

A meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at the Public Safety Building, 22 East Main Street, Uniontown PA.

In attendance-

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

Commissioner Lohr asked everyone to rise for a moment of silent prayer. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Award Presentation/Proclamations

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the following proclamations.

Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration's Advisory Board Community Recognition Award

2020 Laurel Highlands Boys Basketball WPIAL Champions

Sexual Assault Awareness Month- April 2020

Crime Victims' Rights Week- April 19-25, 2020

Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month- April 2020

Child Abuse Prevention Month- April 2020

Autism Awareness Month- April 2020

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, the commissioners discussed approving the proclamations and sending them out, except for Laurel Highlands basketball team. Solicitor Purcell said they could approve them and then have them come to a later meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Fayette County Redevelopment Authority

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve an Amendment to the Contract for Sale of Land at the Fayette County Business Park to Menard, Inc. to extend the closing date in the contract to July 24, 2020.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to action on the next item, Chief Clerk Revak said it should be listed under the prison instead of the Adult Probation Office. Counselor Jamee Waligura explained the grant amount they are seeking is between \$50,000 and \$75,000. She explained the grant, which assists inmates into joining the community.

Prison

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the submission of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant Application No. 32738; Titled: Fayette County Prison Reentry Services. No matching funds are required.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Assessment Office

Harry Brownfield presented the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the following four Veterans’ Exemptions from real estate taxation. Of the four – one is a new application and the remainder are renewals. The new application is the first listed. In each case, the named party has been qualified as a 100% disabled veteran by the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

Charles E. & Debra A. Rummel 115 Church Lane Lemont Furnace, PA 15456
Parcel No: 25-16-0349 Acreage: 0.5 AC Improvements: R1
Deed: DB1245-127 Municipality: North Union Township
Effective Date: January 27, 2020

James V. & Candice A. Jordon, Jr. 322 Cornish Road Lake Lynn, PA 15451
Parcel No: 36-08-0107 Acreage: 5.0 AC Improvements: R1 RG CRPT
Deed: DB1227-760 Municipality: Springhill Township
Effective Date: February 5, 2020

Lawrence Franklin & Barbara A. Vilks 62 Lemon Street Uniontown, PA 15401
Parcel No: 38-04-0559 Acreage: 0.07 AC Improvements: R1
Deed: DB1175-909 Municipality: City of Uniontown
Effective Date: February 25, 2020

Carlos R. & Cynthia K. Hackett 344 Fourth Street Hiller, PA 15444
Parcel No: 19-08-0044 Acreage: 0.22 AC Improvements: R1
Deed: DB1203-629 Municipality: Luzerne Township
Effective Date: January 29, 2020

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 attendance of six assessors at the Assessors' Association of Pennsylvania Annual (Spring) Conference at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey on May 6 through 8. Each assessor will receive 15 hours of continuing education credit toward their biannual CPE license renewal requirements and accrue valuable networking experience and contacts with their colleagues from throughout the state. Total conference registration and fees for the six are \$3,090 (\$515 per person), which includes all meals. Total lodging (at the AAP/CCAP group rate) is \$1,265.40. All costs are budgeted.

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 approve a quote from Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. for four additional licenses to ESRI's ARCGIS digital mapping software. This software is already running on the departmental server in EMA. One license will be a Standard (Tier 2) license with full editing and creative capabilities for use by the Department of Assessment. The remaining three licenses will be Basic (Tier 1) seats with more limited editing capacity with two to be dedicated for use by the Assessment Department and one for the Planning Department. The licenses will be covered by an amendment to the existing contract between the County (in the guise of its Emergency Management Agency) and ESRI. The software will continue to run on the departmental server in the EMA and be

available to Assessment and Planning via an enhanced communications link between the agencies.

Total cost of the software enhancement will be \$14,425 with \$11,540 borne by the Department of Assessment and the remaining \$2,885 paid by Planning. All four licenses include support, maintenance and upgrades for one year following installation. The cost is budgeted for both Assessment and Planning.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the following agreement:

	<u>Contract Value</u>	<u>Period</u>
<u>Modification Agreement #1 2019-2020</u>		
Laurel House, Inc.	\$650,090	07/01/19-06/30/20

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Controller

Controller Scott Abraham submitted the following financial condition of the county.

DATE

March 17, 2020

GENERAL FUND

Cash Balance	General Ledger	\$	2,318,020.18
TRAN Tax Anticipation Note		\$	9,250,000.00
2020 Revenue:	Budget	\$	41,346,039.75
	YTD	\$	2,527,058.88
	% Received		6%
2020 Expenditures:	Budget	\$	41,320,529.75
	YTD	\$	6,336,383.01
	% Used		17%
2019 Expenditures Paid in 2020		\$	1,016,916.82

DUE TO GENERAL FUND

Payroll Payments Due - CYS	\$	472,119.96	
TOTAL			<u>\$ 472,119.96</u>

DUE FROM GENERAL FUND

Loan Payable to Act 13/Fund 13	\$	1,100,000.00	
Loan Payable to Project 70 Fund	\$	100,000.00	
Loan Payable to Internal Service Fund/Fund 65	\$	705,000.00	
TOTAL			<u>\$ 1,905,000.00</u>

ACT 13 MARCELLUS SHALE FUND/FUND 13

Cash Balance - Unconventional Wells Account	\$	207,313.74
Cash Balance - Legacy Account	\$	265,180.88
Cash Balance - Bridge Department Account	\$	104,128.46

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND/FUND 51

Cash Balance	\$	35,114.63
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Children and Youth Services

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

a **FY2019-20** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services & **Christina A. DeMarco-Breeden, Esquire**, 92 East Main Street, Suite 20, Uniontown, PA 15401. Attorney DeMarco-Breeden was court appointed to represent children in dependency proceedings. The rate for her services is \$70.00 per hour.

a **FY2019-20** Purchase of Service Agreement Addendum between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **PA Professional Health Services**, 50 W. Main Street, Suite 704, Uniontown, PA 15401 for outpatient mental health services on an as needed basis for CYS & JPO families. The rates are as follows:

Anger Management Assessment	\$100.00
Batterer Assessment	\$100.00
Individual Session	\$ 45.00

Service Provider must seek authorization for services from contract specialist, deputy administrator or administrator prior to providing any service.

a **FY2019-20** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **Pressley Ridge**, 5500 Corporate Drive, Suite 400, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 for placements and in-home services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00

PLACEMENT	RATE/DAY
473810–Unit ID - HH	\$ 65.37
421800 – Treatment Foster Care	\$ 89.01
421800 – Emergency Shelter	\$ 111.80
421800 – Teen Foster Care	\$ 82.60
421800 – Traditional Foster Care	\$ 63.82

a **FY2019-20** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services / Fayette County Juvenile Probation, and **Corporate Security and Investigations**, 3645 Brodhead Road, Monaca, PA 15061 for the conducting of investigations in an attempt to locate missing, abducted or runaway youth, youth who may be involved in sex trafficking and parents with children attempting to avoid or abscond from child welfare agencies on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

- a. \$100.00/hour. Any work beyond twenty (20) service hours, extraordinary work or surveillance will not be conducted without prior approval by a member of the Agency management.
- b. Mileage for business travel will only be billed once the Service Provider reaches Fayette County and will only be billed for travel occurring within Fayette County. Reimbursement for travel will be at the current reimbursement rate of the IRS and shall automatically update at any such time that an IRS rate update occurs.

a **FY2019-20** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation Office and **Auberle**, 1101 Hartman Street, McKeesport, PA 15132 for Residential Providers including group home setting on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00

	PER DAY
GOAL	\$ 230.00
GATE/Bloom	\$ 280.00
Romine Shelter	\$ 300.00
Hartman Shelter	\$ 295.00
Foster Care	
Class AA – Level 1 – Ages 0-12	\$ 67.64
Class AB – Level 2 – Ages 0-12	\$ 74.30
Class AC – Level 3 – Ages 0-12	\$ 80.79
Class AD – Level 3 – Ages 0-12	\$ 93.92
Class TA – Teenager	\$ 87.62
Class TB – Teen with one child	\$ 152.81
Class TC – Teen with two+ children	\$ 152.81
Class WC – Specialty Rate	\$ 68.29

Commissioner Dunn yes
 Commissioner Lohr yes
 Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resources

Building & Grounds

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the hiring of William Bryson, Lead Maintenance Worker, SEIU, PG 15, SR, \$16.73/hr. (\$34,798.40 annually) effective March 9, 2020.

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 approve the resignation of Shirley Zazado, Caseworker I, effective March 10, 2020.

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 approve the acceptance into the Child Welfare Education of Leadership (CWEL) program to begin fall of 2020 for Jayme Shaffer, Supervisor and Jennifer Hamilton, Caseworker.

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 ratify the retirement of Robert Pento, Full Time Bus Driver, effective February 28, 2020.

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 ratify the hiring of David Wilson, Full Time Bus Driver, CDL, SEIU, PG10, SR \$14.11/hr. (\$27,514.50 annually) effective March 9, 2020.

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 the ratification of the hiring of Lewis Marva, Part Time Bus Driver, Non-CDL, SEIU, PG8, SR \$13.15/hr. effective March 9, 2020.

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 the ratification of the retirement of Faith Sible, MH Program Specialist I, effective February 28, 2020.

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 the hiring of Meghann Mikluscak, 1st Assistant Public Defender, Non-U, Sup, PG 14, Step B, \$24.17/hr. (\$47,131.50 annually), effective March 23, 2020.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Veterans Affairs

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider the ratification of the transfer of Glen Green to Veteran Affairs Representative, SEIU, PG11, SR \$14.58/hr. (\$28,431.00 annually) effective February 25, 2020.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resources

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve the Extension of Agreement to retain the benefit consultant services of Gary Sefchok & Associates. This agreement extends services from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Dunn yes

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a vote, Commissioner Dunn asked what the amount of the contract is. Commissioner Vicites said it is a percentage, and it is the same as the current rate.

Juvenile Probation Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to table approval of an agreement between Timothy R. Grindle and the County of Fayette for fourteen (14) permit parking spaces currently utilized by Juvenile Probation Office staff at 51 North Arch Street, Uniontown for one year, until March 31, 2021 at a cost of \$30.00 (per Vehicle) a month for the lease of the 14 parking spaces for a cost of \$420.00 a month/and \$5,040.00 a Year.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Commissioner Vicites said they are going to redo the parking scenario and it will be shifted around, and he suggested they table.

Planning, Zoning and Community Development

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to renew two-year agreements with the following contractors for Professional Services relating to Planning & Zoning, ending March 31, 2022.

Beaver Creek Land Services, Markleysburg
K2 Engineering, Inc., Uniontown
Lennon Smith Sourlet, Coraopolis
Sleighter Engineering, Lemont Furnace
Grimm Surveying, Uniontown

Commissioner Dunn no
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed 2-1

Prior to a vote, Commissioner Dunn said he thinks if they are entering into contracts, they need to have amounts listed in the agenda. Commissioner Vicites said these are primarily for UCC purposes and there is a set fee schedule, which was set by

resolutions at a previous meeting. He said the UCC administrator decides which firms to subcontract with.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve a hazardous drilling supplement 2 in the amount of \$40,000.00 in connection with Bridge 115-72 (Moyer Road Bridges in Bullskin Township, Fayette County). Fayette County is responsible for \$2,000.00 or five percent.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve associated with engineering and acquisition costs in the amount of \$65,000.00 in connection with Bridge 73 (Meidel's Bridge in Connellsville Township, Fayette County). Fayette County is responsible for \$13,000.00 or twenty percent.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a vote, Commissioner Lohr said this bridge has been down for seven years. Commissioner Vicites said it is a shame because if the county bridge department would have rebuilt it, it would have been done years ago.

Recycling/Storm Water Management

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to proclaim April 24, 2020 as the Fayette County Arbor Day Event and to allow Sheila Shea to seek volunteers to help plant the 42 trees at German-Masontown Park. Volunteers will be required to sign waivers to participate. Funding was provided by a Tree Vitalize grant.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Commissioner Lohr asked if it was being postponed. Chief Clerk Revak said she has spoken to Sheila Shea and it was moving forward even if no volunteers were secured.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to create and facilitate a scholarship program for area high school students interested in pursuing an environmental or engineering degree. Fayette County Stormwater Coalition, Fayette County Conservation District and McMillen Engineering have partnered together to provide an opportunity to Fayette County high school juniors to receive funds through a competition of Stormwater/Environmental Protection projects in Fayette County.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Vicites said he didn't want county funds paying for it. Commissioner Lohr said they will not.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve Redstone, Luzerne, and German Townships 2020 MS4 agreements.

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 approval for Sheila Shea to attend a MS4 Refresher Workshop March 19, 2020 at North Fayette Municipal Building Oakdale PA. No charge for this workshop.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Tax Claim Bureau

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the following repository bids that were opened on March 3, 2020, subject to all conditions being met. The total bid amount is \$16,909.00.

Bidder	Parcel #	Twp/City/Boro	Amount
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Stephen Beckman	02-06-0033	Brownsville Boro	\$1,400.00
Stephen Beckman	02-06-0035	Brownsville Boro	\$1,300.00
Stephen Beckman	02-06-0029	Brownsville Boro	\$4,000.00
Stephen Beckman	02-06-0036	Brownsville Boro	\$1,500.00
Stephen Beckman	02-06-0034	Brownsville Boro	\$2,700.00
Timothy Hickle	30-11-0006	Redstone Twp	\$370.00
Timothy Hickle	30-11-0007	Redstone Twp	\$405.00
Timothy Hickle	30-11-0008	Redstone Twp	\$775.00
Timothy Hickle	30-11-0009	Redstone Twp	\$775.00
Shannon Wallace	04-29-0196-01	Bullskin	\$725.00
Shannon Wallace	41-15-0023	Bullskin	\$725.00
Raymond Oldland	39-13-0044-98	Upper Tyrone Twp	\$364.00
Melvin Eicher	02-10-0207	Brownsville Boro	\$1,820.00
Brownsville Borough	02-06-0233	Brownsville Boro	\$50.00
		Total	\$16,909.00

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 approve the February 18, 2020 commissioner’s 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 approve the February 20, 2020 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 approve the February 20, 2020 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 approve the March 12, 2020 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 table approval of a Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance for Fayette County.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Fayette County Redevelopment Authority

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to appoint Lauren Yohman to the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority to fill the unexpired term of Odilia “Dee” John.

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 approve the three Fayette County Commissioners as authorized users on the no-fee purchasing card with FNB Bank.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

After the vote, Commissioner Vicites said it may take some reworking of the rule but that can be done internally. Prior to the next two items, Commissioner Lohr said members of Ford Business Machines were at the meeting to explain the items. Josh

Gerson said the current contract cost is \$24,221.38 per month and the new contract is \$24,544.33 per month. He said it will be \$322.95 more per month but will include all new copiers and it will include unlimited prints on the black and white copiers. Commissioner Vicites said overall they will save, adding that the overages were a lot. Mr. Gerson said they will also get all new phones and hardware for the Election Bureau. A discussion ensued about the need for new phones in the Election Bureau and if the actions should be handled separately.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve a 66-month agreement with Ford Business Machines for copiers at a semi-annual payment of \$53,874.12.

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 approve a 66-month agreement with Ford Business Machines for IT services at a semi-annual payment of \$93,391.86.

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 ratify the following transfer in the 2020 budget.

	2/14/2020		
Department	Cost Center	Debit	Credit
District Attorney			
Professional services	01419453135	\$3,000.00	
Association Dues	01419454200		\$3,000.00
Total Debits	\$3,000.00	Total Credits	\$3,000.00

Commissioner Dunn yes
 Commissioner Lohr yes
 Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Public Announcements

Commissioner Dunn read the following statement.

- We declared a countywide state of emergency Friday afternoon, as a proactive response to the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic. The declaration will allow us to seek critical funding in the future.
- Although the virus has not been detected in Fayette County, we are working closely with federal, state, county and local officials to prepare for a potential future outbreak.
- We are actively monitoring the rapidly evolving situation from hour to hour, as it unfolds nationwide.
- We are regularly referring to Fayette County's Emergency Management Agency and its network of medical professionals to coordinate appropriate responses and prevention efforts.
- ✓ Fayette EMA/911 has updated its emergency medical dispatch protocols for future COVID-19 screenings, based on daily updates from the state Emergency Management Agency and Department of Health.
- We postponed all proclamations and non-essential matters for today's meeting, in an effort to avoid a large gathering.
- Other county meetings and events have been canceled or postponed, and we will address each gathering on a case-by-case basis moving forward.
- We encourage all citizens to adhere to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations on social distancing procedures.
- A detailed policy has been put in place for all Fayette County employees. All questions about that policy should be directed to human resources, and updates will be issued as necessary.
- County employees are encouraged to conduct as much business as possible via phone or email.
- The public is also encouraged to interact with county offices via phone or email only, unless absolutely unavoidable for essential business.
- Visitation at the Fayette County Jail has been temporarily suspended, with reevaluation of the situation to take place in two weeks. Alternative communications measures are in place for inmates and their families.

- In response to Gov. Tom Wolf's statewide shutdown of all non-essential governmental agencies and businesses, we encourage all citizens to adhere to those recommendations at this time. More details can be found on the Pennsylvania Department of Health website.
- ✓ Fayette County's Courts issued a Judicial Emergency this week, as authorized by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. All courtrooms and court-related offices are closed for all non-essential functions until such time as safe operations of the court system can be restored.
- Court week has been canceled for April. Jurors are being notified that they should not report for duty, despite April summons.
- Additional information regarding the court system can be found online, at the district attorney's and public defender's websites.
- We are aware of and closely monitoring the confirmed COVID-19 cases in neighboring counties.
- The health and safety of those who live and work in or visit Fayette County is paramount. We will do everything in our power to ensure that safety, in the hopes that this will soon be behind us and we can keep Fayette County moving forward.

Prior to the statement, Commissioner Vicites asked if the Hard to Recycle event was being cancelled. After the statement, Commissioner Lohr mentioned the upcoming primary election, saying it is up to the Governor about postponing it. Solicitor Purcell said there is a gray area in the law about who has the authority to postpone an election. He talked about what happened in Ohio in attempts to postpone the election. Commissioner Vicites spoke about the number of cases, adding that it is vital to keep the numbers down. Commissioner Dunn asked everyone to check on elderly people to see that they are not going without. He said local businesses will struggle and he asked everyone to support them. Solicitor Purcell and Commissioner Lohr each told stories about how recently strangers came to the aid of people they did not know.

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously