

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, June 11, 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, June 11, 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 Chris Sainato, Mike Grippo, 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.

Mr. Vogler stated to keep the family of Joe DiNardo in their thoughts and prayers. He was a long time employee in the Maintenance Department and passed away unexpectedly last Friday. He was a gentleman and a very talented man.

Mr. Vogler further stated Commissioner Kennedy continues to be on medical leave but was in the building today and looks great. We are happy he is making progress.

**ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL**

- A. Repository Properties: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:

- 1. June 4, 2024

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 2-0.

## MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Approval of Minutes:

1. Tuesday, June 4, 2024

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

### B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Frank B. Taylor Engineering-Benaiah L. Hague to submit a Notice of Intent for a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit and for a new Water Quality Management General Permit-3390 Portersville Road, Portersville (Perry Twp.)
2. Gary Osterrieder-submit a PAG-04 NOI Permit Application to amend the current individual NPDES Permit to DEP @ 894 Old Ash Rd. (Plain Grove Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to file said communication(s). Motion carried 2-0.

## REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports: None  
B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Sainato stated he had a busy week and weekend. He attended the Northwest County Commission meeting last week. This is the last meeting for Commission Vogler, as Commissioner Sainato will be taking his place on the Board. He also attended the Community Day in Scott Township, New Castle High School with Marcus Carter hosting a Community Day, the Renova Music Festival at the Villa Maria, the Library Gala and visiting the bike trails on his new bike.

Mr. Vogler stated Commissioner Chip Abramovich will chair the Northwest County Commission and Commissioner Sainato will be appointed as the public sector Board Member, replacing himself.

## NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION R-2024-125

**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 Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County 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:

**Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County  
US Steel Tower, 600 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15219**

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

**RESOLUTION                      R-2024-126**

**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 Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (Special Grants) 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:

**Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc.  
44 S. Beaver Street  
New Castle, PA. 16101**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to table said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

**RESOLUTION                      R-2024-127**

**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 Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (Brain Wise, Nurturing Parenting & Making Parenting a Pleasure) 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:

**Lawrence County Social Services, Inc.  
PO Box 189, 241 W. Grant Street  
New Castle, PA. 16103**

**RESOLUTION                      R-2024-128**

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County is part of the Northwest Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Commission's by-laws, the Lawrence County Commissioners are asked to make appointments to the Governing Board of the Northwest Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners that the following be re-appointed to the Northwest Commission for a two year period, July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

1. Thomas McKinley, 1175 Fayette-New Wilmington Road, New Wilmington, PA 16142 (Wilmington Township)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that Thomas McKinley shall be re-appointed to the Northwest Commission, July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2024-129**

**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** Prior Year Balance General Fund Revenue Account: 01390000.342000 by \$4,000,000.00; and

**INCREASING** Transfer to Operating Reserve Fund General Fund Expense Account: 01490300.901195 by \$2,000,000.00; and

**INCREASING** Transfer to Capital Expenditure Fund General Fund Expense Account: 01490300.901180 by \$2,000,000.00

***Reason: Transfers of Excess Cash***

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

**RESOLUTION R-2024-130**

**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** Prior Year Balance General Fund Revenue Account: 01390000.342000 by \$348,835.00; and

**INCREASING** LCEDC General Fund Expense Account: 01451200.801800 by \$250,000.00; and

**INCREASING** Misc Allocations General Fund Expense Account: 01457700.999900 by \$70,000.00; and

**INCREASING** Law Co Humane Society General Fund Expense Account 01451000.801400 by \$28,835.00

***Reason: Allocations of Unrestricted ARPA Funds***

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-131**

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** COVID Mitigation Grant General Fund Revenue Account: 01331097.331000.93323 by \$80,873.00; and

**INCREASING** LCEDC General Fund Expense Account: 01423097.110200 by \$6,776.00.00; and

**INCREASING** Equipment General Fund Expense Account: 01423097.201300 by \$16,181.00; and

**INCREASING** Supplies & Operating Expenses General Fund Expense Account: 01423097.201000; and

***Reason: Jail COVID Mitigation Grant***

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

**TRANSFERS**

a.. Courts from Contingency to Association Dues for \$100.00

**RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE**

None

**RESOLUTIONS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE TABLE**

None

**ORDINANCES**

- 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 June 18, 2024 at 10:00AM. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Retirement Board Meeting today, immediately following the Commissioners' Meeting in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. There will be a Lawrence County Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 12:00 Noon at the New Castle Union Station Craft Distillery.
- D. The Courthouse will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Commissioners are looking forward to welcoming back Commissioner Kennedy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 10:35 am.

