



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
October 24, 2023
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Courthouse
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
AND
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

5:15 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 (Operations)

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

<u>ITEM TITLE</u>	<u>COUNCIL MEETING DATE</u>	<u>AGENDA NUMBER</u>
Approve a Budget Amendment to utilize Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Funds by the Engineering Department in order to fund the design of a Temporary Traffic Signal for an intersection near the Fort Jenkins Bridge.	9/26/2023	
Dept: Operations Contact: Greg Kurtz Phone: 570-825-1608		

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that County Council approve an amendment to utilize funds from the Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund and place \$50,000 in the Engineering Budget in order to fund the design of a Temporary Traffic Signal and Traffic Analysis at intersections near the Fort Jenkins Bridge (US-11).

SUMMARY:

The proposed amendment is needed to fund a Traffic Analysis and a Temporary Traffic Signal Design for intersections near the Fort Jenkins Bridge (US-11).

FINANCING:

The project cost has been determined to be \$106,508. We propose to use \$50,000 from the Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund to the Engineering Department Budget Line Item 100.50.4315.550.18. The remaining cost of the project will be funded by money currently in the Engineering Department Budget.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed project is needed to provide safe intersections for the traveling public until the Water Street Bridge is replaced.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council could choose not to approve this resolution. If this resolution is not approved, the proposed project will not be undertaken until funding is available.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Not applicable.

No. 2023-____

ORDINANCE

***An Ordinance of County Council for the County of Luzerne
Amending the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County***

WHEREAS, Luzerne County has been awarded funds through the Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Divisions of Operations is requesting the utilization of \$50,000 from the Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund award to fund a temporary traffic signal and traffic analysis at the intersections near the Fort Jenkins Bridge in West Pittston; 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 account for the utilization of funds for temporary traffic signal and traffic analysis at intersections near the Fort Jenkins Bridge in West Pittston; and

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 _____, 2023, County Council hereby amends the following line items in the 2023 fiscal year budget in order to account the utilization of funds for temporary traffic signal and traffic analysis at intersections near the Fort Jenkins Bridge in West Pittston:

\$50,000.00 to line item 100.50.4315.550.18 (Engineering/Architectural)

\$50,000.00 to line item 100.50.4315.445.10 (Other Income)

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:

Kendra Vough, Chair

Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of County Council

John Lombardo, Vice-Chair