

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, September 5, 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 5, 2023, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan 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 Brian Burick Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel, Joe Venasco, Amy McKinney and no one 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-2023-329

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 Douglas placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at 183 Gary Lane, Parcel ID No. 24-900524; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at 183 Gary Lane, with a Parcel ID No. 24-900524; 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 Douglas in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at 183 Gary Lane, and having a Parcel ID No. 24-900524, Mahoning Township.

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

- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. August 28, 2023
 - 2. August 31, 2023

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Tuesday, August 29, 2023

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
 - 1. PA DEP Chapter 105 General Permit No. 11-Matilda Avenue-Replacement of a portion of a gas main pipe (Union Twp.)

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 noted with sadness the unexpected passing away of a County Employee, Benny Blundo who worked the afternoon shift in the Maintenance Department. He will be greatly missed.

Ms. Spielvogel echoed Mr. Burick's comments regarding Benny. She further stated that Senator Casey and his wife visited the Courthouse last week and toured the building. Ms. Spielvogel further toured the County with Robbie Matesic from Senator Casey's office to show her the businesses and locations that have applied for federal funding. It was a great visit.

Mr. Vogler thanked Ms. Spielvogel for arranging and organizing the visit with Senator Casey. He also noted that Benny Blundo will be greatly missed.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-2023-330

WHEREAS, trees, shrubs, and stumps are in need of removal at the county owned property 1001 East Washington Street; and

WHEREAS, Base Environmental Services LLC has submitted a bid for \$13,500.00 for the removal of trees, shrubs, and stumps; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by County Board of Commissioners, that

1. Base Environmental Services LLC provided a bid for the removal of trees, shrubs, and stumps.
2. The County of Lawrence wishes to enter into an agreement with Base Environmental Services LLC for the removal of trees, shrubs, and stumps detailed in the attached quote.

The County of Lawrence wishes to enter into an agreement with Base Environmental Services LLC upon adequate proof of insurance.

Discussion was held on quote amounts vs. formal bid amounts. Any service under \$22,000

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-331

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LAWRENCE SUPPORTING THE PROPER FOREST MANAGEMENT OF THE LANDS OF QUAKER FALLS RECREATIONAL AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED FOREST MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION PRACTICES.

WHEREAS, 64 blown down saw timber sized trees are to be salvaged are located to the north of US RT 224, parcel numbers 24-120200 & 24-120400, Mahoning Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, on approximately 10 acres with an estimated volume of 10,144 board feet referred to as Blow Down Salvage East; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development negotiated an offer with, and reported that Omega Logging, Inc., PO Box 524., West Middlesex, PA 16159, has offered \$5,000.00 for the Blow Down Salvage East; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by County Board of Commissioners, that

1. Omega Logging, Inc. was successful in providing an offer for the Blow Down Salvage East;
2. Omega Logging, Inc. will be onsite for timber removal within the next sixty (60) days;
3. The total amount of \$5,000.00 will be made payable to the County of Lawrence from Omega Logging, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-332

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 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 Interest Revenue MHDS Revenue Fund Account: 07361000.361100 by \$40,000.00; and

INCREASING Expense MHDS MH Community Services Account: 07447027.411000 by \$40,000.00; and

Reason: Interest Revenue Increase

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

TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Public Defender from Contingency to Subscriptions for \$126.00
- b. Courts from Contingency to Materials and Supplies for \$5,078.66
- c. MHDS from ID Case Management to ID Services – Base for \$3,940.73
- d. MHDS from MH Outpatient to MH Community Services for \$50,000.00
- e. MHDS Community Emp to MH Community Services for \$30,000.00
- f. MHDS MH Social Rehab to MH Community Services for

- \$30,000.00
- g. MHDS MH Comm Residential to MH Community Services for \$57,000.00
 - h. MHDS Contingency to MH Community Services for \$20,000.00
 - i. Maintenance from Contingency to Major Equipment for \$5,800.00
 - j. Maintenance from Contingency to Minor Equipment for \$5,000.00

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to approve said administrative transfer(s). Motion carried 3-0.

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, September 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be an Opioid Advisory Board meeting today @10:00 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Commissioners commended the Maintenance Department for all the hard work they do in the summer heat and the winter cold.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to adjourn the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 10:30 AM.