

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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, February 21, 2023, was called to order by **Commissioner Morgan Boyd**, 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 Vogler, Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel, Gale Measel, Neshannock Twp., Chad Strobel, Amy Lamb, Lisa Haddad, None, 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

Gale Measel introduced himself and stated he is running for County Commissioner.

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

RESOLUTION

R-2023-61

WHEREAS, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

WHEREAS, Austin Campbell placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at 128 Redwood Circle, Parcel ID No. 29-901085; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at 128 Redwood Circle, with a Parcel ID No. 29-901085; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Austin Campbell in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at 128 Redwood Circle, and having a Parcel ID No. 29-901085, Pulaski Township.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution.
Motion carried 3-0.

- B. Warrant Registers:
1. February 16, 2023
 2. February 14, 2023

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Warrant Register(s).
Motion carried 3-0.

- C. Receipt of Bids/Proposals: None

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
- a. Thursday, February 14, 2023

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
1. Gateway Engineers-NPDES Permit for Sheetz New Castle 246 Rebuild (Slippery & Shenango Twps.)
 - 2.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to file written communication(s).
Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports

Chad Strobel Director of our Public Safety/911 Department was in attendance to give an update on the East Palestine train derailment. As of today, all testing that has been completed on air and water quality have come back clear. Soil testing is also being completed.

- B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler had no comment.

Ms. Spielvogel had no comment.

Mr. Boyd stated the transition process for his vacancy has begun. Judge Motto will be accepting letters of interest and resumes until the end of February.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2023-62

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Edmund L. Thomas Adolescent Center shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
2. Costs are incurred only if the provider or service is being used by Lawrence County per the Agreement.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

Edmund L. Thomas Adolescent Center
4728 Lake Pleasant Road
Erie, PA. 16504

RESOLUTION

R-2023-63

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

2. That the contract for George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania was approved on July 26, 2022, request to be amended to include GJR Secure Detention
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania
233 George Junior Road, P.O. Box 1058
Grove City, PA. 16127**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-64

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
2. That the contract for Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc. was approved on 8/16/2022, request to be amended to include Shelter
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc.
370 N. Seneca Street
Oil City, PA. 16301**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-65

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Taylor Diversion Programs, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
2. Costs are incurred only if the provider or service is being used by Lawrence County per the Agreement.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Taylor Diversion Programs, Inc.
1 Lighthouse Island
Tionesta, PA. 16353**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-66

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
2. That the contract for Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC was approved on 9/13/2022, request to be amended to include Abraxas South Mountain Shelter and (Habitual Offenders and Sex Offenders) Detention Programs.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC
2840 Liberty Avenue, Suite 300
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222**

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolutions R-2023-62 through Resolution R-2023-66. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2023-67

See Attached.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2023-68

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 FY2023 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2023 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

DECREASING CDBG Revenue Fund Account: 56331000.331000.14228 by \$13,321.00 and;

DECREASING County Admin CDBG Expense Account: 56418000.999900.52628 by \$3,218.00; and

DECREASING Shenango Admin CDBG Expense Account: 56418000.999900.52630 by \$6,032.00; and

DECREASING Union Admin CDBG Expense Account: 56418000.999900.52631 by \$4,071.00

Reason: CDBG Budget Adjustment

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2023-69

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 FY2023 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2023 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING EI Program State MHDS Revenue Account: 07334000.334101 by \$45,000.00

INCREASING EI Base MHDS Expense Account: 07447046.419500 by \$45,000.00 and;

Reason: DHS Budget Amendment

TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Planning from Contingency to Advertising for \$500.00

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

1. Resolution for discussion and possible approval to designate Lawrence County Economic Development as the Industrial Development Organization of Lawrence County.

The resolution was left on the table.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There is an opening on the Lawrence County Airport Authority (2nd Announcement)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amy Lamb thanked the Commissioners for always being kind and respectful and letting the public speak during public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Boyd adjourned the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, February 21, at 10:25 AM.