 2022  |
| Kenneth L Kinnear<br>214 Ruby Dr   | 22-19-0047-07<br>Menallen Township   | New<br>Uniontown PA 15401    | Eff July 26, 2022 |
| James C Thomas<br>10 Blair Ln      | 36-06-0097-11<br>Springhill Township | New<br>Pt Marion PA 15474    | Eff July 7, 2022  |
| Ryan O Rear<br>1155 Valley View Rd | 39-07-0119-01<br>Upper Tyrone        | Review<br>Scottdale PA 15683 | July 21, 2022     |

Consider adoption of a resolution pertaining to Act 57 of 2022 which amends the Local Tax Collection Law signed by the Governor and effective October 11, 2022, as attached.

**8. Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration:**

Consider approval of the following agreements and modifications:

| <u>Contract Value</u>                                   | <u>Period</u> |                   |
|---|---------------|-------------------|
| <b><u>HealthChoices Professional Agreement 2022</u></b> |               |                   |
| Fayette County Mental Health Association                | \$58,724      | 01/01/22-12/31/22 |
| <b><u>Base Contract Agreements 2022-2023</u></b>        |               |                   |
| Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services, Inc.                | \$1,842,000   | 07/01/22-06/30/23 |
| Pathways of Southwestern Pennsylvania                   | \$115,000     | 07/01/22-06/30/23 |
| <b><u>Modification Agreement #1 2021-2022</u></b>       |               |                   |
| Fayette Resources, Inc.                                 | \$255,099     | 07/01/21-06/30/22 |
| <b><u>Modification Agreement #2 2021-2022</u></b>       |               |                   |
| Specialized Therapy and Related Services (STARS)        | \$194,000     | 07/01/21-06/30/22 |

**9. Children and Youth Services;**

Consider approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette through Fayette County Children and Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **Hoffman Homes for Youth**, 815 Orphanage Road, Littlestown, PA 17340 for Residential, Group Home and Shelter Placements on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

| Program                          | Rate        |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Initial Clothing - \$250.00      |             |
| PRTF (MCO)                       | \$ 463.00   |
| RTF (county rate)                | \$ 463.00   |
| Shelter (BA)                     | \$ 400.00   |
| Transitional Living Program (JU) | \$ 1,000.00 |

Consider approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **Perseus House**, 1511 Peach Street, Erie, PA 16501 for Residential Providers including group home and foster care settings on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

| Program                     | Service                  | Rate/Day  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Initial Clothing - \$250.00 |                          |           |
| Perseus House Shelter       | Shelter Services/M&F     | \$ 272.88 |
| Andromeda House Female ITU  | Intensive Treatment Unit | \$ 313.69 |
| Transitional Living Program | M & F                    | \$ 265.00 |

Consider approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **Bethany Christian Services of Western Pennsylvania**, 10521 Perry Highway,

Suite 200, Wexford, PA 15090 for foster care placements on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Initial Clothing - \$250.00 |          |
|                             | Rate/Day |
| AW - Level 1                | \$ 39.29 |
| BW - Level 2                | \$ 49.78 |
| CW - Level 3                | \$ 70.00 |
| DW - Level 4                | \$ 75.59 |

Consider approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania**, 233 George Junior Road, Grove City, PA 16127 for residential placement services on an as needed basis. The rates per day are as follows:

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Initial Clothing - \$250.00 |           |
| Regular Residential         | \$ 280.30 |
| Special Needs               | \$ 326.00 |
| Drug & Alcohol              | \$ 255.00 |
| Diagnostic                  | \$ 295.00 |
| Intensive Supervision       | \$ 430.65 |
| Special Needs M.A.          | \$ 128.64 |
| Drug & Alcohol M.A.         | \$ 82.94  |

Consider approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **SIRE**, 4398 State Route 982, Latrobe, PA 15650 and whose mailing address is P.O. Box 145, Derry, PA 15627 for parenting instruction, trauma treatment, and behavioral counseling as needed. The rates are as follows:

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Youth Focused Intervention Program | \$ 65.00/hr |
| Family Unity Services              | \$ 66.00/hr |
| Trauma Focused Treatment           | \$ 75.00/hr |

Consider approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette through Fayette County Children and Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **City Mission – Living Stones, Inc., - Promise House**, 155 North Gallatin Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401 for the Independent Living Program. The rate will be \$200.00 per day for Programming and Operating Costs. The Initial Clothing Rate is \$250.00.

Consider approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **Appalachian Youth Service**, P.O. Box 878, 150 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               | \$ 192.95/day |

Consider approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile

Probation and **Families United Network, Inc.**, 276 Ashler Manor Drive, Muncy, PA 17756 for foster care and group home services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Initial Clothing - \$250.00                    |              |
| Foster Care Services                           | PER DIEM     |
| Outcome Focused FC-Child 0-21                  | \$ 67.59     |
| Outcome Focused FC-Mother/Child                | \$ 117.60    |
| Outcome Focused FC-Transitional- Ages 14+      | \$ 137.31    |
| Outcome Focused FC-Intensive                   | \$ 101.70    |
| Specialized Level 1 Medical                    | \$ 52.63     |
| Specialized Level 2 Medical                    | \$ 51.82     |
| Specialized Level 3 Medical                    | \$ 38.86     |
| Specialized Level 4 Medical                    | \$ 29.51     |
| Residential Services                           | PER DIEM     |
| Arborsvale Manor Life Readiness (Males)        | \$ 247.66    |
| Ashler Manor-Level 1 (Females)                 | \$ 265.26    |
| Ashler Manor Level 2 (Females)                 | \$ 274.31    |
| Ashler Manor- Emergency Shelter Care (Females) | \$ 257.81    |
| Resource Family Support Services               | PER DIEM     |
| Birth to 11 years of age                       | \$ 63.37     |
| Youth 12 years of age and older                | \$ 71.82     |
| Mother/Baby                                    | \$ 135.55    |
| Supportive 1                                   | \$ 80.81     |
| Supportive 2                                   | \$ 90.71     |
| Supportive 3                                   | \$ 108.44    |
| Supportive 4                                   | \$ 126.51    |
| Medical 1                                      | \$ 45.00     |
| Medical 2                                      | \$ 60.00     |
| Medical 3                                      | \$ 65.00     |
| Medical 4                                      | \$ 85.00     |
| Home Studies/Partial Home Studies              |              |
| New Family Foster Home Evaluation              | \$ 2,884.00  |
| 60-Day Emergency Home Evaluation               | \$ 2,884.00  |
| ICPC Home Evaluation                           | \$ 2,884.00  |
| Initial Home Visit and Orientation             | \$ 576.00    |
| Two Home Visits                                | \$ 1,730.00  |
| Three Home Visits                              | \$ 2,307.00  |
| Ashler Manor Residential Services              |              |
| Diagnostic Evaluation                          | \$ 750.00    |
| Drug and Alcohol Monitoring Services           |              |
| Drug and Alcohol Testing                       | \$ 115.00/hr |

Consider approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation, and **Community Specialists Corporation, d/b/a The Academy**, 900 Agnew Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227 for residential services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing \$250.00

Rate/day

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| New Outlook General Residential SH        | \$ 293.24 |
| New Outlook Inpatient Drug and Alcohol NM | \$ 353.28 |
| New Outlook Shelter Care SP               | \$ 360.59 |
| New Outlook Specialized Settings SS       | \$ 374.50 |

Consider approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **Summit School, Inc. d/b/a Summit Academy**, 900 Agnew Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227 for residential providers including group home setting on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing \$250.00

|  | Rate/day  |
|--|-----------|
| Summit Residential SR                  | \$ 247.40 |
| Summit Drug and Alcohol DA             | \$ 328.33 |
| Summit Shelter SP                      | \$ 340.91 |
| Summit Specialized Settings SS         | \$ 365.90 |
| Summit Intense Specialized Settings IS | \$ 750.42 |

Consider approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **A Child's Place, Pa**, 1515 Locust Street, Suite 302, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. This service includes: evidenced based parenting education in the form of Positive Parenting Program curriculum to families in the county, production of and maintenance of recordings and written reports, maintenance of equipment, telephone testimony for court proceedings, in-person testimony for court proceedings when telephone testimony is not permitted/feasible, and provision of education for Agency personnel. The rate for this service is not to exceed \$212,683.22.

Consider approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **A Child's Place, Pa**, 1515 Locust Street, Suite 302, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. This service includes: physical examinations and forensic interviews in cases of suspected child abuse and neglect, production/maintenance of recordings and written reports, maintenance of equipment, telephone testimony for court proceedings, in-person testimony for court proceedings when telephone testimony is not permitted/feasible, conduct monthly SCAN meetings which shall include members of the agency's MDT and MDIT teams and provision of education for agency personnel DMT and MDIT partners. The rate for this service is not to exceed \$ 155,966.02.

#### **10. Economic Development:**

Consider approval for Mark Rafail to attend 2022 PAHRA Fall Conference at the Skytop Lodge, Skytop , PA from October 17<sup>th</sup> – October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at a cost of \$300.00 conference registration, plus tolls, and 1 night lodging, PAHRA will pay for 1 night also.

Consider approval for Mark Rafail to attend 2022 PEDAs Fall Conference at the Hyatt Place, State College, PA from October 23rd – October 25th, 2022, at a cost of \$425.00 conference registration, plus tolls, and 3 nights lodging.

Consider approval for Mark Rafail to attend PEDAs Basic Economic Development Course in Pennsylvania 2022 & 2023 Sessions **Dates** December 7, 2022, and February 8, 2023, in person (Keystone Building, Harrisburg) and the following virtual dates December 14, & 21, 2022, January 4, 11, 18, 25, & February 1, 2023, at a total cost of \$675.00, plus tolls, and 2 nights lodging.

**11. Human Resources:**

**FCBHA**

Consider ratification of the hiring of Maria Feick, Clerk Typist 2, at \$13.35 per hour, \$26,032.50 annually, effective September 12, 2022.

**Assessment**

Consider approval of the resignation of Sarah Byers, Lead Clean & Green Assessor, effective September 7, 2022.

Consider approval of the hiring of Richard Smith, Assessor I, SEIU, PG 12, SR, \$15.99/hour (\$31,180.50 annually) effective September 26, 2022.

Consider approval of the hiring of William Kenny, Mapping Technician, SEIU, PG 10, SR, \$14.96/hour (\$29,172.00 annually) effective September 26, 2022.

**Commissioners**

Consider approval of the resignation of Tyler Metzger, Part Time West Nile Virus Technician, effective August 4, 2022.

Consider approval of the resignation of Thomas Petrus, Parks & Recreation Manager, effective August 26, 2022.

**CYS**

Consider approval of the resignation of Kristen Grimplin, Clerk Typist 2, effective September 9, 2022.

Consider ratification of the hiring of Gina Perry, Caseworker I, SEIU CYS, \$19.04/hour (\$37,128.00 annually) effective September 9, 2022.

Consider approval of the resignation of Hailee Remington, Caseworker I, effective September 12, 2022.

Consider approval of the resignation of Mallory Varndell, Caseworker II, effective September 23, 2022.

## **ELECTION BUREAU**

Consider approval of the resignation of Brenda Pennington, Part Time Clerk, effective August 31, 2022.

### **FACT**

Consider approval of the resignation of Carol Zuchowski, Assistant Director of Human Services, effective September 12, 2022.

Consider approval of the hiring of Gabrielle Duncan, Full Time Bus Driver (Non-CDL), SEIU, PG 12, SR, \$15.99/hour (\$31,180.50 annually) effective September 19, 2022.

Consider approval of the hiring of Robert Wilson, Full Time Bus Driver (Non-CDL), SEIU, PG 12, SR, \$15.99/hour (\$31,180.50 annually) effective September 19, 2022.

Consider approval of the hiring of Paul Evans, Full Time Bus Driver (CDL), SEIU, PG 14, SR, \$17.13/hour (\$33,403.50 annually) effective September 19, 2022.

### **12. Juvenile Probation Office:**

Consider approval of the yearly Juvenile Probation Services Grant Agreement. The funds are to be utilized from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This year Fayette County has been allocated a total of \$225,385.00, from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. This funding is used to offset the costs of juvenile probation services within the County, with up to 10% (\$22,538.00) of those funds being approved for administrative expenditures within the department. This is a non-matching grant and is contingent upon this office adhering to a wide variety of operating standards, practices and our JCJC approved JJSES implementation plan.

### **13. Planning, Zoning and Community Development:**

Consider approval of authorization for Art Cappella in the Engineering Construction Management System (ECMS) concerning Fayette County bridge projects.

Consider approval of authorization for Art Cappella in the Engineering Construction Management System (ECMS) concerning the Fayette County Sheepskin Trail project.

### **14. Commissioners:**

Consider approval of the August 16, 2022 commissioners agenda minutes.

Consider approval of the August 18, 2022 commissioners meeting minutes.

Consider approval of the August 18, 2022 special commissioners meeting minutes.

Consider approval of the exoneration of all delinquent county taxes, interest, penalties, and costs on parcel 06-03-0028 located at 1316 Hawthorn Street and adjoining lot, parcel 06-03-0029 as both parcels are now owned by Connellsville Township.

Connellsville Township has recently acquired the property and is in the process of cleaning it up so that it can be placed for sale and returned to the tax rolls.

**Public Announcements:**

The Fayette County Behavioral Health Advisory Board has one vacant position with a term to expire on December 31, 2024. The minimum requirements for the position are: Professional in Psychology, social work, nursing, education, religion. Anyone interested in serving on this board should send a letter of interest to Chief Clerk, Amy Revak at [arevak@fayettepa.org](mailto:arevak@fayettepa.org) or 61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. Letters must be received no later than September 29, 2022.

**Public Comments:**

**Adjournment**



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY  
 APPROVING A MODIFICATIONS OF THE  
 FY2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
 FOR FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AND OBO LUZERNE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) allocated Community Development Block Grant funds to the County of Fayette and on behalf of Luzerne Township for Fiscal Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fayette and Luzerne Township have decided that it is in its best interest to make modifications to the FY2021 Community Development Block Grant Program to provide funding for various infrastructure improvements in the township; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects will benefit low- to moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Authority has adopted a Citizen Participation Plan in order to comply with the administration of the CDBG Program and that the County of Fayette has met all citizen participation requirements for consideration of the proposed modifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fayette that the FY2021 Community Development Block Grant Program shall be modified as follows:

**FY2021 Community Development Block Grant - Modification Request #1  
 Fayette County, PA obo Luzerne Township – C000082764**

| Municipality            | Activity   | Action    | Approved Current Amount | Revised Amount      |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Luzerne Township</b> | 03K Street Improvements:<br>Alicia Heights Road Reconstruction         | No Change | 30,740                  | 30,740              |
|                         | 03K Street Improvements:<br>Telegraph Road Reconstruction              | Reduction | 59,211                  | 18,678              |
|                         | 03K Street Improvements:<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Street Road Reconstruction | Added     | 0                       | 40,533              |
|                         | 14A Single Housing Rehabilitation                                      | No Change | 4,000                   | 4,000               |
|                         | Program Administration   | No Change | 20,623                  | 20,623              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            |  |           | <b>\$114,574.00</b>     | <b>\$114,574.00</b> |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania is directed to submit to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) such documentation as is necessary for the approval of these modifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the updated Citizen Participation Plan is approved in compliance with CDBG rules and regulations.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners at their meeting held the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

Chief Clerk

(SEAL)



RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2022

Whereas, the County of Fayette, a Fourth Class Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, does levy a millage rate for general tax purposes against the assessed value of real property; and

Whereas, pursuant to Act 57 of 2022, the Local Tax Collection Law (LTCL), as amended in Section 7 of said LTCL, effective October 11, 2022, require the taxing body to adopt a Resolution within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the Act, for compliance; and

Whereas, the County utilizes local elected Tax Collectors for the collection of said real estate taxes, as well as the County Treasurer; and,

Whereas, Section 7 of the LCTL, as amended, now addresses the effect of a taxpayer failing to receive the tax notice for assessed real estate taxes, by providing new homeowners the opportunity to request a waiver from the property tax penalty charges if they did not receive a tax notice within the first year of owning a property; and,

Whereas, the homeowner will pay the full amount of the property taxes due and by presenting an affidavit and copy of their deed to prove the date of purchase, they will be eligible for relief under the amended laws.

RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners as follow: Fayette County does hereby this date direct that Local Elected Tax Collectors shall abide by the Act 57 of 2022 requirements and procedures with respect to penalty payments for County Real Estate taxes.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Lohr, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Vincent A. Vicites, Vice Chair

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Scott Dunn, Second Vice Chair