

An agenda meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 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  
Commissioner Scott Dunn  
Chief Clerk Amy Revak  
Chief County Solicitor Jack Purcell

**Commissioner Lohr** welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:12 a.m. He asked everyone to stand for a silent prayer, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance. He said they needed to amend the agenda to eliminate the UCC board.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to amend the agenda to add a motion to eliminate the UCC appeals board.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items- None**

**Redevelopment Authority**

**Andrew French** presented the agenda item. He said there were 53 applications received totaling over \$3.5 million in funding and they learned last week that the allocation for the year is \$658,090. He said they are meeting tomorrow to make the final decisions.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda adoption of the attached resolution which approves funding recommendations for Fayette County's 2022-2023 Local Share Account (LSA) Program application being submitted by the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

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.

Richard T Hart 527 Hardy Hill Rd	09-37-0009 Dunbar Township	Review Dunbar PA 15431
Blanch L Markiewicz 281 Third St	30-15-0091 Redstone Township	New Eff. Oct 13, 2022 Allison PA 15413
James F Clark 1398 Connellsville Rd	25-27-0053 North Union Township	New Eff. October 7, 2022 Lemont Furnace PA 15456
Nathan Smith 116 Nassau St	38-06-0320 Uniontown City	New Eff. September 21, 2022 Uniontown PA 15401
Cloyd A Eichelberger 307 Boulevard Ave	29-02-0129 Point Marion Boro	Review Pt Marion PA 15474

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 an agreement with Uniontown Mall Realty LLC with regard to 2618 of 2018 GD to settle an assessment appeal for the years 2019 thru 2026. Refund for prior years will be issued as a credit toward future taxes. This is cooperative agreement with the Mall, South Union Township and the Laurel Highlands School District per mediation ordered by the court.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Prior to** a motion, Mr. Hercik said this was a result of a mediation with a judge. He said the Laurel Highlands School District and the township were involved. He said a credit will be deducted from future tax bills. Solicitor Purcell said it was a long process, but it is a fair settlement. He said locking in the assessment was key.

### **Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration**

**Dave Rider** 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 following agreements and modifications:

<b><u>Contract Value</u></b>	<b><u>Period</u></b>
<b><u>Modification Agreement #1 2022-2023</u></b> Laurel House, Inc.	\$678,780 07/01/22-06/30/23
<b><u>Modification Agreement #1 2021-2022</u></b> Mental Health Association in Fayette County	\$796,821 07/01/21-06/30/22

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **Building and Grounds**

**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 to advertise for bids for janitorial supplies for 2023.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **Children and Youth Services**

**Gina D’Auria** presented the agenda items.

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

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 **Live Well Family Services**, 542 Georges Fairchance Road, Uniontown, PA 15401 for in-home services on an as needed basis for CYS & JPO families. The rates are as follows:

In-home services for treatment, collateral contacts, documentation and travel time for client and collateral contact but travel time will be capped at one hour per client face-to-face contact and collateral contact; \$65.00 per hour for all related counseling services, consultations, assessments, court testimony, documentation, collateral activity and training for the County.

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 **Growing Resilient Communities, Inc.**, 1344 W. York St., Philadelphia, PA 19132 for Supervised Independent Living on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing	\$250.00
Supervised Independent Living	
148830-BB	\$ 511.74/day
148830-CC	\$ 468.81/day

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 **Blueprints**, 150 West Beau Street, Suite 304, Washington, PA 15301. Blueprints will provide foster care and group home services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows: Initial Clothing \$ 250.00

Foster Care	RATE/DAY
AA Conventional Foster Care	\$ 76.80
AB Conventional Youth	\$ 82.82
BB Specialized/Kinship	\$ 76.87
BC Specialized/Kinship Youth	\$ 82.74
CC Emergency	\$ 76.81
DD Respite	\$ 78.21
EE Comprehensive	\$ 76.27
EF Comprehensive Youth	\$ 81.73
FF Adolescent w/Child	\$ 96.23
GG Special Needs	\$ 77.82
GH Special Needs Youth	\$ 83.57
Family Group Decision Making	
Successful Conference	\$ 2,800.00
Successful Referral	\$ 800.00
Unsuccessful Referral	\$ 250.00

Approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement Addendum between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **Pathways Adolescent Center**, 370 N. Seneca Street, Oil City, PA 16301 for Psychological Evaluation. The cost for this service is \$250.00 per evaluation.

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 **Taylor Diversion Programs, Inc.**, 1 Lighthouse Island, Tionesta, PA 16353 for residential/group home services, independent living program, and foster family placement services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00

Community Based Residential Delinquent and Dependent Program \$240.00/day

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Approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **Kimberly D. Kovach, Esquire**, 9 Court Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Uniontown, PA 15401. Attorney Kovach was court appointed to represent children in dependency proceedings. The rate for her services is \$70.00 per hour.

Approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **Sarah E. Connelly, Esquire**, Zebley, Mehalov, & White, 18 Mill Street, P.O. Box 2123, Uniontown, PA 15401. Attorney Connelly was court appointed to represent children in dependency proceedings. The rate for her services is \$70.00 per hour.

Approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement Addendum between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **Ward Home, Inc.** 510 Pitt Street, Building 800, Pittsburgh, PA 15221 for Supervised Independent Living on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing \$250.00

Supervised Independent Living (Male) #450330 \$ 311.47/day

Supervised Independent Living (Female) #450320 \$ 311.47/day

Approval of a **FY2022-23** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and **David Ignaski**, 217 Pumpkin Run Road, Jefferson, PA 15344. The service provider will provide routine care for child if natural family is unable to do so during family visitation. The rate for this service is \$50.00 per hour.

Commissioner Dunn yes

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Emergency Management Agency**

**Roy Shipley** presented the agenda item.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval for James Bittner EMA Planner/Training Officer to attend (2) Incident Command Classes ICS 300 on December 7 – 9 and ICS 400 December 14 & 15. The training will be at the State DOC academy in Elizabethtown. Costs will include hotel, meals and travel. Funds are budgeted.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Mr. Shipley** said it is for his recertification. Commissioner Lohr asked for the actual numbers and Mr. Shipley said he would provide them for Thursday's agenda.

**Human Resources**

**Lorraine Conard** presented the agenda items.

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

**Assessment**

Approval of the resignation of Richard Smith, Assessor I, effective November 9, 2022.

**Commissioners**

Approval of the resignation of Justin Spade, Parks & Trails Groundskeeper, effective October 27, 2022.

**CYS**

Ratification of the hiring of Christina Stockton, Caseworker I, SEIU CYS, \$19.04/hour (\$37,134.15 annually) effective November 7, 2022.

Approval of the hiring of Alexandria Kennedy, Caseworker I, SEIU CYS, \$19.04/hour (\$37,134.15 annually) effective November 21, 2022.

**Election Bureau**

Ratification of the hiring of Sandra Grego, Part Time Clerk, Non-U, \$12.00/hour, effective November 7, 2022.

**EMA**

Ratification of the transfer of William Cobin to Part Time Dispatcher I, SEIU, Step SR1, \$16.18/hour, effective October 28, 2022.

Approval of the resignation of Colton Martin, Part Time Dispatcher, effective November 19, 2022.

Approval of the promotion of Shannon Large to Dispatcher II (TCOII), SEIU, PG12, Step SR1, \$17.33/hour (\$36,046.40 annually) effective November 20, 2022.

**FACT**

Approval of the resignation of Mark Davis, Full Time Bus Driver, effective October 28, 2022.

Approval of the separation of employment of David Wilson, Full Time Bus Driver, effective October 28, 2022.

Ratification of the transfer of Kevin Mansberry to Part Time Bus Driver (CDL), SEIU, PG 14, Step SR1, \$17.74/hour, effective October 28, 2022.

Ratification of the hiring of Scott Nowakowski, Full Time Bus Driver (CDL), SEIU, PG 14, Step SR, \$17.13/hour (\$33,403.50 annually) effective November 7, 2022.

Approval of the resignation of Scott Nowakowski, Full Time Bus Driver, effective November 9, 2022.

**FCBHA**

Ratification of the promotion of Natalie Ganci to MH Program Specialist 1, Non-U, PG 39, Step II, \$26.38/hour (\$51,441.00 annually) , effective October 31, 2022.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Approval of the resignation of Meghann Mikluscak, First Assistant Public Defender, effective October 31, 2022.

Approval of the separation of employment of Jane Omatick, Department Clerk I, effective October 28, 2022.

Ratification of the promotion of Nicholas Clark to First Assistant Public Defender, Non-U Supervisor, PG 14, Step A, \$24.92/hour (\$48,594.00 annually) effective November 1, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Office of Human and Community Services/FACT**

**Rudy Dutko** 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 Human Service Development Fund Contracts for FY 2022-2023 between the County of Fayette and the following local Provider Agencies as follows:

- Albert Gallatin Human Services Agency, Inc. shall be reimbursed for actual allowable costs and only for eligible contracted services actually provided up to a maximum of \$98,400.00.
- City Mission-Living Stones, Inc. shall be reimbursed for actual allowable costs and only for eligible contracted services actually provided up to a maximum of 10,000.00.
- Fayette County Behavioral Health shall be reimbursed for actual allowable costs and only for eligible contracted services actually provided up to a maximum of \$77,350.00.
- Fayette County Community Action Agency shall be reimbursed for actual allowable costs and only for eligible contracted services actually provided up to a maximum of \$10,000.00.
- Fayette County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. shall be reimbursed for actual allowable costs and only for eligible contracted services actually provided up to a maximum of \$20,180.00.

Approval of Homeless Assistance Program Contracts for FY 2022-2023 between the County of Fayette and the following local Provider Agencies as follows:

- City Mission-Living Stones, Inc. shall be reimbursed for actual allowable costs and only for eligible contracted services actually provided up to a maximum of \$170,000.00 which breaks down to \$105,000.00 for Emergency Shelter, \$30,000.00 for Bridgehouse and \$35,000.00 for case management services.
- Fayette County Community Action Agency shall be reimbursed for actual allowable costs and only for eligible contracted services actually provided up to a maximum of \$256,916.00 which breaks down to \$110,586.00 for Rental Assistance, \$89,330.00 for Bridgehouse and \$57,000.00 for case management services.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes



Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Planning, Zoning and Community Development**

**Sara Harvey** 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 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Fayette County Commissioners and the Fayette Career Technical Institute concerning the construction of a new Health Sciences Workforce Development Center in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. PW-20861-IM.

Approval of the elimination of the Fayette County Uniform Construction Code Office effective December 30, 2022. No new UCC Building Permits will be issued after December 30, 2022. Any outstanding permits that require inspections will continue to be addressed until their completion.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Commissioner Dunn** asked if Solicitor Purcell has a copy of the MOU. Solicitor Purcell said he has not seen it. Chief Clerk Revak said it was not given to her.

Commissioner Lohr made a motion to eliminate the UCC appeals board.

A discussion occurred about a motion to eliminate the UCC appeals board. Commissioner Vicites said there wouldn't be a need for the board. Mrs. Harvey said since 2004 the board has never met. She said it can be appealed to the state also. Commissioner Lohr said it is better to wait and leave the board in place. He then withdrew his motion.

**Tax Claim**

**Sarah Minnick** presented the agenda item.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda the approval of the following accepted repository bids opened on November 1, 2022, subject to all conditions being met. Total bid amount is \$40,845.27.

Bidder Name	Parcel Number	Twp/City/Boro	Bid Amount
Thomas Skidmore	19-04-0205	Luzerne Twp Brownsville	\$4,200.00
Chad Haugh	02-11-0006	Boro	\$4,400.01
Starla Gadd	30-13-0046	Redstone Twp	\$10,001.00
Thalyta Marques	19-31-0022	Luzerne Twp Washington	\$562.26
Weston Milligan	41-20-0015	Twp	\$1,971.00
Weston Milligan	15-33-0029	German Twp	\$1,155.00
Weston Milligan	19-26-0076-02	Luzerne Twp	\$1,120.00
Weston Milligan	15-33-0039	German Twp Brownsville	\$1,701.00
Weston Milligan	02-10-0073	Boro Brownsville	\$2,251.00
Weston Milligan	02-10-0188	Boro	\$801.00
Weston Milligan	30-08-0003	Redstone Twp	\$2,201.00
Weston Milligan	19-26-0049	Luzerne Twp	\$1,401.00
Weston Milligan	15-33-0030	German Twp	\$1,101.00
Weston Milligan	30-24-0131	Redstone Twp	\$1,880.00
Barry Stoots	04-28-0075	Bullskin Twp	\$6,100.00
		Total	\$40,845.27

#### Rejected Bids

Bidder Name	Parcel Number	Twp/City/Boro	Reason
Michelle Michotte	30-08-0003	Redstone Twp	Outbid
John Stanislaw	30-13-0046	Redstone Twp	Outbid
Jeanne Grooms	30-24-0131	Redstone Twp	Outbid
Kenneth Poindexter	30-13-0046	Redstone Twp	Outbid
Hunter Craig	19-04-0205	Luzerne	Outbid
Roy Thayer	04-28-0075	Bullskin Twp	Outbid
Thomas Skidmore	30-13-0046	Redstone Twp	Outbid
Weston Milligan	19-04-0205	Luzerne	Outbid

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

## **Commissioners**

**Chief Clerk** Revak read the agenda items.

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

Approval of the October 18, 2022 commissioners agenda minutes.

Approval of the October 20, 2022 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 a proposed 2023 Fayette County general fund budget.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

**Chief Clerk** Revak said as was done last year, the figure for the budget will be provided at the Thursday meeting.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of one appointment to the Conservation District for a farmer representative for a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

Commissioner Dunn yes  
Commissioner Lohr yes  
Commissioner Vicites yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

**After the** vote, Commissioner Dunn asked why it was being done this month. Chief Clerk Revak explained that this board is monitored by the state Conservation District and there are certain requirements to appointments, and the names must be submitted to the state by December 1.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to consider placing on the agenda approval of one appointment to the Conservation District for a commissioner representative for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

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 ratification of the following transfers that occurred in the 2022 budget through November 8, 2022.

Department	Cost Center	Debit	Credit
<b>Juvenile Probation Office</b>			
Drug testing	01423753191	\$925.02	
Materials/supplies	01423752000	\$107.46	
Telephone	01423753200		\$1,032.48
Treasurer			
Training/conference	01413953350	\$45.50	
Materials/supplies	01413952000		\$45.50
Training/conference	01413953350	\$66.96	
Materials/supplies	01413952000		\$66.96
Training/conference	01413953350	\$365.00	
Travel	01413953300		\$365.00
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$1,509.94</b>	
	<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>\$1,509.94</b>

Commissioner Dunn yes  
 Commissioner Lohr yes  
 Commissioner Vicites yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Public Announcements**

The following boards and authorities have terms that expire in December and January:

**Fayette County Agricultural Land Preservation Board**

One Citizen at Large Representative with a term to expire December 31, 2027.

Three Farmer Representatives with a term to expire December 31, 2027.

One Commercial/Industrial/Residential Representative with a term to expire December 31, 2027.

One Non-Agricultural Representative with a term to expire December 31, 2027.

**Fayette County Airport Authority**

One Fayette County Airport Authority member, with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

**Behavioral Health Advisory Board**

One Community Group Representative, with a term to expire December 31, 2025.

Two At Large Representatives, with a term to expire December 31, 2025.

One Commissioner Representative, with a term to expire December 31, 2023.

**Fayette County Health Center Authority**

One Fayette County Health Center Authority member, with a term to expire January 3, 2028.

**Fayette County Hospital Authority**

One member of the Hospital Authority, with a term to expire January 3, 2028.

**Fayette County Housing Authority**

One Fayette County Housing Authority member, with a term to expire January 3, 2028.

**Industrial Development Authority**

One Industrial Development Authority member, with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

**North Fayette Municipal Authority**

Two North Fayette Municipal Water Authority members, with a term to expire January 3, 2028.

**Planning Commission**

Two Planning Commission members, with a term to expire December 31, 2026.

**Regional Trails Corporation**

Two Regional Trails Corporation members, with a term to expire December 31, 2025.

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services Council**

One Pennsylvania Human Services Council member, with a term to expire December 31, 2023.

### **FACT Transportation Executive Committee**

One FACT Transportation Executive Committee Senior Membership Representative with a term to expire December 31, 2024.

Two FACT Transportation Executive Committee General Membership Representatives with a term to expire December 31, 2024.

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

One Fayette County Zoning Hearing Board full-time member, with a term to expire December 31, 2025.

One Fayette County Zoning Hearing Board alternate member, with a term to expire December 31, 2025.

**Anyone interested in serving on one of these boards 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 November 30, 2022.**

### **Fayette County Children and Youth Advisory Committee**

has one vacant position with a term to expire on August 26, 2025 and one position with a term to expire on August 31, 2025. Applicants must be a resident of Fayette County.

Anyone interested in serving on one of this should complete the application that is on the Fayette County CYS webpage on the Fayette County website and return it to:

**Fayette County Children & Youth Services, 130 Old New Salem Road, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, 15401**

### **Public Comments**

**Commissioner Vicites** said he wanted to wish Solicitor Purcell a Happy Birthday.

### **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**

