

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, June 27, 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, June 27, 2023, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan 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 Loretta Spielvogel, Commissioner Brian Burick, Scott Baldwin, Vanessa Lovlie, Mike Grippo, Jesse Putnam, 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

Mr. Vogler noted that Row Officers are not required to attend our meetings. They are all busy working very hard for the County.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

RESOLUTION

R-2023-181

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

WHEREAS, Maximillion Knechtel II placed a bid of \$550.00 on property located at 124 Center Lane, Parcel ID No. 17-900050; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at 124 Center Lane, with a Parcel ID No. 17-900050; 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 Maximillion Knechtel II in the amount of \$550.00 for Repository Property located at 124 Center Lane, and having a Parcel ID No. 17-900050, New Beaver Borough.

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

- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. June 22, 2023
 - 2. June 16, 2023

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - 1. June 20, 2023

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
 - 1. Hickory Run Energy, LLC-Notice of Renewal for General Permit WMGM 049 (North Beaver Twp.)

Mr. Vogler noted that this site is the largest tax payer in the County, as well as school tax and municipality tax for Mohawk Area School District and North Beaver Township.

Moved by Mr. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to file said written correspondence(s). Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports None
- B. Commissioner Reports and Comments

Mr. Vogler stated the Commissioners received a report from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency that has completed the review of the 2022 funding period. All 911 funds allocated were used correctly. All monies spend and received balanced and are correct. He further noted the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission puts out a magazine named Pennsylvania American Heritage. A native of Lawrence County, from Wampum was on the cover this month, Dick "Richie" Allen. He played baseball and was quite the athlete.

Ms. Spielvogel stated the Commissioners once again attended many different meetings over the week, some in the evenings and on the weekends. She attended the K9 event at Ewing Park over the weekend, that was sponsored by Reed's. She was a participant in the dunk booth. It was a great cause and she had a great time.

Mr. Burick stated he remembers his dad telling stories about Richie Allen and what a great athlete he was. He also stated what a nice event Reed's hosted at Ewing Park.

RESOLUTION R-2023-182

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-2023-182 as a vendor of services to County residents eligible under the provision of the 2023-2024 Medical Assistance Transportation Program.
2. This agreement shall commence July 1, 2023 and end on June 30, 2024.
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 actually receives such funds from the Commonwealth.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-183

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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-2023-184

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 Auberle shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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:

**Auberle
1101 Hartman Street
McKeesport. PA. 15132**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-185

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 Families United Network, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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:

**Families United Network, Inc.
276 Ashler Manor Drive
Muncy, PA. 17756**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-186

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 Ward Home Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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:

**Ward Home Inc.
1101 Hartman Street
McKeesport, PA. 15132**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-187

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 Alternative Living Solutions shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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:

**Alternative Living Solutions
2108 Tartan Court
Latrobe, PA. 15650**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-188

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 Cadence Care Network (Homes for Kids of Ohio Inc.) shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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:

**Cadence Care Network (Homes for Kids of Ohio Inc.)
165 E. Park Ave.
Niles, OHIO, 44446**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-189

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 MHY Family Services shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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:

**MHY Family Services
521 Route 228
Mars, PA. 16046**

The Commissioners thanked Mike Grippo for all his hard work on the contracts, as well as John Bout and his staff.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to approve Resolutions R-2023-183 through Resolution R-2023-189. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION

R-2023-190

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Passavant Memorial Homes- as detailed in attachment designated 2023-2024 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-191

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Lark Enterprises, Inc. - as detailed in attachment designated 2023- 2024 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-192

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

GSK Apex Enterprises, LLC - as detailed in attachment designated 2023-2024 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-193

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Alliance for Non-Profit Resources - as detailed in attachment designated 2023- 2024 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-194

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Don Services, Inc. - as detailed in attachment designated 2023- 2024
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. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve Resolutions R-2023-190 through R-2023-194. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2023-195

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence is the owner of property, tax parcel #02-360600E and are willing to provide a temporary easement to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT) for East Washington Street Bridge; and

WHEREAS, PENNDOT has requested the County to execute a Waiver of Rights, a Temporary Easement For Construction and a Final Settlement document to conform to PENNDOT's requirements; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the COMMISSIONERS sign the three (3) above-stated documents for parcel #02-360600E, to grant the use of the portion of the property described in such deed and to waive the right of compensation for the transfer.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-196

WHEREAS, the Commissioners made the appropriate public announcement at two (2) of their public meetings and received application(s) from those interested in being appointed to the Lawrence County Airport Authority; and

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

1. Douglas R. Verenski, PE 155 Witherspoon Road, Enon Valley, PA 16120 (North Beaver Township) be re-appointed to a five year term to the Lawrence County Airport Authority with a term to expire on June 1, 2028.

RESOLUTION R-2023-197

WHEREAS, the Commissioners made the appropriate public announcement at two (2) of their public meetings and received application(s) from those interested in being appointed to the Lawrence County Airport Authority; and

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

1. Frank G. Farone, 226 E. Hazelcroft Avenue, New Castle, PA 16105 (City of New Castle) be re-appointed to a five year term to the Lawrence County Airport Authority with a term to expire on June 1, 2028.

Moved by Mr. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Resolutions R-2023-196 and R-2023-197. Motion carried 3-0.

R E S O L U T I O N

R-2023-198

WHEREAS, each local area within the State is required to have a Workforce Investment Board whose terms are staggered and are appointed by the local elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is responsible for establishing the criteria for use by the chief elected officials in appointing the WIB members; and

WHEREAS, the mandatory members of the WIB consist of at least a majority of private sector representatives, at least two representatives of local educational entities, at least two representatives of labor organizations, and at least two representatives of economic development agencies; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the West Central Job Partnership that the following individuals be placed on the West Central Workforce Development Board; and

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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
1. Ms. Tammy Barbati PA CareerLink® Lawrence County 102 Margaret Street New Castle, PA 16101	Workforce (Category B3)	07/01/2023-6/30/2026
2. Mr. Joseph Miller Plant Manager Berner International 111 Progress Avenue New Castle, PA 16107	Small Business (Category A1)	07/01/2023-06/30/2026
3. Dr. Susan Lautenbacher LARK Enterprises 315 Green Ridge Drive – Suite A1	Workforce (Category B3)	07/01/2023-06/30/2026

New Castle, PA 16105

4. Mr. Benjamin Bush Economic & Community Dev. 07/17/2023-06/30/2024
CEO (Category D1)

Lawrence County Regional Chamber of Commerce

325 East Washington Street

New Castle, PA 16101

Completing the unexpired term of Linda Nitch

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-199

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 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 Veterans Transportation Grant General Fund Revenue Fund Account: 01334021.334162 by \$10,000.00; and

INCREASING Veterans Other Services General Fund Expense Fund Account: 01449400.805000 by \$10,000.00

Reason: Veterans Transportation Grant

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-200

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 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 Prior Year Balance Opioid Fund Revenue Fund Account: 62390000.342000 by \$25,000.00; and

INCREASING Coroner-Hospital/Post Mortems Opioid Fund Expense Fund Account: 62419300.435000 by \$25,000.00

Reason: Opioid Settlement Allocation

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-201

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 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 Prior Year Balance Liquid Fuels Revenue Fund Account: 03390000.342000 by \$4,405.00; and

INCREASING Other Minor Equipment Liquid Fuels Expense Fund Account: 03431324.201100 by \$4,405.00

Reason: Trailer Purchase

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

TRANSFER (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. MHDS from Contingency to Office Equipment for \$10,000.00
- b. MHDS from MH Admin Mgmt. to MH Community Svcs. For \$200,000.00

Moved by Mr. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve the Administrative Transfer(s). Motion carried 3-0.

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 will stay on the table.

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' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Salary Board Meeting for today has been **CANCELLED** due to a lack of business.
- C. The next Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Committee Board meeting is Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- D. The Courthouse will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in observance of Independence Day.
- E. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at the Mahoning Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Wachter asked how long have Frank Farone and Douglas Verenski served on the Airport Authority? Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless, told her she can get her the years they started serving.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to adjourn the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 11:15 AM.