

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, January 17, 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, January 17, 2023, was called to order by **Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel**, 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 Vogler, Scott Baldwin, Patrick Micco, Mike Grippo, none, 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-2023-17**

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

**WHEREAS**, Mina Abdo placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Court Street, Parcel ID No. 03-137700; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Court Street with a Parcel ID No. 03-137700; 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 Mina Abdo in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Court Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 03-137700, City of New Castle.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2023-18**

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

**WHEREAS**, Mina Abdo placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at N. Walnut Street, Parcel ID No. 03-078900; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at N. Walnut Street with a Parcel ID No. 03-078900; 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 Mina Abdo in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at N. Walnut Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 03-078900, City of New Castle.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2023-19**

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

**WHEREAS**, Mina Abdo placed a bid of \$600.00 on property located at E. Clen-Moore Boulevard, Parcel ID No. 02-251800; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at E. Clen-Moore Boulevard with a Parcel ID No. 02-251800; 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 Mina Abdo in the

amount of \$600.00 for Repository Property located at E. Clen-Moore Boulevard, and having a Parcel ID No. 02-251800, City of New Castle.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**R-2023-20**

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

**WHEREAS**, Sonya Stanley placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at 10 W. Sharp Street, Parcel ID No. 08-029800; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at 10 W. Sharp Street, with a Parcel ID No. 08-029800; 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 Sonya Stanley in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at 10 W. Sharp Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 08-029800, City of New Castle.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to reject said Resolution. Motion defeated 0-2.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**R-2023-21**

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

**WHEREAS**, Sonya Stanley placed a bid of \$1,000.00 on property located at 25 N. Mill Street, Parcel ID No. 02-088600; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at 25 N. Mill Street, with a Parcel ID No. 02-088600; 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 Sonya Stanley in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Repository Property located at 25 N. Mill Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 02-088600, City of New Castle.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to reject said Resolution. Motion defeated 0-2.

B. Warrant Registers:

1. January 13, 2023
2. January 12, 2023
3. January 6, 2022

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said warrant registers. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Thursday, January 10, 2023

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Air Quality State Only Operating Permit Application-Amerikohl Aggregates, Inc., Moscipan Quarry (Shenango Twp.)
2. Larry Bryan-Small Flow Treatment Facility (SFTF)-441 State Route 18, New Wilmington (Wilmington Twp.)
3. Justin Bryan-Single Residence Sewage Treatment Plant (SRSTP)-447 State Route 18, New Wilmington (Wilmington Twp.)
4. Act 14-North Memorial Animal Hospital-NPDES (Wilmington Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to file written communications. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **REPORTS**

A. Staff Reports None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler stated both he and Commissioner Spielvogel attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. service yesterday and it was very well attended and a very nice event. This Friday, both he and Commissioner Spielvogel will be attending the inauguration for Justice Debra Todd. She is a native of Lawrence County (Ellwood City) and is very proud to be from this area. She is the first female Chief Justice of the PA Supreme Court.

Ms. Spielvogel stated she enjoyed the Martin Luther King, Jr. service yesterday and looks forward to the inauguration of Justice Todd on Friday.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION                      R-2023-22**

**WHEREAS**, the County entered into an agreement to complete Part I—Preliminary Design of the Wallace Road Bridge, in Little Beaver Township, with Frank B. Taylor Engineering in July 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the start work date for Frank B. Taylor Engineering was July 18, 2012 and the Agreement period was for 18 months, which set the completion date at January 18, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank B. Taylor Engineering requested and received nine (9) twelve month extensions for this phase due to the complex nature of the environmental reports required for this historic structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the current completion date for this phase is January 18, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, new guidelines with regard to the documentation/studies required to receive permission from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) are requiring a significant amount of information to justify the removal of an historic bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, discussion are continuing between PennDOT and the PHMC; and

**WHEREAS**, PennDOT has informed Frank B. Taylor Engineering that PHMC is willing to consider a hybrid option for the bridge replacement project; and

**WHEREAS**, this option involves the construction of a new conventional steel stringer bridge with a concrete deck and standard bridge barriers; and

**WHEREAS**, the historic trusses are then attached to the outside stringers in a decorative, non-structural manner. The method of attachment for the trusses must be reversible; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank B. Taylor Engineering is working with PennDOT and the PHMC to determine if this hybrid option can be approved for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, PennDOT has informed Frank B. Taylor Engineering, that an extension must be granted to the municipality if the agreement period is to be exceeded; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that:**

1. The agreement with Frank B. Taylor Engineering, shall be extended to January 18, 2024 for the Wallace Road Bridge Part I-Preliminary Design.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

**RESOLUTION                      R-2023-23**

**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 Family Services of NW PA shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
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:

**Family Services of NW PA**  
**5100 Peach Street**  
**Erie, PA. 16509**

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

**RESOLUTION                      R-2023-24**

**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 Central Counties Youth Center shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
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:

**Central Counties Youth Center  
148 Paradise Road  
Bellefonte, PA. 16823**

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2023-25**

**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, 2022, through June 30, 2023
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

**Arise** - as detailed in attachment designated 2022- 2023 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2023-26**

**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, 2022, through June 30, 2023
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

**Onewell, LLC** - as detailed in attachment designated 2022- 2023 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2023-27**

**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 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** the Insurance Reimbursement General Fund Revenue Fund Account: 01390055.341907 by \$26,342.00 and;

**INCREASING** the DA-Vehicle General Expense Fund Account: 01419400.704200 by \$26,342.00 and;

**Reason: Insurance for Wrecked Vehicle**

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

**RESOLUTION R-2023-28**

**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 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** Salaries Vivitrol Grant Expense Fund Account:01423014.110200 by \$26,268.00 and;

**INCREASING** Overtime-Vivitrol Grant Expense Fund Account: 01423014.110400 by \$12,640.00 and;

**INCREASING** FICA Expense -Vivitrol Grant Expense Fund Account: 01423014.201000 by \$2,977.00; and

**INCREASING** Employer Benefits-Vivitrol Grant Expense Fund Account: 01423014.151000 by \$8,308.00; and

**INCREASING** Supplies & Operating Expenses Expense Fund Account: 01423014.201000 by \$11,551.00

**INCREASING** Jail Based Vivitrol Program Revenue Fund Account: 01334014.334150 by \$61,744.00

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

**TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)**

- a. DJ Russo from Contingency to Bond & Insurance for \$100.00
- b. Voter's from Contingency to Postage for \$1,549.29
- c. Coroner from Contingency to Software for \$2,500.00
- d. MH/DS from Telephone/Internet to Subscriptions for \$2,000.00

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said administrative transfers. Motion carried 2-0.

**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 was left on the table.

**ORDINANCES**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will not be a Prison Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Spielvogel adourned the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, January 17, at 10:35 AM.