

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

The Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting of Tuesday, April 16, 2024, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless, called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Commissioner Chris Sainato, Rebecca Shaffer, Dave Prestopine, Jerry Zona, Carrie Hahn, Chad Strobel, Bob Burchett, Dorothy Burchett, Debbie Kennedy, James Constant, Debbie Wachter from the New Castle News**. It was stated for the record that the meeting is being taped. Those wishing to speak shall be given five minutes. If they need more time, they are to see the Deputy Chief Clerk at another time, and she will arrange for them to meet with the Commissioners. Those speaking are to state for the record their names, addresses and the nature of their business.

**ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carrie Hahn stated she is having issues with obtaining public records from our Right to Know Officer. She has asked numerous times for a copy of her tracking log. Ms. Hahn further stated she has appealed the election records through the Election Office and then through the Right to Know Officer and still has not received any information. Both appeals have been denied with no affidavits.

**FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL**

- A. Repository Properties: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: West Park Road Culvert Replacement Bid
  - i. A. Merante Contracting, Pittsburgh, PA-\$119,937.50
  - ii. Brex Enterprises, Irwin, PA-\$127,847.86
  - iii. Heckman Diversified Construction Services, Fairview, PA-\$32,995.00
  - iv. Hiles Excavating, Chicora, PA-\$110,064.00
  - v. JS Bova Excavating, Struthers, OH-\$255,168.00
  - vi. North Beaver Contracting, New Castle, PA-\$39,896.00
  - vii. Rudzik Excavating, Struthers, OH-\$66,962.00
  - viii. Youngblood Paving, Wampum, PA-\$67,612.18

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to table said bid for further review. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Warrant Registers:

- 1. April 12, 2024
- 2. April 11, 2024
- 3. April 10, 2024
- 4. April 9, 2024

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Approval of Minutes:

- 1. Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Presentation of Written Communications:       None

**REPORTS**

A. Staff Reports:   None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler reviewed the meetings from the week.

Mr. Sainato reviewed the meetings from the weekend.

Mr. Kennedy stated that he and Debbie are attending the Southwest Commission meeting today to meet with foundations regarding funding opportunities to bring back to Lawrence County. He will be leaving the meeting today at 10:30 am.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**RESOLUTIONS**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**R-2024- 77**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under Act 101 Section 903 has provided funds for the reimbursement of 50% of the salary and eligible expenses of county recycling coordinator positions, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence staffed this position funded through the Recycling/Solid Waste Budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence, through the Department of Recycling/Solid Waste, is preparing the application for reimbursement for these expenses to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners that the Act 101 Section 903 Grant application for reimbursement of the salary and eligible expenses for 2023, for the county recycling coordinator, be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

### **RESOLUTION R-2024 -78**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence entered into an agreement with Horizon Construction Group, Inc. to complete the Quaker Falls Recreation Area - Phase II in Mahoning Township under the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) grant program award number BRC-PRD-28-82; Resolution R-2023-485; and

**WHEREAS**, the original contract amount was for \$199,950.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the following changes are hereby made to the contract documents: this change order submission has been developed in conjunction with contract provisions, specifically a cost savings in the original bid award allowing for additional services to be provided; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically the inclusion of additional design and construction of two (2) sets of stairs and railing providing access to the lower falls viewing area; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been reviewed by R.A.R. Engineering Group, Inc. to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$68,800.00, for a total contract amount of \$268,750.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that:**

1. Change Order #1 with Horizon Construction Group, Inc., an increase of \$68,800.00, shall be approved for the Quaker Falls Recreation Area - Phase II in Mahoning Township, Lawrence County;
2. A total of \$268,750.00 will be allocated under the grants and programs line item to complete this project;
3. The Chairman is authorized to execute all documents related to this contract.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

### **RESOLUTION R-2024-79**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence has entered into an Alarm Monitoring Agreement with RID Security System, INC, DBA ProTech Security Systems (hereinafter the “CONTRACTOR” or “ProTech”) with its principal address of 2201 E. Washington Street, New Castle, PA 16101.

**WHEREAS**, the County and ProTech have entered into an Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

**WHEREAS**, Protech agrees to provide monthly service of monitoring alarms at the following Tower sites: Spartan Park; Marr Road; Black Road; Army Corps; Jockey Moore Road; Pleasant Hill; New Castle Mercer Road; and Matilda Avenue. ProTech will provide these monthly services at the rate of Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Forty Cents (\$359.40) per tower site totaling Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$2,875.20) paid yearly. This Contract will not be construed to create a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between ProTech and LAWRENCE. ProTech will not represent itself to be an employee or agent of LAWRENCE and cannot enter into any agreement on LAWRENCE’s behalf or in LAWRENCE’s name without express written authorization from a duly authorized representative of LAWRENCE to do so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that authorization is given to execute on behalf of the Lawrence County Department of Public Safety, all documents related to the ProTech Alarm Monitoring Agreement. ProTech will provide these monthly services at the rate of Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Forty Cents (\$359.40) per tower site totaling Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$2,875.20) paid yearly. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all documentation.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2024-80**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence has entered into a professional agreement with Innovative Public Safety (hereinafter the “CONTRACTOR” or “Innovative”) with its principal address of 1936 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**WHEREAS**, the County and Innovative have entered into a Contract, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

**WHEREAS**, Innovative agrees to provide monthly services as follows: Managing Services Network Support-Advanced (IT Network Support and Monitoring); Managed Services Device Support - Critical Workstation (CAD Workstations); Managed Services Device Support - Server (New Application Server for On-Premises Services); Managed Services Device Support - Workstation (Desktop PCs at each console position for Web Browsing/Email); and Managed

Services - Dedicated On-Site Daily. Innovative will provide these monthly services at the rate of Three Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-one (\$3,591.00) Dollars. This Contract will not be construed to create a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between Innovative and LAWRENCE. Innovative will not represent itself to be an employee or agent of LAWRENCE and cannot enter into any agreement on LAWRENCE's behalf or in LAWRENCE's name without express written authorization from a duly authorized representative of LAWRENCE to do so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that authorization is given to execute on behalf of the Lawrence County Department of Public Safety, all documents related to the Innovative Contract. Innovative will provide these monthly services at the rate of Three Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-one (\$3,591.00) Dollars. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all documentation.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

**RESOLUTION R-2024-81**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1784 of the County Code, *Supplemental Appropriations Transfer of Funds; Appropriation Limits*, authorizes the Board of Commissioners, by resolution, to make supplemental appropriations for any lawful purpose from any funds on hand or estimated to be received within the fiscal year and not otherwise appropriated; and

**WHEREAS**, it the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2024 Budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** to amend the 2024 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

***INCREASING*** Miscellaneous Income 911 Fund Revenue Account: 50390000.341900 by \$200.00; and

***INCREASING*** Telecommunication Recognition 911 Fund Expense Account: 50421687.201010 by \$200.00

***Reason: Donation from Del's Garage***

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

**TRANSFERS (Administrative)**

- a. Public Defender from Contingency to Subscriptions for \$20.00
- b. District Attorney from Contingency to Office Minor Equipment for \$1528.79
- c. Commissioners from Opioid Contingency to Opioid Allocations for \$85,000.00

d. Coroner from Opioid Contingency to Coroner Deputies for \$43,850.00 and from Opioid Contingency to Coroner FICA for \$3,375.00

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said transfer. Motion carried 2-0.

**RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE**

None

**RESOLUTIONS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE TABLE**

None

**ORDINANCES**

- A. Discussion: None
- B. On the Table: None
- C. For Introduction: None
- D. For Final Action: None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The next Commissioners' Public Meeting will be held on April 30, 2024 at 10:00AM. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will not be a Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 as that is Election Day.
- C. There will be a Special Election Board Meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 1:00PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- D. There will not be a Prison Board Meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 12:00PM, the meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 12:00PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

James Constant stated you get what you pay for in the bid amounts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County

Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 11:10 am.