

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, February 13, 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, February 13, 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, County Administrator Joe Venasco, Dorothy Burchett, Robert Burchett, James Constant, Richard Book, Amy Stapleton, Amy Love, Rebecca Shaffer, Al Burick, 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

Mr. Constant asked what are the Row Officers? Mr. Vogler stated the row officers are all other elected officials other than the Commissioners and Judges.

Mr. Burchett stated he feels if Shenango Township can afford a Manager, then they can afford to work on their roads.

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

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| A. Repository Properties: | None |
| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | None |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals: | None |
| D. Warrant Registers: | |
| 1. February 7, 2024 | |
| 2. February 6, 2024 | |

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
1. Tuesday, February 6, 2024

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Tiffany Chase-4175 Harlansburg Road, Slippery Rock Proposing a solar panel field with access drive and transformer pads. (Scott Twp.)

2. Steven W. Gealy-626 Wilson Mill Road, New Castle A Single Residence Sewage Treatment Plant to replace malfunctioning septic system (Wilmington Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to file written communications.
Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler reviewed the meetings from the last week. He further stated the South New Castle Borough Building polling location will be moved to the firehall. The fire station polling location will be moved to the Shenango sports complex and there will be an Election Board meeting tomorrow at 8:30AM.

Mr. Sainato stated the Commissioners toured the Lawrence County Career and Technical Center last Friday. It is a great school that has very positive students and is promoting the trades very well.

Mr. Kennedy stated for the first 7 weeks he has been in office, last week was probably the busiest. He is very impressed with the Lawrence County Career and Technical Center. He has been elected to the School to Work Board and is very excited about that. He noted we have great schools in the County.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-2024-31

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence County owns and maintains recreational areas throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of these recreational include, but not limited to mowing, trimming and trash collection; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence is requesting bids from contractors to complete the above mentioned items at the County owned recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the County will advertise for bids on February 12th and February 16th, 2024 with bids being due on March 4th, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners that the Board of Commissioners will be advertising for bids for “County Parks and Boat Launch Maintenance”, with bids being due on March 4th, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-32

WHEREAS, The Election Boards of all 67 counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including Lawrence County, have been named as defendants in David H. Zimmerman, et al v. Al Schmidt, et al. No. 33 MD 2024 in the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, generally speaking, the defenses of all of the county election boards are similar in nature, and time is of the essence; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the litigation will take place in Harrisburg, and

WHEREAS, the voices of the counties are more likely to be heard if they present their case in unison as opposed to sixty seven individual parties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Commissioners that the Lawrence County Commissioners execute the attached Engagement Letter to retain Babst Calland as counsel for the Lawrence County Board of Elections in the above described lawsuit. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes the Chairman to execute the letter on behalf of the Board.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. Domestic Relations from IV-D Contingency to Association Dues for \$99.08
- b. Domestic Relations from Incentive Contingency to Association Dues for \$22.12
- c. Domestic Relations from Constables to Uniforms for \$900.00
- d. Coroner from Contingency to Staples for \$1,000.00
- e. District Attorney from Contingency to Travel & Training for \$5,000.00
- f. Commissioners from Materials & Supplies to Maintenance & Repairs for \$500.00
- g. Commissioners from Materials & Supplies to Minor Equipment for \$2,428.50

h. Commissioners from Materials & Supplies to Major Equipment for \$5,173.50

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato 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 February 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Lawrence County Retirement Board Meeting today, February 13, 2024 immediately following the Commissioners' Meeting.
- C. There will be a Lawrence County Planning Commission Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 12:00 Noon at the Ellwood City Municipal Building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Vogler stated there will be a Special Election Board meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 8:30AM. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 10:35 AM.

