

A (virtual) meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 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 (via Zoom)
Chief Clerk Amy Revak
Chief County Solicitor Jack Purcell (via Zoom)

Commissioner Lohr welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. He asked everyone to stand for a prayer. Pastor Alfred Thompson led the room in prayer. The recitation of the pledge of allegiance was then held. Commissioner Lohr said that Commissioner Dunn was on virtually and Commissioner Vince Vicites was not feeling well and was not on. He said that he and Commissioner Dunn will handle the meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Fayette County Redevelopment Authority

Chief Clerk Revak read the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to adopt the attached resolution which approves an application being submitted by the County to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) HOME Investment Partnerships Program. This approval will authorize the Commissioners to sign and submit the application for assistance and will also approve execution of a Cooperation Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority for administration of the Program.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to adopt the attached resolution which approves a 2021 Competitive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for a sanitary sewer system extension project in the West Leisenring Area of Dunbar Township. This approval will authorize the Commissioners to sign and submit the application for assistance and will also approve execution of a Cooperation Agreement which highlights the Redevelopment Authority's responsibilities for administration of the CDBG funding.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Lohr asked that the Controller report be moved up. He said the Controller should be moved up on the agenda for future meetings.

Controller

Controller Scott Abraham presented the attached financial condition of the county. He said after reading it that the revenue and expenditures listed on the report as 2020 should be 2021. Commissioner Dunn said they don't want to relive 2020.

Office of the Controller

Fayette County, Pennsylvania

SCOTT T. ABRAHAM
Controller



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DATE	January 19, 2021		
GENERAL FUND			
Cash Balance	General Ledger	\$	5,487,307.05
TRAN Tax Anticipation Note		\$	8,000,000.00
2020 Revenue:	Budget	\$	42,407,300.00
	YTD	\$	381,091.58
	% Received		1%
2020 Expenditures:	Budget	\$	42,119,270.00
	YTD	\$	1,346,388.24
	% Used		3%
2020 Expenditures Paid in 2021		\$	1,211,012.50
DUE TO GENERAL FUND			
Payroll Payments Due - CYS	\$	315,124.18	
TOTAL		\$	<u>315,124.18</u>
ACT 13 MARCELLUS SHALE FUND/FUND 13			
Cash Balance - Unconventional Wells Account		\$	649,351.41
Cash Balance - Legacy Account		\$	367,053.73
Cash Balance - Bridge Department Account		\$	1,454,637.35
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND/FUND 51			
Cash Balance		\$	119,642.18

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Assessment Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve the following eight 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 four applications are new while the latter four are renewals.

Joseph & Melba A. Plesz, Jr. 1027 Church Street Leisenring, PA 15455
Parcel No. 09-15-0055 Acreage: 0.36 AC Improvements: R1
Deed: RB3264-2467 Municipality: Dunbar Township Effective Date: August 14, 2020

Thomas E. & Stephanie Sutton 23 Batya Road Smock, PA 15480
Parcel No. 13-08-0086 Acreage: 0.181 AC Improvements: R1
Deed: DB1289-1008 Municipality: Franklin Township Effective Date: September 1, 2020

Carl R. Rubnisky 508 Independence Avenue, Pad 216 Uniontown, PA 15401
Parcel No. 25-58-0216 Acreage: No Improvements: Mobile Home
Deed: None Municipality: North Union Township Effective Date: October 14, 2020

Robert L. & Brenda K. Fulton 339 Cavanaugh Road Normalville, PA 15469
Parcel No. 35-02-0007 Acreage: 4.5 AC Improvements: Mobile Home
Deed: DB1276-543 Municipality: Springfield Township Effective Date: September 18, 2020

Judith D. Ficek 17 Sleepy Hollow Road Farmington, PA 15437
Parcel No. 42-06-0069-11 Acreage: 2.04 AC Improvements: Doublewide BSMT RG
Deed: RB2827-320 Municipality: Wharton Township Effective Date: October 30, 2020

Michael J. & Patricia A. Golden 443 Pleasant View Road Smock, PA 15480
Parcel No. 22-02-0143 Acreage: 0.9615 AC Improvements: R1
Deed: DB1182-731 Municipality: Menallen Township Effective Date: November 4, 2020

Donald W. & Debra L. Wingard 119 JP Lane Connellsville, PA 15425
Parcel No. 04-25-0201 Acreage: 1.386 AC Improvements: R1 (Mobile Home)
Deed: RB3037-1044 Municipality: Bullskin Township Effective Date: November 17, 2020

Frederick A. & Borgia Markovich 200 Jefferson Drive Fayette City, PA 15438
Parcel No. 17-04-0008 Acreage: 1.826 AC Improvements: R1
Deed: RB536-37 Municipality: Jefferson Township Effective Date: November 17, 2020

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve a donation of \$1,500.00 to The Uniontown Public Library in lieu of a rental payment for the space they made available to the Assessment Department on very short notice to hold assessment appeal hearings when the courthouse was closed in the late summer/early fall period due to the pandemic. In all, the space was utilized for eleven days of hearings and the Library permitted the department to leave all of our computer and database equipment in place throughout the August to October timeframe. This saved considerable setup and teardown time after each day of hearings. The Library also provided free parking to all appellants and department staff during hearings.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

After the vote, Commissioner Lohr thanked the library, adding that they did a great job in helping the office. He said they were fantastic and stepped up when needed.

Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve the following agreements and modifications:

	<u>Contract Value</u>	<u>Period</u>
<u>HealthChoices Fee-For Service Agreement 2021</u>		
Maher Duessel, Certified Public Accountants	\$20,250	Year Ended 12/31/20
<u>HealthChoices Professional Services Agreement 2021</u>		
Advanced Metrics	\$142,000	01/01/21-12/31/21
<u>HealthChoices Reinvestment Agreement – 2017 Funds</u>		
Adelphoi Village – Family Support Services	\$54,096	N/A
Adelphoi Village – High Fidelity Wraparound	\$295,299	N/A
Cheryl B. McNeil, Ph.D	\$8,250	N/A
<u>Modification Agreement #1 2020-2021</u>		
Therapy House	\$15,000	07/01/20–06/30/21

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Building and Grounds

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to award Bid 21-01, Fayette County Courthouse, Conference Room Expansion to Ar Tech Group LLC for General Construction in the amount of \$110,900; to Westmoreland Electric Service LLC for Electrical Construction in the amount of \$65,800; and to Whitby Plumbing and HVAC LLC for Plumbing Construction in the amount of \$9,940.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to award Bid 20-11 for tires and repairs to Karnuts Auto of Uniontown; Pantalo's Garage of Smithfield and A&M Mobil Tire Service of Smithfield, as attached.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Before the vote, Commissioner Lohr asked Ray Eicher to confirm that for 2021, there will be three businesses working with the county for fires. He asked if that would be better than one, and Mr. Eicher said he hopes that will be the case.

Children and Youth Services

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve a **FY2020-21** Purchase of Service Agreement Addendum between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **Family Care for Children and Youth, Inc.**, 25 Belford Blvd., Milton, PA 17847 for foster family placement services. The rates are as follows:

Child Preparation	\$ 2,900.00
Child Profiles	\$ 2,100.00
Family Profiles	\$ 2,700.00
For ICPC and out-of-state placements, as requested	

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve a one-time purchase of 19 Microsoft Surface Laptops with 4yr warranties, 2 docking stations, and 2 workstation scanners. The purchase is a Costars purchase through CDW for the amount of \$24,419.94. The purchase is to replace current inventory of computers that were purchased 4 years ago.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resources

BUILDING & GROUNDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to ratify the hiring of Benny Bryner, Maintenance Worker I, SEIU, Paygrade 6, SR \$12.35/hr. (\$25,688.00 annually) effective December 14, 2020.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

FACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to ratify the retirement of Joseph Casteel, Full Time Bus Driver, effective December 22, 2020.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to ratify the voluntary demotion of Guido Scalese from Full Time Bus Driver to Part Time Bus Driver, SEIU, \$16.55/hr., effective January 4, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve the promotion of Crystal Williams to Full Time Bus Driver, Non-CDL, SEIU, Paygrade 8, SR \$13.54/hr. (\$26,403.00 annually) effective February 1, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

FCBHA

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to ratify the resignation of Nicole Conaway, Clerk Typist II, effective December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Office of Human and Community Services/FACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve an agreement with Keystone Petroleum for \$13,930 for upgrade to gasoline and diesel pump to PV200 system.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Planning, Zoning and Community Development

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve the 2021 West Nile Virus grant proposal in the amount of \$94,941.10 to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve the 2021 Agricultural Land Preservation program year.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the Recovery to Reemployment project involving Telehealth Suite, a remote patient monitoring program.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve Art Cappella's signature authority in ECMS concerning Sheepskin Trail.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve Art Cappella's signature authority in ECMS concerning PennDOT-related bridge projects.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve the Sheepskin Trail insurance payment to Commercial Insurance.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve an agreement between Fayette County and Bullskin Township relating to the Stafford Act Property, so the Fayette County Bridge Department may access the Bridge 72 property to either repair or provide maintenance in the future.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Tax Claim Bureau

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve the following Repository bids opened on January 5, 2021, subject to all conditions being met. Total bid amount is \$2,945.01.

Bidder Name	Parcel #	Twp/city/Boro	Amount
Anthony Livingston	05-07-0160	Connellsville	\$474.17
Jane Combs	30-26-0117	Redstone	\$411.00
Jane Combs	19-08-0082	Luzerne Twp	\$601.80
Tracy Wilson	03-07-0014	Brownsville	\$187.11

Tracy Wilson	03-07-0004	Brownsville	\$362.93
Porcha Akins	25-47-0058	North Union	\$428.00
Porcha Akins	25-38-0026-91	North Union	\$480.00
			\$2,945.01
Rejected Bid			
Jane Combs	30-24-0073	Redstone	Bid Already Received

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve the December 10, 2020 agenda meeting minutes.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve the December 17, 2020 commissioners meeting minutes.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve the January 4, 2021 commissioners special meeting minutes.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to consider placing on the agenda approval of a Fayette County Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution. A copy of the Resolution is attached.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Fayette and the Pittsburgh Regional Building Trades Council to mutually terminate a Project Labor Agreement between the parties dated July 21st, 2015, effective immediately. A copy of the Memorandum of Agreement is attached.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to set the pay rate for the Fayette County tax collectors for a period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025 at a rate of \$3.05 per bill.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Commissioner Lohr asked Solicitor Purcell how the motion should be worded. Solicitor Purcell said the per bill number should be inserted. Commissioner Dunn said the rate that they agreed upon was 35 cents per bill more for each parcel. Commissioner Lohr said it would raise the rate to \$3.05 per bill.

Board appointments

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve the appointment of Commissioner Vince Vicites as a Commissioner Liaison to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee with a term to expire December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to reappoint Joe Grata to the SPC nominating committee.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Public Announcements

Commissioner Lohr said everyone should be careful out there, wear masks, social distance and wash their hands. He said we will beat this sooner or later and we have a vaccination task force putting a plan together. He said everything is being taken into consideration for when the vaccines are obtained. Commissioner Lohr said we are ahead of the game as far as planning. Commissioner Dunn said everyone should stay safe. He said he is currently working from home, adding that he has a joke that his coworker doesn't like him.

Public Comments

Prior to opening the floor for comments, Commissioner Lohr said everyone gets three minutes. Solicitor Purcell said we need names for the record.

A representative from the Veteran's Affairs office said the dog tag program includes outdoor activities for neighboring counties to help PTSD and help with suicide prevention. He said they have 450 acres for outdoor activities for veterans. He said two dozen veterans are building up that community. The representative said southwestern Pennsylvania is answering the call. He invited the commissioners to the community and explained some of what will occur at the site. He said it will be regional with Fayette, Greene Washington, Westmoreland and Allegheny counties. Commissioners Lohr said they will make arrangements to visit in the future.

Marigrace Butela, tax collector for Dunbar Township and president of the Fayette County Tax Collectors Association, said she had sent a letter asking for an increase of at least one dollar per bill but they decided on 35 cents. She said in 2006 they took an 80 percent cut and they are still nowhere near getting back to where they lost. He said this past year has been stressful with the virus that has taken the lives of more than 170 people in the county, and over 7,000 cases. She said it has been difficult for everyone and the tax collectors are on their own with PPEs, sneeze guards and sanitizing their offices. She said they were really hoping for that dollar or at least 50 cents. She said they do a good job and in many cases they are the liaison for the county. Ms. Butela said they are disappointed and that is what they wanted to tell them. Commissioner Lohr said they would like to do more and they have concerns throughout the county.

Harry Brownfield, head of the tax assessment office, said he got on the zoom call late and asked if his items were approved. He asked for a clarification on the increase for the tax collector compensation.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes

Motion passed unanimously

Karnuts Auto

		P225/60R16/Winter	\$103.52
		245/65R17/Winter	\$126.01
		P235/70R16/Winter	\$105.45
		265/75/16/Winter 10 ply	\$164.82
		P265/70R17 Winter	\$143.19
225/70R16 All Season	\$99.00	225/70R16 Winter	\$111.99
		LT225/75R16/Winter	\$147.95
		225/60/16/Winter	\$103.52
		P215/65R16/Winter	\$104.46
		205/40/15/Winter	\$ 89.69
		P235/75R16/Winter	\$112.42
225/75/16 All Season	\$126.15	225/75/16/Winter	\$142.13

Pantalo's Garage

P225/60R16 All Season	\$ 90.00		
245/60R18 All Season	\$125.00	245/60R18/Winter	\$145.00
P225/75R15 All Season	\$ 95.00	P225/75R15/Winter	\$105.00
245/65R17 All Season	\$130.00		
235/55R17 All Season	\$110.00		
235/75R15 All Season	\$100.00	235/75R15/Winter	\$115.00
P215/60R15 All Season	\$95.00		
P235/70R16 All Season	\$125.00		
265/75/16 All SEASON	\$145.00		
245/75R16 All Season	\$130.00		
440/80R2816/9R28	\$1,800.00	Rear Hi lift	
340/80R18 12/5/80R1	\$1,200.00	Front Hi-lift	
1100/22.5 All Season	\$295.00	1100/22.5 Winter	\$315.00
LT235/85R16 All Season	\$120.00		
P235/75R17 All Season	\$165.00		
LT 245/75R17 All Season	\$140.00	LT245/75R17 Winter	\$155.00
245/75R16 All Season	\$130.00		
P225/60R17 All Season	\$105.00		
P215/55R17 All Season	\$105.00		
31X150R1SLT All Season	\$140.00		
LT245/75R16 All Season	\$130.00		
P265/70R17 All Season	\$140.00		
LT225/75R17 All Season	\$175.00		
LT265/70R17 All Season	\$140.00	LT265/70R17 Winter	\$160.00
245/R70R19.5 All Season	\$215.00		
10.00X20 Front Tire	\$345.00		
10.00x20MS Back	\$345.00	10.00x20MS Winter	\$385.00
315/80R225 Front	\$355.00		

Pantalo's Garage

12R2235 Back	\$200.00	12R2235 Winter	\$265.00
245/70R19.5 All Season	\$215.00		
245/55R18 All Season	\$130.00		
245/75R17 All Season	\$140.00	245/75R17 Winter	\$155.00
265/70R17 All Season	\$140.00		
245/75R19.5 All Season	\$215.00	245/75R19.5 Winter	\$235.00
245/70R19.5 All Season	\$215.00	245/70R19.5	\$235.00
225/60/16 All Season	\$ 90.00		
235/55/17 All Season	\$110.00		
245/75R16E All Season	\$130.00	245/75R16E Winter	\$155.00
P225/60R17 All Season	\$105.00		
LT235/65R16 All Season	\$125.00	LT235/65R16 Winter	\$145.00
P215/65R16 All Season	\$100.00		
P235/75R16 All Season	\$125.00		
P235/70R16 All Season	\$125.00		
245/55R18 All Season	\$130.00		

A&M Mobil Tire Service

		235/55R17 Winter	\$120.00
P245/70R16 All Season	\$121.00	P245/70R16Winter	\$116.00
		P215/60R15Winter	\$ 96.00
P245/65R17AllSeason	\$125.00	P245/65R17Winter	\$125.00
P225/65R17 All Season	\$109.00	P225/65R17Winter	\$126.00
P235/50R17 All Season	\$116.00	P235/50R17Winter	\$116.00
LT275/70A18 All Season	\$169.00	LT275/70A18Winter	\$191.00
245/75R16 Winter	\$148.00		
		LT235/85R16 Winter	\$129.00
		P235/75R17 Winter	\$168.00
215/65/15 All Season	\$92.00	215/65/15 Winter	\$92.00
		245/75R16Winter	\$148.00
		P225/60R17 Winter	\$114.00
		P215/55R17	\$112.00
P225/50R17 All Season	\$112.00	P225/50R17Winter	\$111.00
		P215/55R17Winter	\$112.00
P265/70R17 All Season	\$140.00		
		31X150R1SLTWinter	\$143.00
		LT225/75R17Winter	\$184.00
		245/70R19.5Winter	\$222.00
		315/80R225 Winter	\$388.00
P235/55R18 All Season	\$118.00	P235/55R18WiNTER	\$125.00
		245/55R18Winter	\$ 133.00
		235/55/17Winter	\$120.00
		P255/60R17Winter	\$128.00
P235/55/18All Season	\$119.00	P235/55/18Winter	\$125.00

A&M Mobil Tire Service

P235/50/17All Season	\$116.00	P235/50/17Winter	\$116.00
P215/65R16All Season	\$100.00		
205/70/15All Season	\$ 92.00		
		245/55R18Winter	\$133.00
255/70R19.5All Season	\$188.00	255/70R19.5 Winter	\$195.00
LT225/75R16All Season	\$141.00		
265/70R17 All Season	\$140.00		
275/70R22.5 All Season	\$310.00	275/70R22.5 Winter	\$310.00
225/75R16 All Season	\$141.00		
195/75R16C All Season	\$125.00	195/75R16C Winter	\$125.00
225/70R19.5 All Season	\$188.00	225/70R19.5 Winter	\$195.00
245/70R19.5 Winter	\$222.00		
265/70R19.5 All Season	\$238.00	265/70R 19.5 Winter	\$348.00