



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
November 23, 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 Budgets for Luzerne County (State Facility Closure Transition Program).

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

ITEM TITLE	MEETING DATE	AGENDA NUMBER
Authorizing an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment related to the State Facility Closure Transition Program grant	11/23/2021	
Dept:	Budget & Finance	
Contact:	Brian Swetz	
Phone:	825-1545	

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that Council approve the proposed budget amendment related to the State Facility Closure Transition Program grant. This grant was awarded by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED). The program was structured in a manner that required Luzerne County to be the applicant. All grant funds will be passed through to either a municipality or an authority who were impacted by the closing of the White Haven Center or SCI Retreat.

SUMMARY:

The State Facility Closure Transition Program grant funds were allocated to the following: White Haven Borough, Sanitary Sewer Authority of the Borough of Shickshinny, Newport Township, City of Nanticoke, Foster Township and Plymouth Borough. Sub-recipient agreements have been executed between each of these entities and the County.

FINANCING:

The County was awarded \$2,105,823.86 in State Facility Closure Transition Program funds. The contract language requires that these funds be deposited into a separate account. It was not known that these funds were going to be available when the FY21 budget was approved.

DISCUSSION:

Since the PA DCED program guidelines required Luzerne County to be the applicant, the municipalities and authority previously identified would not have had access to these funds, as they were not an eligible applicant. None of awarded grant funds will be utilized by Luzerne County; all funds will be passed-thru to the sub-recipients.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council could choose not to approve this resolution. If this resolution is not approved, the entities identified above will not be able to utilize grant funds for their projects.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

White Haven Borough, Sanitary Sewer Authority of the Borough of Shickshinny, Newport Township, City of Nanticoke, Foster Township and Plymouth Borough are partners in this grant.

No. 2021-
ORDINANCE

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

WHEREAS, the Administration has funding for the State Facility Closure Transition Program from Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED)

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 administrative 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.

WHEREAS, 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 budget in order to account for receipt of funds from Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

REVENUES:

Line Item – 146.20.4176.430.30 PADCED shall be increased by \$2,105,823

EXPENDITURES:

Line Item - 146.20.4176.590.30 to Governmental Units (County is a pass-thru) increased by \$2,105,823

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

Tim McGinley, Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Lawrence,

Clerk to County Council

Chris Perry, Vice-Chair