

An agenda meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 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 via Zoom
Commissioner Scott Dunn
Chief Clerk Amy Revak
Chief County Solicitor Jack Purcell

Commissioner Lohr welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:01 a.m. He asked everyone to stand for a silent prayer, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Proclamations/Recognitions

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

Employ Older Workers Week- September 18-24, 2022

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Lohr asked about the other proclamation. Chief Clerk Revak said it is listed under CYS.

Fayette County Redevelopment Authority

Andrew French attended on Zoom. He presented the agenda item.

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

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

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 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.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Mr. Hercik explained that Act 57 amends the local law pertaining to the collection of taxes for new property owners. He said tax bills are printed in two months advance of sending them and sometimes the bills are sent to a prior owner. He said this will allow the new property owner to take up to a year to pay the bill due to the transfer. Solicitor Purcell said often people would get penalized because they didn't get the bill. He said it is a good improvement in the law. After the vote, Commissioner Lohr said it is a good thing.

Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration

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 the following agreements and modifications:

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

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Children and Youth Services

John Fritts presented the agenda items.

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

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:

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

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:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00		
Program	Service	Rate/Day
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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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
Arborvale 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.

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

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

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.

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.

The recognition of thanks for Ford of Uniontown. The staff of Ford of Uniontown donated 84 car seats to CYS. During the month of July, the Buckle up Kids Care Seat drive used money from every car sold to purchase seats and they also collected new car seats from the community.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Economic Development

Mark Rafail presented the agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval for Mark Rafail to attend 2022 PAHRA Fall Conference at the Skytop Lodge, Skytop , PA from October 17th – October 19th, 2022, at a cost of \$300.00 conference registration, plus tolls, and 1 night lodging, PAHRA will pay for 1 night also.

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 for Mark Rafail to attend 2022 PEDDA 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.

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 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.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resources

Cristi Spiker presented the agenda items.

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

FCBHA

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

Assessment

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

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

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

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

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

CYS

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

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

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

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

ELECTION BUREAU

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

FACT

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

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.

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.

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.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Ms. Spiker thanked Chief Clerk Revak for rearrange a few things and get these to the agenda because we were late getting them to her.

Juvenile Probation Office

Heath Randolph presented the agenda item.

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

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Planning, Zoning and Community Development

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

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

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 the following:

Approval of the August 16, 2022, commissioner's agenda minutes.

Approval of the August 18, 2022, commissioners meeting minutes.

Approval of the August 18, 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 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.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

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 or 61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. Letters must be received no later than September 29, 2022.

Public Comments- None

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously



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: _____

Vincent A. Vicites, Vice Chair

Scott Dunn, Second Vice Chair