

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, June 25, 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, June 25, 2024, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 9:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless, called the roll. Those in attendance were, **Commissioner Chris Sainato, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Josh Lamancusa, Scott Baldwin, Mike Grippo, Vanessa Lovlie, Don Kemerer and 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.

Mr. Vogler stated to keep the family of Evelyn Ward in their thoughts, as she passed away. Evelyn was very active in the community. She was the president of the New Castle Chapter of the NAACP. She will be greatly missed.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

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| A. Repository Properties: | None |
| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | None |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals: | None |
| D. Warrant Registers: | |
| 1. June 20, 2024 | |
| 2. June 18, 2024 | |
| 3. June 17, 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, June 18, 2024

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

- a. RAR Engineering Group-R.W.E. Holding Company: R.W. Elliot and Sons Renewal of existing General Permit (Taylor Twp.)
- b. Ellwood City Forge-Act 14 Notification to renew existing State Only Operating Permit (Ellwood City Borough)
- c. Ellwood City Forge-Act 14 Notification to submit an application to modify Plan Approval 37-008C to remove the testing requirements for Sources 500C, 500D and 500E and replace with an annual tune-up requirement (Ellwood City Borough)
- d. Larry Bryan-4541 State Route 18, New Wilmington-Submission of a PAG-04 NOI Permit to amend the current individual NPDES Permit (Wilmington Twp.)
- e. Justin Bryan-447 State Route 18, New Wilmington-Submission of a PAG-04-NOI Permit to amend the current individual NPDES Permit (Wilmington Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to file said written correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports:

None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Kennedy stated that he is happy to be doing what he can while back to work and getting back into the swing of things. He is getting better every day and just so grateful to be back.

Mr. Sainato stated he had a busy weekend with events. He attended the car show in Ellwood City. He also attended the Dog Days of Summer hosted by Reed Services. He went to the SPC meeting yesterday with Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. Vogler thanked both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Sainato for attending the SPC meeting yesterday. He also stated the Ellwood City Arts & Crafts Festival is this weekend. He also stated the former golf course on Rt. 18, Stonecrest, looks nothing like a golf course anymore. The buyer is moving forward with new businesses and the property is very promising.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-2024-149

**AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE POLICING INITIATIVE
BETWEEN THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION OF THE
LAWRENCE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

AND

THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE

WHEREAS, an Agreement has been entered into between the Office of the Lawrence County District Attorney and the City of New Castle to coordinate policing efforts between the Lawrence County District Attorney's Office Criminal Investigations Division and the New Castle City Police Department Detective Bureau. The terms of the agreement have been attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree and understand the need for uniformity and continuity in investigative policing activities throughout the City of New Castle, the County of Lawrence, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree and understand that a coordinated policing effort between the Lawrence County District Attorney's Office Criminal Investigations Division and the New Castle City Police Department Detective Bureau will increase and improve productivity, provide a framework for the sharing of information, and reduce the duplication of investigative policing services throughout the City of New Castle and the County of Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree to enter into an agreement of cooperation and partnership to establish the administrative framework for carrying out investigative policing services and activities in a coordinated countywide program as part of the Lawrence County District Attorney's Criminal Investigation Division.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that:

1. The Agreement between the City of New Castle and Lawrence County as detailed in the attached agreement be accepted and ratified by the Lawrence County Commissioners.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-150

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled, and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services desires to contract for certain services; and

WHEREAS the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 and the Department of Public Welfare fiscal regulations provide for the purchase of office equipment and services, and

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

1. The agreement listed in item 2 shall be approved starting July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum: **Arise dba Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County** - as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Be it further resolved those payments be made from the MH/DS fund.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-151

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 Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (#IMatter & Life Skills) shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
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:

**Lawrence County Social Services, Inc.
PO Box 189, 241 W. Grant Street
New Castle, PA. 16103**

RESOLUTION R-2024-152

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 Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
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:

**Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc.
PO Box 639
Greensburg, PA. 15601**

RESOLUTION R-2024-153

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 Glade Run Lutheran Services shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
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:

**Glade Run Lutheran Services
30 Glade Run Drive
Zelienople, PA. 16063**

RESOLUTION R-2024-154

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 Allied Coordinated Transportation, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
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:

**Allied Coordinated Transportation, Inc.
241 W. Grant Street, P.O. Box 189
New Castle, PA. 16103**

RESOLUTION R-2024-155

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 Terry O'Hara, PH.D., shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
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:

**Terry O'Hara, PH.D.
145 44th Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15201**

RESOLUTION R-2024-156

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 Pentz Run Youth Services, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
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:

**Pentz Run Youth Services, Inc.
319 Daly Street, PO Box 1062**

DuBois, PA. 15801

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolutions R-2024-151 up to and including Resolution R-2024-156. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-157

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence desires to enter into an agreement for the provision of services to persons eligible under the **Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP)** as published in the current program's Standards and Guidelines;

and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (LCSS) desires to act as the vendor to the County for the **Medical Assistance Transportation Program**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that;

1. The County shall enter into an agreement with LCSS as detailed in the attached agreement designated as R-2024-_____ as a vendor of services to County residents eligible under the provision of the 2024-2025 Medical Assistance Transportation Program.
2. This agreement shall commence July 1, 2024 and end on June 30, 2025.
3. Fee-for-Service payments under this agreement shall be appropriated from a grant to the County from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. The County shall be responsible to pay LCSS for the provision of services only to the extent the County receives such funds from the Commonwealth.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-158

WHEREAS, budgets cannot always anticipate every extraordinary, ordinary, or contingency situation which arises throughout the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County code permits the Commissioners by resolution to authorize budget transfers from any encumbered balance; and

WHEREAS, the need to provide additional appropriations to certain accounts now exists; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that:

1. Authorization is hereby given to the appropriate administrative officials to transfer a total of \$5,550.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-08.

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

TRANSFERS

- a. DJ Cartwright from Equipment Lease to Maintenance & Repair for \$450.00

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

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

CYS-Resolution R-2024-126 Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE TABLE

None

ORDINANCES

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| 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 July 2, 2024 at 10:00AM. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Special Salary Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 8:30AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. The Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 12:00 Noon has been **CANCELLED**.
- D. The Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2024 in observance of Independence Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Kemerer discussed his contracts with CYS and voiced his concern on the tabled Resolution. He is providing services now that will not have a contract effective July 1, 2024. He stated he has met with John Bout, Director of CYS throughout the year and doesn't understand why Resolution R-2024-126 is still tabled. The Commissioners will talk with Mr. Bout and get this resolved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 10:10 am.