

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 9, 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, April 9, 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, Mike Grippo, Chad Strobel, Amy Love, Elaine Vance, Bob Burchett, Dorothy Burchett, James Constant, 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

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

RESOLUTION

R-2024-73

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

WHEREAS, Mathew Bucceri placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Fording Road, Parcel ID No. 25-387700; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Fording Road, with a Parcel ID No. 25-387700; 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 Mathew Bucceri in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Fording Road, and having a Parcel ID No. 25-387700, Neshannock Township.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said

Resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. April 4, 2024
 - 2. April 2, 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. Tuesday, April 2, 2024

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications: None

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler reviewed the meetings from the week. He and Commissioner Sainato attended the planning session of the Northwest County Commissioners Association. Commissioner Sainato will be on the Board, once Commissioner Vogler steps aside in June. Mr. Vogler thanked Commissioner Kennedy for representing the Commissioners at the Taco Bell Opening in Union last week and as well as attending the Forward Lawrence Impact Awards last Friday. Mr. Vogler also stated there will be a special Election Board meeting this week to discuss the relocation of a Union Township Precinct and to discuss the matter of dates on mail in ballots.

Mr. Sainato stated he went to Westminster College yesterday to watch the eclipse. He said it was very well attended and very well organized event and thanked the students and professors. He also attended the Lawrence County Cancer group's event on Saturday, which was a wonderful event. He is looking forward to sitting on the Northwest County Commissioners Association Board in June. Mr. Sainato also attended the grand opening of Sports Clips in Union Township last week.

Mr. Kennedy stated Forward Lawrence's Impact Awards was a very nice event. He attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of Taco Bell in Union Township. He stated the Taco Bell in Shenango Township will be demolished and rebuilt to look like the one in Union Township. He attended the Union Lions Club event Saturday night and it was a great event. Commissioner Kennedy stated he will be in Pittsburgh next Tuesday, attending a meeting with SPC officials that should help Lawrence County move forward.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

R E S O L U T I O N

R-2024- 74

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 **April 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024**, unless terminated sooner by either party.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2024-75

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Board met on Tuesday, April 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Advisory Board voted to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to accept the list of grant applicants to receive grant money; and

WHEREAS; the Board of Commissioners will allocate funds to the following list of grant applicants:

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| 1. Lawrence County Medical Society | \$40,000.00 |
| 2. Lawrence County Recovery Coalition | \$20,000.00 |
| 3. Lawrence County Game Changers Program | \$20,000.00 |

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; that the above listed allocations will be distributed.

Mr. Venasco reviewed each entity listed above. Applications were received in a timely manner with plans drawn out specifically on how each dollar would be spent. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Venasco for all his work on the committee.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. Public Defender from Contingency to Attorney Fees for \$500.00
- b. District Attorney from Contingency to Vehicle Expense for \$6,000.00
- c. District Attorney from Travel Expense Prisoner to Travel and Training for \$4,000.00
- d. CYs from Special Grants to EBP Grant for \$70,800.00
- e. Veterans from Other Services to Flags & Markers for \$1,500.00

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

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

1. Resolution for discussion and possible approval to enter into an agreement with APCO. (R-2024-66)

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

RESOLUTIONS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE TABLE

1. Resolution for discussion and possible approval to enter into an agreement with APCO.

RESOLUTION R-2024-76

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence has entered into a professional agreement with the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International, Inc. (hereinafter the “CONTRACTOR” or “APCO”) with its principal address of 351 N. Williamson Blvd., Daytona Beach, Florida 32114..

WHEREAS, the County and APCO have entered into a FCC License Management Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

WHEREAS, APCO agrees to provide a one (1) year License Management Agreement in the amount of Two Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty (\$2,260.00) Dollars to be paid annually, commencing April 1, 2024, thru April 1, 2025, see Quote attached hereto as Exhibit “B”. This agreement will not be construed to create a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between APCO and LAWRENCE. APCO will not represent itself to be an employee or agent of LAWRENCE and cannot enter into any agreement on LAWRENCE’s behalf or in LAWRENCE’s name without express written authorization from a duly authorized representative of LAWRENCE to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that authorization is given to execute on behalf of the Lawrence County Department of Public Safety, all documents related to the APCO service agreement. APCO will provide a one (1) year License Management Agreement in the amount of Two Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty (\$2,260.00) Dollars to be paid annually, commencing April 1, 2024, thru April 1, 2025. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all documentation.

Mr. Kennedy stated this is money well spent and is very time consuming to obtain (1) FCC License. The Commissioners agreed the County is very lucky to have Mr. Chad Strobel and Mr. Rich Hoover as the Department Head and Deputy, respectively.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to remove said Resolution from the table. 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 April 16, 2024 at 10:00AM. in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room.

- B. There will be a West Central Job Partnership Governing Board Meeting today, at 1:30PM at the Mercer County Courthouse.

- C. The Prison Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 12:00PM has been **CANCELLED** and rescheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 12:00PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Wachter asked Mr. Venasco how many applications were received for the Opioid allocations? Mr. Venasco replied (5) applications were received. Funds from the Opioid Trust were received in December of 2023, hence why the Committee is just now allocating funds. There was not enough time in 2023 to allocate those funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 10:45AM.