



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
September 12, 2023  
Council Meeting Room  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
200 N. River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701  
AND  
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

**5:45 PM CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE** Amending the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County to Transfer Reserve Funds to the Luzerne County Courts

*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**

No. 2023-\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE**

***An Ordinance of County Council for the County of Luzerne  
Amending the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County to Transfer  
Reserve Funds to the Luzerne County Courts***

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Courts are vested with the responsibility for providing equal justice for all the people of Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, due to the need to expand the judiciary and provide space for the various courts to operate, the Luzerne County Courts need to repair and update existing courtrooms; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Courts require additional funds to make said repairs and updates and are requesting an additional \$415,000.00 to do so; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, County Council adopted the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget which accounted for anticipated revenue and expenses; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.10.F. of the Home Rule Charter states County Council may amend the budget 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 2023 Budget at the appropriate line items in order to transfer additional funds from the Reserve Fund to the Luzerne County Court's Other Contractual Services Fund.

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 following line items in the 2023 fiscal year budget in order to transfer funds from the Reserve Fund to the Contractual Services for the following accounts:

100.99.4940.585.10 Reserve Fund	\$40,899.00
And transferring to:	
100.13.4184.550.15 Other Contractual Services	\$40,899.00

**SECTION THREE. Remainder of Budget.**

All other line items in the 2023 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

AYES:

NAYS:

Attest:

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Kendra Vough, Chair

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Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of County Council

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John Lombardo, Vice-Chair