

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, February 6, 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, February 6, 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, County Administrator Joe Venasco, James Constant, Vanessa Lovlie, Chad Strobel, Amy Stapleton, WesBanco, Elaine Vance, WesBanco, Dorothy Burchett, Robert Burchett, 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

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Burchett stated he got his tax bill in the mail and wants to make sure his tax dollars are being well spent. He asked about the Senior Citizen Nutritional Program that's on the agenda today.

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

- A. Repository Properties: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. February 2, 2024
 - 2. January 31, 2024
 - 3. January 29, 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:
 - a. Tuesday, January 30, 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. Kennedy stated that Steelite in Neshannock Township, Millennium Park has announced it is expanding at their site. There will be a newspaper article in tomorrow's edition.

Mr. Vogler stated the Steelite announcement is great news. He further reviewed the meetings he attended over the past week.

Mr. Sainato echoed Dan Kennedy and Dan Vogler's comments regarding Steelite. He further stated Governor Shapiro is presenting the budget today and hopes the gas tax refund/rebate bill to citizens will be passed.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-2024-28

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was approved as Resolution 2021-218 by the previous Board of Commissioners. on the 7th day of September, 2021 (see attached Exhibit "A"). The EOP is required to be repromulgated reflecting the new Board of Commissioners: Daniel Vogler/Chairman; Dan Kennedy and Chris Sainato; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT, Lawrence County adopts and repromulgates the Lawrence County Emergency Operations Plan reflecting the new Board of Commissioners.

The Commissioners commended Chad Strobel and his team for the hard work and dedication to the citizens of Lawrence County.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-29

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence has entered into a professional agreement with McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc., 250 Park Avenue, Apollo, PA 15613 (hereinafter the “CONTRACTOR” or “MEI”).

WHEREAS, the County and McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc., have entered into an agreement, identified by County and McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc. as Act 165 Emergency Response Renewal Opportunity for 2024 (Exhibit “A”).

WHEREAS, McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc. have provided emergency response services to Lawrence County in the past.

WHEREAS, McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc. have agreed to notify Lawrence County if the team has not received state re-certification or can no longer provide HAZMAT response coverage for the County.

WHEREAS, The County Emergency Management Agency and 9-1-1 Center will comply with requirement established in Act 165 and the current Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Emergency management Directive for Certified Hazardous Material Response Teams in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, a copy of the official contract between the parties shall be maintained with the County Emergency Management Coordinator.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS in consideration of their mutual promises, covenants, and agreements, the parties hereto intending to be legally bound, do hereby agree and consent for themselves, their successors and assigns as follows:

1. McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc. located at 250 Park Avenue, Apollo, PA 15613 will provide services to Lawrence County as the ACT 165 Emergency Response Emergency Contractor;
2. A copy of the official contract between the parties shall be maintained with the County Emergency Management Coordinator; and
3. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all documentation.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. Voters from Contingency to Maintenance & Repairs for \$170.00
- b. Commissioners from Contingency to Materials & Supplies for \$9,200.00

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

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

RESOLUTION R-2024-30

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has made funds available for assuring that transportation services are provided to eligible senior citizens who reside in the County; and

WHEREAS, these funds are made available to Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. through the Shared Ride Program for Older Adults under the provision of the State Lottery Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners wishes to provide funding for a portion of the required 15% co-payment for eligible individuals who are at least 65 years of age, and wish to participate in the Senior Citizen Nutritional Shopping Program, to be provided by Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that;

1. The County of Lawrence does authorize payment to Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. in the amount of \$ 5,165.00 as part of the required local co-payment for the Senior Citizen Nutritional Shopping Program.
2. Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. will administer these funds and utilize them to provide the balance of the 15% co-payment required for eligible Senior Citizens who receive services through the Senior Citizen Nutritional Shopping Program. Eligible consumers will be required to pay \$1.00 toward the required co-payment for each trip.
3. Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. will invoice the 85% balance of each Senior Citizen Nutritional Shopping trip to the PA Department of Transportation.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to remove said Resolution.
From the table. Motion carried 3-0.

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

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 February 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

- B. There will be a Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Board Meeting, today, February 6, 2024 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. There will be a Special Election Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room to discuss the changing of polling locations.
- D. There will be a Retirement Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 immediately following the Commissioners' Meeting, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dorothy Burchett asked if the Steelite expansion will bring more tax revenue to Neshannock Twp? She further asked if the proposed bill for the gas tax rebate is passed, does the money go to the County or the citizens of the County?

The Commissioners do not have enough information but answered most likely the Steelite expansion will bring increased tax revenue. Also, the gas tax rebate will go directly to the individual who owns up to four (4) vehicles.

Bob Burchett asked what does Steelite do? He also stated he feels riders who use the ACTS bus should have to pay their fair share to ride and Mr. Sainato explained the dollars from gambling and the lottery supports our elderly Pennsylvanians' programs.

Mr. Vogler answered Steelite is a company based in Great Britain and John Miles who bought the company was born and raised here. The expansion will most likely be some manufacturing and some distribution of dinnerware plates.

The Commissioners thanked Vanessa Lovlie and LCSS/MATP for all they do and the service to the senior citizens of Lawrence County.

Mr. Kennedy thanked John Miles from Steelite for keeping the business here in Lawrence County and the Neshannock Twp. Supervisors for all their hard work in helping Steelite expand. He stated there are many projects in the works that the Commissioners hope come to fruition, however legally, they are not permitted to discuss at this time.

Mr. Sainato thanked everyone for coming today and to keep the positivity for our County going.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence

County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 11:00 AM.