



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING**

August 27, 2019  
Council Meeting Room  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
200 N. River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

**5:45PM CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE** amending the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County

*Each speaker shall have three (3) minutes to address the Agenda item. Each speaker is asked to submit a Speaker Card before the first speaker is called and to limit individual comments to three (3) minutes. Speakers may not yield or transfer their time to another speaker.*

**ADJOURNMENT**



## AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

<b><u>ITEM TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>COUNCIL MEETING DATE</u></b>	<b><u>AGENDA NUMBER</u></b>
Budget Amendment to Reflect Receipt of Funds from Office of the Attorney General to fund Drug Task Force Officer Position.	July 23 and August 13, 2019	
<b>Department:</b>	District Attorney's Office	
<b>Contact:</b>	Stefanie Salavantis, Esquire	
<b>Phone:</b>	570-825-1674	

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that Luzerne County approve the Budget Amendment to reflect the receipt of \$40,000 from the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General to fund the salaries for five part-time Drug Task Force Officers.

### **SUMMARY:**

The District Attorney's Office has been made aware that there is funding available through the Office of Attorney General for the creation of a part-time Drug Task Force Officer positions. The Drug Task Force Officer would be responsible for conducting narcotics investigations throughout Luzerne County. The job description for the positions are the same as the position created earlier this year, except these positions will be part-time. These positions are non-union positions and do not provide health benefits or pensions with Luzerne County.

### **FINANCING:**

The part-time Drug Task Officers' salary will be funded by the Office of the Attorney General. The rate of pay is \$20.00 per hour. There are no health benefits or pension associated with these positions. Additionally, there are no other equipment related expenses anticipated at this time. If a part-time officer were to get injured while on duty as a part-time Drug Task Force Officer; Luzerne County's workers' compensation insurance would apply.

### **DISCUSSION:**

A budget amendment would be needed in order to properly reflect the revenue from the new positions which would be used to pay the salary. For 2019, the revenue receipt and corresponding salary expenditure is projected at up to \$40,000.00 based on the following formula: 5 part-time officers\*100 hours per month\*\$20.00/hour\*4 months.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Luzerne County Council could choose to not amend the budget to account for the creation of these positions.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:** None

No. 2019-\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE**

***An Ordinance of County Council for the County of Luzerne  
Amending the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County***

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office was informed that funding is available through the Pennsylvania Attorney General for the creation of Part-Time Drug Task Force Officer positions; and

WHEREAS, the positions within the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office would be responsible for initiating narcotics investigations throughout Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, County Council adopted the 2019 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, County Council for Luzerne desires to amend the Budget at the appropriate line items in order to account for the receipt of funds from the Office of the Attorney General to cover the salary for the Part-Time Drug Task Force Officer positions, as well as, amending the budget to account for the expenditure of funds for salary expenses associated with the position.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, County Council hereby amends the following line item in the 2019 fiscal year budget in order to account for the receipt of funds from the Office of Attorney General to pay the salary for a Drug Task Force Officer:

Add up to \$40,000 in revenue to line item 100.12.4194.460.28.  
Add payroll expenses at line item 100.12.4194.520.xx

**SECTION THREE. Remainder of Budget.**

All other line items in the 2019 Fiscal Year Luzerne County Budget shall remain unchanged.

**SECTION FOUR. Effective Date.**

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

Enacted by County Council, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

AYES:

NAYS:

Attest:

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Tim McGinley, Chair

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Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of County Council

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\_\_\_\_\_, Vice-Chair