

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, September 26, 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, September 26, 2023, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 10:00 am at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Administrative Assistant, Kristine Venasco, called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Brian Burick Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel, Joe Venasco, Warden Mahlmeister, Lisa Zarilla, Captain Simmons, Richard Hoover, and Debbie Wachter, 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-2023-353

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

WHEREAS, Phillip Douglass placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at E. Maitland Lane, Parcel ID No. 22-037600; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at E. Maitland Lane, with a Parcel ID No. 22-037600; 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 Phillip Douglass in the amount of \$500.00 for

Repository Property located at E. Maitland Lane, and having a Parcel ID No. 22-037600, Hickory Township.

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. September 20, 2023
 - 2. September 21, 2023

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to approve and file said warrant register. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to approve said minutes with the correction of the spelling of Mr. Richard Cini's name. Motion carried 3-0.

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
 - 1. Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc. – Ellwood Specialty Steel 2023 Building Addition-GP-7 Minor Road Crossing General Permit and GP-5 Utility Line Crossing General Permit (Wilmington Twp.)

Mr. Burick commented that he is glad they are proactively addressing the beaver issue.

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

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports

None

- B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Burick stated that he attended the open house of the Veteran's Fairweather Lodge. He commented on how it looks great and commends Human Services Center for everything. He also commented that he attended the Prison Board meeting last week. Also, DON Services met with the Commissioners to update them on projects that they have going on. He also attended the tour of Public Safety with the legislators. He thanked Public Safety for everything.

Ms. Spielvogel thanked Rich Hoover and Chad Strobel of Public Safety to addressing all the County's needs. She also thanked Commissioner Burick for spearheading the Public Safety tour. She also spoke about the huge opioid problem. She commented that we have one of the highest overdose rates not only in the state, but also in the nation. We have many agencies and organizations in the County that are helping.

Mr. Vogler echoed the remarks from Commissioner Burick regarding Public Safety. He commented that he is very thankful for everything and everyone at the 911 center. He also stated that the Farm Bureau dinner is Wednesday night, and he will be attending. Thursday night is the Salute to Courage dinner. Finally, Monday is the quarterly NWCCA meeting.

NEW BUSINESS **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION R-2023-354

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Department of Public Safety has entered into a professional service agreement with Quality Enhanced Management Systems, Inc., 530 Mace Street, Suite 1, Greensburg, PA 15601, hereinafter referred to as "QEMS" to provide a one (1) year Agreement to Lawrence County;

WHEREAS, QEMS will provide a Quality Assurance, Resource Management Software Program and General Maintenance to maintain, report and evaluate the performance of Lawrence County's 911 systems, see attached Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, QEMS will provide a license for up to fifteen (15) workstations that includes the Quality Assurance and Resource Management modules running on the native workstation application for their product titled "Quality Administration for Emergency Services", (QAES), in conjunction with the End User License Agreement, (EULA), for Lawrence County Department of Public Safety;

WHEREAS, QAES is a relational database management solution that will operate on COUNTY's 9-1-1 Center administrative networked system, such system to be provided by the COUNTY;

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Department of Public Safety will provide and assure a Remote Desktop Connection is available to QEMS (at no cost to QEMS) to the designated server(s) that have the QAES Database installed; and

WHEREAS, the term of this agreement is for a one (1) year period beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. The total consideration payable to QEMS for the lease of the software program and all related professional services set forth in Exhibit "A" shall not exceed \$25,000.00 for the first year.

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 Quality Enhanced Management Systems, Inc. agreement to provide the following:

- a. QEMS will provide a Quality Assurance, Resource Management Software Program and General Maintenance to maintain, report and evaluate the performance of Lawrence County's 911 systems;
- b. QEMS will provide a license for up to fifteen (15) workstations that includes the Quality Assurance and Resource Management modules running on the native workstation application for their product titled "Quality Administration for Emergency Services", (QAES), in conjunction with the End User License Agreement, (EULA), for Lawrence County Department of Public Safety;
- c. QAES is a relational database management solution that will operate on COUNTY's 9-1-1 Center administrative networked system, such system to be provided by the COUNTY;
- d. Lawrence County Department of Public Safety will provide and assure a Remote Desktop Connection is available to QEMS (at no cost to QEMS) to the designated server(s) that have the QAES Database installed; and
- e. The term of this agreement is for a one (1) year period beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. The total consideration payable to QEMS for the lease of the software program and all related professional services set forth in Exhibit "A" shall not exceed \$25,000.00 for the first year.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-355

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Jail has the capability, capacity and space to house Interest of Justice-Direct File juveniles charged as adults; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2023 Resolution R-2023-166 was approved for Westmoreland County to pay \$800.00 per juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house Interest of Justice-Direct File juveniles charged as adults; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2023 Resolution R-2023-220 was approved for Washington County to pay \$800.00 per juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house Interest of Justice-Direct File juveniles charged as adults; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2023 Resolution R-2023-221 was approved for Fayette County to pay \$800.00 per juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house Interest of Justice-Direct File juveniles charged as adults; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2023 Resolution R-2023-277 was approved for Armstrong County to pay \$800.00 per juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house Interest of Justice-Direct File juveniles charged as adults; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Prison Board voted on September 20, 2023 to reduce the fee from \$800.00 per juvenile offender, per day to \$600.00 per Interest of Justice-Direct File juveniles charged as adults, per day; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners would like to incorporate the Prison Board's recommendation for current and future contracts related to housing Interest of Justice-Direct File juveniles charged as adults; and

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

1. All current contracts related to Interest of Justice-Direct File juveniles charged as adults as listed above and all future potential contracts related to same shall carry a daily rate of \$600.00 per Interest of Justice-Direct File juveniles charged as adults; and
2. This will become effective for the above stated counties on October 1, 2023; and

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-356

WHEREAS, budgets cannot always anticipate every extraordinary, ordinary, or contingency situation which arises throughout the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County code permits the Commissioners by resolution to authorize budget transfers from any encumbered balance; and

WHEREAS, the need to provide additional appropriations to certain accounts now exists; and

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to the appropriate administrative officials to transfer a total of \$18,650.16 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2023-31.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to approve said resolution 3-0.

RESOLUTION

R-2023-357

WHEREAS, budgets cannot always anticipate every extraordinary, ordinary, or contingency situation which arises throughout the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County code permits the Commissioners by resolution to authorize budget transfers from any encumbered balance; and

WHEREAS, the need to provide additional appropriations to certain accounts now exists; and

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to the appropriate administrative officials to transfer a total of \$30,000.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2023-32.

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

TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Register & Recorder from Contingency to Land/Building Rental for \$4,200.00
- b. Domestic Relations from Contingency to Office Minor for \$1,555.00
- c. Human Resources from Contingency to Background/Drug Testing for \$1,300.00
- d. MHDA from Staff Overtime to Travel & Training \$5,000.00

- e. Commissioners from Contingency to Maintenance & Repairs for \$2,725.00

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, October 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 @ noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Spielvogel commented that the Opioid meeting might be canceled since there is no new business.

Debbie Wachter asked how much it costs the county per day to house 1 juvenile. The Warden said it was approximately \$60/day. She asked if it was the same cost for adults. The Warden said yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to adjourn the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 10:34 AM.