



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
July 27, 2021  
Council Meeting Room  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
200 N. River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701  
AND  
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

**5:40 PM CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE** amending the 2021 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (Probation).

*This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on the matter listed on the Agenda. Each speaker shall have three (3) minutes to address Council. Speakers may not yield or transfer their time to another speaker.*

*Those attending in person are asked to complete and submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk of Council before the first speaker is called.*

*Those attending virtually are asked to 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

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE</b>	<b>AGENDA NUMBER</b>
To increase revenue and expense budgets within the General Fund Probation Services general ledger lines.	06/22/2021	
<b>Dept:</b>	Probation Services	
<b>Contact:</b>	Paul Hindmarsh, Court Administrator	
<b>Phone:</b>	(570) 820-6304	

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

Probation Services recommends that Luzerne County Council approve the funding that is needed to make court improvements using the salary reimbursement funding.

### **SUMMARY:**

This amendment is required to accurately reflect the increase in funding from the salary reimbursement of Probation salaries allowable through the 2020 COVID-19 funding.

### **FINANCING:**

Probation received \$500,000 from the COVID-19 funds in 2020 for salary reimbursements, but would like to transfer \$400,000 to the General Fund for the projects mentioned below in the discussion section.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The funding is necessary to support two critical areas within the Courts; the County Diversionary Court Program and Family Court. First, the Luzerne County Court Diversionary Program is in the process of completing private meeting and testing space for participants in the program as well as training and development of case managers and probation officers responsible for oversight of the program. Second, the Court has directed more resources to support the Family Court Division which includes judicial chambers and staff support areas in the main courthouse.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Luzerne County Council may choose not to approve however; this is not recommended because it would prevent the courts from using monies needed to complete the above projects.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

None.

No. 2021-  
**ORDINANCE**

*An Ordinance of County Council for the County of Luzerne  
Amending the 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets for Luzerne County*

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Probation Services has received \$400,000 from the COVID-19 funding for the reimbursement of salaries of law enforcement working during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, County Council adopted the 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets which accounted for anticipated revenue and expenses; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.10 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 budget at the appropriate line items in order to account for the receipt of funds to the 2021 Fiscal Year budget.

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 in budget.**

A public hearing having been held on \_\_\_\_\_ County Council hereby amends the following line items in the 2021 fiscal year budgets in order to account for receipt of salary reimbursements.

**REVENUES:**

Line Item- **100.13.4237.460.31** Special Expense Reimbursement shall be increased by \$400,000.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Line Item- **100.13.4237.550.15** Other Contractual Services shall be increased by \$400,000.

**SECTION THREE. Remainder of Budget.**

All other items in the 2021 Fiscal Year Luzerne County Budget shall remain unchanged.

**SECTION FOUR. Effective Date.**

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Tim McGinley, Chair

ATTEST:

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Sharon Lawrence,

Clerk to County Council

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Chris Perry, Vice-Chair