

A (virtual) meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at the Fayette County Courthouse, 61 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 (via Zoom)

Commissioner Lohr thanked everyone for joining in the Zoom meeting. He asked everyone to keep social distancing, adding that we will win this battle. He asked everyone to rise for a moment of silent prayer. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Lohr said they needed to amend the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to amend the agenda to add accept a resignation from the LaFayette Manor/Beechwood Court Board of directors.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Vicites asked to observe a moment of silence from former County Commissioner Vince Zapotosky prior to the start of the meeting. He said he had passed away the day before suddenly. He said he was a good, kind man. Commissioner Vicites said he was a people-oriented person and he worked hard for the county. Commissioner Lohr then asked to hold a moment of silence.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Commissioner Lohr said this is new territory and he said the next item is public comment. Commissioner Dunn said public comment was supposed to be emailed prior to the beginning of the meeting, and there was email sent about departmental operations but nothing to address at the meeting.

Proclamations

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

Mental Health Awareness Month-May 2020

National Library Week April 19-25, 2020

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Assessment Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the following three Veterans' Exemptions from real estate taxation. The first two requests are new applications, with the third being a renewal. In each case, the named party has been qualified as a 100% disabled veteran by the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans' Affairs.

James B. & Nancy I. Pritt 143 Kaider Road Uniontown, PA 15401
Parcel No: 22-21-0017-02 Acreage: 4.270 AC Improvements: R1 RG
Deed: RB169-171 Municipality: Menallen Township Effective Date: March 10, 2020

Walter A. Lonce & Annette M. Conti 133 Harding Drive Fayette City, PA 15438
Parcel No: 17-04-0033 Acreage: 0.34 AC Improvements: R1 ATTD RG
Deed: RB3122-1928 Municipality: Jefferson Township Effective Date: February 14, 2020

Robert T. & Patricia L. Payne 158 Rockwell Road Masontown, PA 15461
Parcel No: 24-04-0040 Acreage: 1.369 AC Improvements: R1 BSMT RG
Deed: RB1242-248 Municipality: Nicholson Township Effective Date: March 26, 2020

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 contract modifications:

	<u>Contract Value</u>	<u>Period</u>
Neurological Therapy Specialists, Inc.	\$11,000	07/01/19 - 06/30/20
Specialized Therapy and Related Services	\$190,000	07/01/19 – 06/30/20
Therapy Connections, LLC	\$65,000	07/01/19 – 06/30/20

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Children and Youth Services

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve a **FY2019-20** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **Lutheran Service Society of Western PA**, 440 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202 for child welfare services for children and youth. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00
445730 AA \$ 86.98 per day

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve a **FY2019-20** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services / 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 Program-SR		
Unit 2A Cert #448080		
Unit 2B Cert #448090		
Unit 3 Cert #448100		\$ 176.06
Drug & Alcohol Program-DA		
Unit 1 Cert #448110		
Unit 2 Cert # 448120		
Unit 3 Cert #448130		
Unit 4 Cert #448140		\$ 228.38
Shelter Service Program-SP		
Unit 1 Cert #448070		\$ 289.63

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 **FY2019-20** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services / 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
Female Residential-SH Cert # 401650	\$ 226.72
D&A Female-NM Cert # 401650	\$ 286.76
Shelter Program-Female-SP Cert # 401650	\$ 289.63

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 **FY2019-20** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services & **Patrick C. McDaniel, Esquire**, 50 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. Attorney McDaniel was court appointed to represent children in dependency proceedings. The rate for his services is \$70.00 per hour.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Controller

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

Office of the Controller

Fayette County, Pennsylvania

SCOTT T. ABRAHAM
Controller



Phone (724) 430-1217
Fax (724) 430-1366

DATE	April 13, 2020	
GENERAL FUND		
Cash Balance	General Ledger	\$ 4,272,025.79
TRAN Tax Anticipation Note		\$ 9,250,000.00
2020 Revenue:	Budget	\$ 41,346,039.75
	YTD	\$ 7,276,093.86
	% Received	18%
2020 Expenditures:	Budget	\$ 41,320,529.75
	YTD	\$ 9,030,444.81
	% Used	23%
2019 Expenditures Paid in 2020		\$ 1,058,643.85
DUE TO GENERAL FUND		
Payroll Payments Due - CYS	\$ 624,286.36	
TOTAL		<u>\$ 624,286.36</u>
DUE FROM GENERAL FUND		
Loan Payable to Act 13/Fund 13	\$ 850,000.00	
Loan Payable to Internal Service Fund/Fund 65	\$ 350,000.00	
TOTAL		<u>\$ 1,200,000.00</u>
ACT 13 MARCELLUS SHALE FUND/FUND 13		
Cash Balance - Unconventional Wells Account		\$ 457,313.74
Cash Balance - Legacy Account		\$ 265,180.88
Cash Balance - Bridge Department Account		\$ 89,114.70
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND/FUND 51		
Cash Balance		\$ 29,455.69

Emergency Management Agency

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the designation of agent resolution authorizing Roy Shipley, EMA Director, to obtain all forms and documents for financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistant Act for all funding available related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a vote, Commissioner Vicites said he thinks this is the proper person and agency to handle this. He said they have coordinated a tremendous amount during the pandemic. Commissioner Lohr said they have done a great job.

Human Resources

CYS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the hiring of Lauren Fields, Caseworker I, SEIU CYS, \$17.95/hr. (\$35,000.00 annually) effective March 16, 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 hiring of Louis Gonzalez, Caseworker I, SEIU CYS, \$17.95/hr. (\$35,000.00 annually) effective April 20, 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 ratify the promotion of Amy Wasko to MR Program Specialist 2, Non-Union, PG 41, Step NN, \$32.34/hr. (\$63,603.00 annually) effective March 30, 2020.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Office of Human and Community Services/FACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the sale of bus 182, 184 and 186 through Municibid to 2nd highest negotiated bidder. Highest Bidder has defaulted on bid.

Bus 182-2012 Ford	\$600.00 to Ben Turay
Bus 184-2012 Ford	\$550.00 to Jesse Bates
Bus 186-2013 Ford	\$550.00 to Jesse Bates

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 advertisement of Fixed Route Transportation Services to operate Masontown/Fairchance, Brownsville Express and Brownsville Republic Routes for 2 years beginning July 1, 2020. Note: COVID-19 pandemic could alter route schedules.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve the submission of a fare increase application to PennDOT for shared ride service beginning July 1, 2020.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, the commissioners discussed how much of an increase it will be.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve submission of the Consolidated Operating and Consolidated Capital applications for FY 2020-21.

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 FTA mandated Safety Plan.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to submit CARES Act Grant through FTA for \$3,668,746.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Vicites said it is part of a \$2.2 billion package approved by federal government. He said it will help keep the transportation running during the crisis. He said all governments are taking a hit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve Third Party Sponsorship agreements for FY 2020-21 with Uniontown Hospital, Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration, Laurel Highlands School District, Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging.

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 opened April 7, 2020 subject to all conditions being met. The total bid amount is \$4,708.51.

Bidder Name	Parcel Number	Twp/City/Boro	Amount
Felecia Pirl	37-08-0050-99	Stewart Twp	\$700.00
Redevelopment Authority	38-01-0089	Uniontown City	\$50.00
Redevelopment Authority	38-12-0424	Uniontown City	\$50.00
Redevelopment Authority	38-10-0092	Uniontown City	\$50.00
Brownsville Revital Effort	02-06-0032	Brownsville Boro	\$1,406.00
Brownsville Revital Effort	02-06-0126	Brownsville Boro	\$1,261.26
Brownsville Revital Effort	02-06-0125	Brownsville Boro	\$1,191.25

Total:\$4,708.51

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 submission of a Round 26 DCNR grant for \$100,000.00 to acquire easements for the construction of the Sheepskin Trail.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Vicites said this is for the trail that is near Dunbar. Commissioner Dunn said this will get things moving toward getting that constructed. The commissioners discussed the status of the project. Commissioner Lohr said they met with federal lawmakers to prioritize the Sheepskin Trail.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the March 19, 2020 commissioners meeting minutes.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Dunn to approve the following appointments to the SPC Public Participation Panel for two-year terms to expire on December 31, 2021.

Members: Mike Edwards, Andrew French, Allen George, bill Gerke, Lori Groover-Smith, Eugene Hajek, Donna Holdorf, Warren Hughes, Harry Joseph, Dana Kendrick, Bryan Kidiel, Andrew Kormanik, Jim Marmol, Phil Michael, Muriel Nuttall, Vernon Ohler, Mark Rafail, Sara Rosiek, Joseph Segilia, Bob Shark, Tammy Stenson, Jesse Wallace, Mark Yauger.

PennDOT members: Rachael Duda, Angela Saunders, Joseph Szczur

Resource members: Art Cappella, Scott Dunn, Debra Evans-Rhodes, Joe Grata, Dave Lohr, Tammy Nedrow, Mary Over, Vincent A. Vicites

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Vicites thanked his Chief of Staff for her work to coordinate the list. He said the committee is important in planning future transportation projects. Commissioner Lohr said SPC is the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, and is a regional planning organization. Commissioner Vicites said it is nine southwestern counties and the city of Pittsburgh.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the following transfer in the 2020 budget.

	3/21/2020		
Department	Cost Center	Debit	Credit
Assessment			
Association dues	01413654200	\$300.00	
Travel	01413653300		\$300.00
Total Debits	\$300.00	Total Credits	\$300.00

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to accept the resignation of Andrew Musiolowski from the LaFayette Manor/Beechwood Court Board of Directors.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Anyone interested in serving on the board is asked to submit a letter of interest to Chief Clerk Amy Revak at 61 East Main Street, Uniontown PA. 15401 by May 1.

Public Announcements

Commissioner Dunn announced that Election Day has been moved from April 28 to June 2, and voters can download applications on Votespa.com or they can vote by mail. He said you can call the Election Bureau to get a ballot mailed at 724-430-1289. Commissioner Lohr said the bureau already has received 5,000 mail in ballots. Commissioner Vicites said you do not have to have a reason to vote absentee anymore. Commissioner Lohr said after the pandemic is over, he would still encourage people to vote.

Commissioner Dunn announced that solicitor Jack Purcell attended the meeting. He said this is a health care crisis, and he encouraged people to social distance and to check on elderly and at-risk neighbors. He said local businesses are open and he urged everyone to buy local. He thanked Fayette County for staying strong. Commissioner Lohr said the courthouse is closed to the public except for appointments. Commissioner Vicites said stay home, stay safe, stay strong and stay Fayette United. He said the curve is being flattened but we need to continue social distancing. He said the county issued a state of emergency on March 13.

Solicitor Purcell said he thought the meeting went well. He said assistant county solicitor Sheryl Heid was working at the election bureau, and they may have to speak about reducing the number of voting precincts, adding that June 2 will arrive quickly. Commissioner Vicites said it is a recommendation to wear masks when out in public. Commissioner Lohr asked everyone to stay safe.

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

