



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
July 28, 2020  
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 MANAGER'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE** Amending the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County.

*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

<u>ITEM TITLE</u>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE</b>	<b>AGENDA NUMBER</b>
To amend various 2020 revenue and expense fund budgets to reflect an increase from various funding sources related to COVID-19.	July 14, 2020	
<b>Dept:</b> Budget & Finance		
<b>Contact:</b> Brian Swetz, Division Head		
<b>Phone:</b> (570) 825-1545		

### DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Division of Budget & Finance recommends that Council approve the increased 2020 revenue and expense budgets for various funds as spelled out in the proposed ordinance. This increase in revenue reflects funding received from the following agencies.

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development	\$ 2,000,000
<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 2,000,000
U.S. Department of Justice Assistance Revenue	\$ 58,008
<u>Expenses</u>	
Luzerne County Correctional Facility	\$ 42,056
Luzerne County Sheriff's Department	\$ 15,727
Luzerne County Probation	\$ 225
PA Department of Community & Economic Development Revenue	\$28,600,000
<u>Expenses</u>	
Non-Profit/Human Service Provider Assistance Program	\$ 5,000,000
Municipal COVID Assistance Program	\$ 5,000,000
County COVID Expenses	\$ 8,000,000
Broadband Improvements	\$ 400,000
Economic Development/Tourism/Small Business Assistance Program	\$10,000,000
Program Administration	\$ 200,000
Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency Revenue	\$ 172,212
<u>Expenses</u>	
Luzerne County Courts/Probation	\$ 86,781
Luzerne County District Attorney's Office	\$ 28,440
Luzerne County Municipal Police Departments (DA Pass-Thru)	\$ 41,257
Luzerne County Sheriff's Department	\$ 15,734

**SUMMARY:**

This amendment is required to accurately reflect the increased funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

**FINANCING:**

Funding was awarded to Luzerne County to defray costs associated with the planning, preparation and response to the Coronavirus pandemic. The U.S. Department of Justice and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency specifically stated that their funding was to be used for law enforcement offices/agencies.

**DISCUSSION:**

This budget amendment increase will allow the additional funds received by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to be used for COVID related expenses in the categories identified under Departmental Recommendation.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Council may choose not to approve the budget amendment to reflect the additional funding received. This is not recommended because it would require the funding to be returned to the various sources previously identified.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Not applicable.

No. 2020-\_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE**

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

WHEREAS; pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, County Council adopted the 2020 Fiscal Year Budgets which accounted for anticipated revenue and expenses; 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, Luzerne County was awarded funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to defray the costs associated with the planning, preparation, and response to the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, County Council desires to amend the Budget at the appropriate line items in order to account for receipt and expenditure of funds from various sources related to COVID-19.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, County council hereby amends the following line items in the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget in order to account for receipt of funds from various sources related to COVID-19:

**HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SOURCE:**

REVENUES:

Community Development Line Item 560.30.4650.440.18 Housing Urban Development shall be increased by \$2,000,000.

EXPENDITURES:

Community Development Line Item 560.30.4650.599.50 COVID-19 shall be increased by \$2,000,000.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FUNDING SOURCES:**

REVENUES:

Correctional Facility Line Item 100.40.4235.440.56 U.S. Dept of Justice shall be increased by \$42,056.

Sheriff Department Line Item 100.60.4197.440.56 U.S. Dept of Justice shall be increased by \$15,727

Probation Department Line Item 100.13.4197.440.56 U.S. Dept of Justice shall be increased by \$225

EXPENDITURES:

Correctional Facility Line Item 100.40.4235.599.50 COVID-19 shall be increased by \$42,056.

Sheriff Department Line Item 100.60.4197.599.50 COVID-19 shall be increased by \$15,727

Probation Department Line Item 100.13.4197.599.50 COVID-19 shall be increased by \$225

**DCED CARES ACT FUNDING SOURCES:**

REVENUES:

Cares Act Line Item 125.20.4176.435.30 PA DCED shall be increased by \$28,600,000

EXPENDITURES:

Cares Act Line Item 125.20.4176.599.50 COVID-19 shall be increased by \$28,600,000

**PA COMMISSION ON CRIME & DELINQUENCY REVENUE:**

REVENUES:

Probation Line Item 100.13.4197.435.10 PA DCED shall be increased by \$86,781.

District Attorney Line Item 100.12.4194.435.10 PA DCED shall be increased by \$28,440

District Attorney pass thru Line Item 100.12.4194.435.10 PA DCED shall be increased by \$41,257

Sheriff Department Line Item 100.60.4197.435.10 PA DCED shall be increased by \$15,734

EXPENDITURES:

Probation Line Item 100.13.4197.599.50 COVID-19 shall be increased by \$86,781.

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SECTION THREE. Remainder of Budget.

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

SECTION FOUR. Effective Date.

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

ENACTED at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim McGinley, Chair

ATTEST:

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Sharon Lawrence,  
Clerk to County Council

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Chris Perry, Vice-Chair