

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, October 8, 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, October 8, 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, JR Hardester, Mike Grippo, Carl Bromley 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.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carl Bromley is a resident of New Castle for the past (4) years and believes it is a great place. He offered free logos for a County LinkedIn page to celebrate and showcase the 175th anniversary of the County.

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

- A. Repository Property: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals:

- 1. Ellwood City Borough ADA-Curb Ramp Improvement Project (Resolution R-2024-299 approved on 10/1/24- Bids due 11/18/24)

D. Warrant Registers:

- 1. October 4, 2024
 - 2. October 2, 2024
 - 3. September 30, 2024
 - 4. September 27, 2024

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. October 1, 2024
2. September 24, 2024

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications: None

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports CS, DV, DK

Mr. Sainato stated he was away last week. The last meeting he participated in was the Drug & Alcohol Recovery Celebration last Friday. It was nice to see so many recovered and those that have turned their lives around and away from drugs and alcohol.

Mr. Vogler stated last Wednesday he and Commissioner Kennedy welcomed the Secretary of State, Al Schmidt to the Courthouse. Secretary Schmidt is going around and visiting different County Voter Registration Offices. Mr. Vogler further stated he attended the Legislative Breakfast hosted by the Lawrence County Realtors and Builders Association. Over the weekend, he attended Oktoberfest in Ellwood City and a church service honoring the Slippery Rock Presbyterian Church in Rose Point, Slippery Rock Township. He also attended the Northwest County Commissioners Association meeting yesterday in Clarion County. This afternoon, the Commissioners will be attending the West Central Governing Board meeting in Mercer County. This Thursday, October 10th @ 1PM, the Planning Office is showcasing the latest enhancements completed at Quaker Falls park in Mahoning Township.

Mr. Kennedy stated he attended the celebration for Ike George at the VFW, honoring him at 103 years old and being a Pearl Harbor survivor. He stated our Veterans' Office does a really great job with Veterans. He stated he is looking forward to seeing the enhancements at Quaker Falls and the Planning Office has done a really nice job. He also attended Oktoberfest in Ellwood City on Saturday. On Sunday, he attended the Applefest in Franklin, PA, which was attended by many people.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2024-310

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 Bethany Christian 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:

**Bethany Christian Services
10521 Perry Highway, Suite 200
Wexford, PA. 15090**

RESOLUTION

R-2024-311

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 Familylinks, 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:

Familylinks, Inc.
401 North Highland Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA. 15206

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolutions R-2024-310 and Resolution R-2024-311. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-312

WHEREAS, HOYE, STEVEN F & WARNER, STEVEN has filed a tax appeal HOYE, STEVEN F & WARNER, STEVEN vs LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS, at case number 70106 & 70107 of 2023 ; and

WHEREAS, all of the parties to that action have reached a compromised settlement regarding the value of the property, and

WHEREAS, the compromised settlement with the property designated by Parcel ID ('s) below will have a ASSESSED value of \$1,127,700 for 2024 and beyond. The value for this property is as follows:

Tax Year	Parcel Number	Market Land	Market Improvement	Market Total
2024	25-161900	\$185,600	\$87,400	\$273,000
	25-223400	\$359,100	\$1,467,900	\$1,827,.000
Tax Year	Parcel Number	Assessed Land	Assessed Improvement	Assessed Total
2024	25-161900	\$99,700	\$46,900	\$146,600
	25-223400	\$215,800	\$765,300	\$981,100

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: that County of Lawrence approves the compromise settlement with the property designated by Parcel ID ('s) above will have a Assessed value of \$1,127,700 pursuant to the consent order.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2024-313

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 FY2024 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2024 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING Planning-Grants and Programs Revenues General Account: 01334013.331000 by \$21,000.00; and

INCREASING Planning Grants and Programs Expenses General Account: 01418000.802500 by \$21,000.00; and

Reason: WPC Grant that we applied for early Spring

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. Commissioners from Commissioners Contingency to Travel and Training for \$300.00.
- b. Jail from Material and Supplies to Hauling and Refuse for \$1,931.00.
- c. Courts from Material and Supplies to Interpreter for \$3,000.00.
- d. Public Safety from Access Control/Security System to Radio Tower Maintenance for \$2,500.00.
- e. Public Safety from Wireless Connectivity to Radio Tower Maintenance for \$10,000.00.
- f. Public Safety from Facility Repairs to Radio Tower Maintenance for \$2,500.00.
- g. Public Safety from Radio System Maintenance to Radio Tower Maintenance for \$23,216.00.

h Public Safety from Contingency to Hauling and Refuse for \$615.00.

h. DJ Cartwright from Contingency Account to Equipment lease and Rental for \$300.00.

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

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

None

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 October 15, 2024 @ 10:00AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Courthouse will be **CLOSED** on Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day.
- C. The Prison Board Meeting is **CANCELLED** for October 16, 2024 and has been rescheduled for October 22, 2024 at 12PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 10:40 am.

