



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
February 23, 2021
Video/Teleconference via TEAMS
5:30 PM**

5:30 PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

MOTION TO SUSPEND BYLAWS REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT A MAJORITY OF THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING MUST BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

MOTION TO SUSPEND BYLAWS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE CURRENT FORMAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE TERM OF THE STATE'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE Amending the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (Debt Service).

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on the matter listed on the Agenda. Please refer to the Public Meetings Online page of County's Website at <https://www.luzernecounty.org/1279/Public-Meetings-Online> for more information on how to participate in Public Comment via technology.

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

ITEM TITLE	COUNCIL MEETING DATE	AGENDA NUMBER
Luzerne County received \$2,038,405 reimbursement related to voting machines	2-23-2021	2021-a
Dept:	Budget and Financial Services	
Contact:	Brian Swetz	
Phone:	570-825-1545	

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

It is the department recommendation to leave these funds as 2020 revenue. County Council amended the 2-9-2021 agenda submittal to pay down debt related to the 2019 Council Borrowing from the federal and state reimbursement.

SUMMARY:

Luzerne County entered into a 2019 purchase order with Dominion and purchased machines for \$2,824,440.80 during fiscal year 2020. The federal and state government reimbursed the County for \$2,038,405 towards the purchase.

The reclass of revenue of the \$2,038,405 to pay down 2019 debt would leave the County short in the 2020 audit. Also the majority of the benefit of the repayment would not be received until 2030 per PFM debt schedule.

The intent of Council to pay down debt is a noble idea however it will short the 2020 revenue numbers by that amount.

Debt Service:

100.95.4721.570.81 – 2019 General Obligation Principal

FINANCING:

none

ALTERNATIVES:

Council can choose not to approve resulting in an unbudgeted surplus

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The attached was drafted by Budget and Finance staff and the County Solicitor's Office.

PFM provided information related to making an extra or early payment to the 2019 Bond.

No. 2021-
ORDINANCE

*An Ordinance of County Council for the County of Luzerne
Amending 2020 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County*

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Administration received and was reimbursed with proceeds from the Pennsylvania and United States governments in the amount of \$2,038,405.49 related to Luzerne County's purchase of new voting machines; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Manager submitted the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget to Luzerne County Council which was subsequently amended and adopted by Luzerne County Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.10.F. of the Home Rule Charter states County Council may amend any of the budgets at any time during the fiscal year by ordinance adopted by an affirmative vote of at least a majority plus one of its current members after a public hearing has been held; and

WHEREAS, County Council for Luzerne desires to amend the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget to deposit unencumbered funds in the amount of \$2,038,405.49 to line item 100.95.4721.570.81 (2019 General Obligation Principal) to be utilized to pay down Luzerne County's debt service.

NOW, THEREFORE, the following is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Luzerne County Council:

SECTION ONE. Incorporation of Preamble.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

SECTION TWO. Amendment of Line Items in Budget.

A public hearing having been held on _____, County Council hereby amends the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget to provide unencumbered funds in the amount of \$2,038,405.49 to line 100.95.4721.570.81 for the purpose of paying down Luzerne County's debt service.

SECTION THREE. Remainder of Budget.

All other line items in the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget shall remain unchanged.

SECTION FOUR. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after enactment.

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Sharon Lawrence,
Clerk to County Council

Tim McGinley, Chair

Chris Perry, Vice-Chair