

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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, January 14, 2025, 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, Mike Grippo, Richard Rapone, Terry Busin (left early) and no one 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

Richard Rapone, Treasurer gave the End of Year 2024 Report. He also stated for 2025 tax bills are set for mailing out on Feb. 4th. The first outreach program will be at Plain Grove Township Building on March 13th. The Commissioners thanked Richard and his staff for their hard work. Mr. Rapone mentioned that the majority of uncollected funds that are sent to Tax Claim are collected throughout the year.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

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| A. Repository Property: | None |
| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | None |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals: | None |
| D. Warrant Registers: | |
| | 1. January 7, 2025 |
| | 2. January 8, 2025 |
| | 3. January 10, 2025 |

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. January 7, 2025

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. RAR Engineering Group, Inc.-General Permit WMGR046 Soils Incorporated Facility located at 432 Soils Drive (Union Twp.)
2. GD&F-Pennsylvania American Water Company Lead Service Line Replacement Phase I (City of New Castle) Census Tracts 1 & 3

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

REPORTS

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| A. Staff Reports: | None |
| B. Commissioner Reports | DV, DK, CS |

Commissioner Vogler stated the Commissioners were in Crawford County for the NWCCA meeting yesterday. There is a West Central Job Partnership Meeting today at 1:30pm. Tomorrow there is a groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of Steelite.

Commissioner Kennedy stated the ceremony for Steelite tomorrow will be exciting.

Commissioner Sainato stated last Friday he attended the TPA meeting and things are going well. The Cathedral is celebrating their 100th year anniversary this year. Also, hotel tax has been coming in, which shows people are visiting Lawrence County and staying overnight in the County.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2025-08

WHEREAS the County desires to enter into an agreement for professional legal services and representation to shall provide legal service/representation to Lawrence County Children and Youth Services (Agency); and

WHEREAS these cases and duties shall be assigned by and at the sole discretion of the Agency Director while under the direct supervision of the Agency Solicitor and shall include all dependency matters assigned; and

WHEREAS three agreements to provide such services to the County shall be authorized and executed.

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute this agreement with an unlimited number of juvenile dependency cases, as assigned by the Director of Children and Youth Services, to the following attorney for professional legal services in juvenile dependency cases:

A. Kevin Lorello

2. Agreement shall contain the following provisions:

- a. As consideration for the services to be rendered under this Agreement, County agrees to pay Contractor a fixed rate not to exceed \$20,000/year to be paid in twelve (12) equal monthly payments on or about the 10th day of each month. All payments will be by electronic transfer.
- b. The agreement shall be in effect for the period **January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025**, unless terminated sooner by either party.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-09

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to retain an independent contractor to provide supervisory maintenance services for the County; and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the Board of Commissioners of Lawrence County to re-enter into an agreement with Mr. Frank Piccari to provide independent contractor services to the Maintenance Department; and

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

1. Authorization is given to retain Mr. Frank Piccari of 218 N. Cascade Street, New Castle, PA 16101 as an independent contractor to provide services in the Maintenance Department of the County for an annual amount of \$38,110.00 that includes a 3% COLA; and
2. The Agreement is retroactive to January 1, 2025, and shall continue on an annual basis unless terminated by either party.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-10

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 is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2025 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2025 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING Prior Year Balance MHDS Revenues Account: 07390000.342000 by \$73,975.00; and

INCREASING Travel & Training MHDS Expense Account: 07447025.508000 by \$73,975.00

Reason: Original Error in Budget

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-11

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 is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2025 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2025 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING DA Opioid Settlement Revenue Account: 22341000.334404 by \$109,310.00; and

INCREASING DA Opioid Settlement Expenses Account: 22419400.999900 by \$109,310.00

Reason: District Attorney Opioid Settlement Funds

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

Transfers (Administrative)

- a. Prothonotary from Travel to Minor Equipment for \$2,000.00
- b. District Attorney from Contingency to Maintenance & Repair for \$6,000.00
- c. District Attorney from Contingency to Minor Equipment for \$1,461.06

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

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

- A. Resolutions on the table: None
- B. Resolutions to be taken off the table: None
- C. **ORDINANCES**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 @ 10am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a West Central Job Partnership Board Meeting today, January 14, 2025:30PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. There will be a Prison Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 @ 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- D. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 10:25 am.

