

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 30, 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, April 30, 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, Mike Grippo, Amy McKinney, James Constant, 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 asked everyone to keep Marsha Anderson and her family in their thoughts. Marsha passed away a couple of weeks ago. She was on the Laurel Area School District School Board.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

RESOLUTION

R-2024-82

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

WHEREAS, Donald Cunningham placed a bid of \$600.00 on property located at City Line Street, Parcel ID No. 31-017400; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at City Line Street, with a Parcel ID No. 31-017400; 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 Mathew Bucceri in the amount of \$600.00 for Repository Property located at City Line Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 31-017400, Shenango Township.

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

- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. April 22, 2024
 - 2. April 17, 2024
 - 3. April 16, 2024

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

- 1. Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

- 1. Columbia Gas of PA-replacing existing gas line with plastic medium density pipe. Chapter 102 Permits-UNT to Sugar Creek and Hickory Run (North Beaver Twp.)
- 2. Sam Teolis-renewing Air Quality Permit General Operating Permit for crematory (Ellwood City Borough)
- 3. Ellwood City Area School District-construction of a new turf softball field, dugouts, pressbox, concession stand and associated parking lots, driveways and sidewalks and underground infiltration system with associated pipe, inlets and outlet structures (Ellwood City Borough)

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

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports: None
- B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Kennedy stated last Tuesday was Election Day. It was something to witness and see in person. The election ran like a well oiled machine. He thanked everyone that worked and contributed that day.

Mr. Vogler certainly agrees with Mr. Kennedy. The election was very well run. He further reviewed the meetings from the week.

Mr. Sainato echoed Mr. Kennedy's comments regarding the election. It was very interesting to witness in person and thanked everyone for their hard work.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2024-83

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Services Department, desires to add officers and members to the CYS Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the presence of an Advisory Board or Committee is mandated by Section 3130 of the Pennsylvania Code; and

WHEREAS, the CYS Advisory Board operates under the legal name of Lawrence County of PA Child & Youth Services Advisory Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. **Tanya Montgomery** be appointed Chairperson of the CYS Advisory Board for a period of one (1) year and may succeed herself at the discretion of the Advisory Board.
2. **Stan Kosciuszko** be appointed Vice Chairperson of the CYS Advisory Board for a period of one (1) year and may succeed himself at the discretion of the Advisory Board.
3. **Donna Perretta** be appointed Treasurer of the CYS Advisory Board for a period of one (1) year and may succeed herself at the discretion of the Advisory Board.
4. **Jeffrey Wolfe** be appointed Secretary of the CYS Advisory Board for a period of one (1) year and may succeed himself at the discretion of the Advisory Board.

5. **Jim Ferrante** be appointed Vice Secretary of the CYS Advisory Board for a period of one (1) year and may succeed himself at the discretion of the Advisory Board.
6. **Debbie DeBlasio** be appointed a member of the CYS Advisory Board for a period of three (3) years, members may be reappointed by the Advisory Board for additional three (3) year terms.
7. **Melinda Scurlock** be appointed a member of the CYS Advisory Board for a period of three (3) years, members may be reappointed by the Advisory Board for additional three (3) year terms.
8. **John Sovich** be appointed a member of the CYS Advisory Board for a period of three (3) years, members may be reappointed by the Advisory Board for additional three (3) year terms.

CYS Advisory Board
A.K.A. Lawrence County of PA Child & Youth Services Advisory Board
1001 E. Washington Street
New Castle, PA. 16101

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

RESOLUTION

R-2024-84

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 Avanco International, Inc. (AFCARS) shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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:

**Avanco International, Inc.
12685 Wiltonshire Drive
Clifton, Virginia 20124**

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-85

WHEREAS, Lawrence County solicited bids for the West Park Road Culvert Replacement Project in Union Township; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development reviewed the bids and reported that Heckman Diversified Construction was the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$32,995.00; and

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

1. Heckman Diversified Construction is awarded the bid for the completion of the West Park Road Culvert Replacement Project;
2. A total of \$32,995.00 in **Marcellus Legacy Funds** will be allocated to complete this project;
3. The Chairman is authorized to execute all documents related to this contract.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-86

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is permitted to assist in funding transportation projects completed by local municipalities with regard to paving projects and bridge improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners makes such transportation funding available to municipalities in fiscal years where Lawrence County has received surplus transportation funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the form of Liquid Fuels, Act 13, Act 44, and Act 89 receipts; and

WHEREAS; Lawrence County is projecting enough transportation funding to allow for both required County bridge improvements and municipal transportation project allocations in the 2024 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners made and formalized an official grant process for municipal transportation assistance; and

WHEREAS, all twenty-seven municipalities were eligible to submit an application to the County by March 25, 2024; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; that the following list of municipalities were submitted and have been deemed eligible for funding under the requirements of the Lawrence County Transportation Improvement Grant program:

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. Shenango Township	\$22,000.00
2. New Beaver Borough	\$22,000.00
3. Neshannock Township	\$22,000.00
4. Little Beaver Township	\$22,000.00
5. Wilmington Township	\$22,000.00
6. North Beaver Township	\$22,000.00
7. Wayne Township	\$22,000.00
8. Mahoning Township	\$22,000.00
9. Ellwood City Borough	\$22,000.00
10.Plain Grove Township	\$22,000.00
11.Enon Valley Borough	\$22,000.00
12.Pulaski Township	\$22,000.00
13.Wampum Borough	\$22,000.00
14.City of New Castle	\$22,000.00
15.Slippery Rock Township	\$22,000.00
16.South New Castle Borough	\$22,000.00
17.Washington Township	\$22,000.00
18.Hickory Township	\$22,000.00

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

RESOLUTION

R-2024-87

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 \$2,385.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-03.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2024-88

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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 \$50,000.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-04.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. Commissioners from Liquid Fuel Act 44 Contingency to Liquid Fuel Maintenance Engineering Fees for \$50,000.00.
- b. Central Court from Contingency to Materials/Supplies for \$400.00
- c. APO from Contingency to Materials/Supplies for \$4,500.00
- d. Public Defender from Contingency to Disability & Unemployment for \$275.00
- e. Voter Services from Contingency to Unemployment Insurance for \$1,500.00
- f. MHDS from Contingency to Unemployment Insurance for \$500.00

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

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 May 7, 2024 at 10:00AM. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be an Opioid Advisory Committee Meeting on May 7, 2024 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. There will be a Planning Commission Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 12:00 Noon at the Ellport Borough Building, 313 Burns Avenue, Ellwood City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Constant asked if Lowe's has protection from other stores coming in next to them? The Commissioners said they do not. Any store can come in. Mr. Constant wanted to know why a Menard's store won't come to PA. Mr. Kennedy stated that there are plans for a Menard's store in Fayette County but permits are a lot harder to obtain in PA. Mr. Constant asked Mr. Kennedy how his Pittsburgh trip went a couple weeks ago. Mr. Kennedy stated it was very productive and met with the SPC office and 15 foundations/organizations to help move Lawrence County forward. He also discussed Lawrence County's secondary roads with PennDOT.

Debbie Wachter asked how many bids were received for West Park. Eight (8) bids were received. She further asked if there is a list of projects and amounts requested from each municipality regarding the Liquid Fuel allocations. She asked if the West Central meeting is Zoom, then how is it open to the public?

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 11:00 am.