



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
February 23, 2021  
Video/Teleconference via TEAMS  
5:20 PM**

**5:20 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 STATE'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION.**

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

*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

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE</b>	<b>AGENDA NUMBER</b>
Luzerne County has \$2,048,865 of additional funding that was applied as Salary reimbursement	2-23-2021	2021-a
<b>Dept:</b>	Budget and Financial Services	
<b>Contact:</b>	Brian Swetz	
<b>Phone:</b>	570-825-1545	

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The general fund Emergency response departments (Corrections, 911, etc) will be reimbursed by CARES funding. These departments have additional general fund budgets to move to the reserve fund.

### **SUMMARY:**

The total available dollars is \$2,048,865 after outstanding payments and change orders. County Council at its previous meeting desired to move the account to the General Fund - Reserve Fund. Currently these funds are held in the 125 CARES fund and would need to be moved to the General Fund - Reserve Fund Division

The money would go into:

100.99.4940.445.10 County Reserve Fund

### **FINANCING:**

none

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

**Council can choose not to approve resulting in an unbudgeted surplus**

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The attached was drafted by Budget and Finance staff and the County Solicitor's Office.

No. 2021-  
**ORDINANCE**

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

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Administration received funds and was allowed to reimburse the County for salaries relative to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, County Council adopted the 2020 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 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 COVID-19 funds to the 2020 Fiscal Year budget.

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 item in the 2020 fiscal year budget in order to account for receipt of funds relative to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- A. Add up to \$2,048,865.00 in revenue to reserve line item 100.99.4940.445.10

**SECTION THREE. Remainder of Budget.**

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

**SECTION FOUR. Effective Date.**

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

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Tim McGinley, Chair

ATTEST:

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Sharon Lawrence,  
Clerk to County Council

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Chris Perry, Vice-Chair