

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 4, 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, April 4, 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 Loretta Spielvogel, Commissioner Brian Burick, Tammy Crawford, Andrew Henley, Mike Grippo, Amy Lamb, Chuck Masters, Bruce Peterson, 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

Ms. Lamb welcomed Commissioner Burick back to office.

Mr. Henley reviewed the Lawrence County Federated Library, the New Castle Public Library and the New Castle Federated Library.

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

RESOLUTION

R-2023-112

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

WHEREAS, Paul Maldonado placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at S. Atlantic Avenue, New Castle, Parcel ID No. 06-081500; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at S. Atlantic Avenue, New Castle, with a Parcel ID No. 06-081500; 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 Paul Maldonado in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at S. Atlantic Avenue, New Castle, and having a Parcel ID No. 06-081500, City of New Castle.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-113

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

WHEREAS, Argyle Properties LLC (Mary Mady) placed a bid of \$550.00 on property located at Pearson Street, New Castle, Parcel ID No. 04-259500; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Pearson Street, New Castle, with a Parcel ID No. 04-259500; 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 Argyle Properties LLC (Mary Mady) in the amount of \$550.00 for Repository Property located at Pearson Street, New Castle, and having a Parcel ID No. 04-259500, City of New Castle.

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

B. Advertise for Bids/Proposals: None

C. Receipt of Bids/Proposals: None

D. Warrant Registers:

1. March 24, 2023
2. March 22, 2023
3. March 21, 2023
4. March 15, 2023

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Thursday, March 28, 2023

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said minutes. Mr. Burick abstained since he was not present at the meeting. Motion carried 2-0-1.

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

- a. Act 14 Notification for PA DEP Country Roads MHP (Shenango Twp.)

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to file said written correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports None

B. Commissioner Reports

Ms. Spielvogel welcomed Commissioner Burick and is looking forward to working together.

Mr. Vogler welcomed Commissioner Burick as well and stated that we are working on getting everyone acquainted and to meet with Commissioner Burick, please be patient.

Mr. Burick thanked Amy Lamb and Andrew Henley for being in attendance today. He read the following statement:

“I want to thank Commissioners Vogler and Spielvogel for attending my oath of office ceremony yesterday and welcoming me back to the Lawrence County Government Center. I also want to thank all the staff under the Commissioners for their help in getting me up and running (especially HR for onboarding, IT for computer and email access, Maintenance for all the set up for the events yesterday and the Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk for providing me with all of the information I needed and requested).

I also want to thank all four Judges of the Lawrence County Court of Common Pleas for appointing me to fill the recent vacancy on the Board of Commissioners. County judges must preside over many difficult cases and court proceedings in criminal law, civil law, family law and PFA hearings. I had the privilege of working with or knowing all four judges previously and they were all excellent attorneys before election to their current positions and Lawrence County is truly fortunate to have the judges we have on the bench.”

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-114

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 allows for the purchase of appropriate services; and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services contracts for certain services; and,

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of County residents who are mentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to make amendments to the original Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Mental Health and Developmental Services currently has a Base contract with **Clover Psychological Associates** for the period from **July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.**

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

1. It is specifically understood and agreed that the stated maximum of **\$80,000.00.** for various services shall be adjusted to **\$480,000.00.** Revised budget page(s) is/are attached to support these changes. There is no language change to this contract.
2. All provisions of the agreement dated **July 1, 2022,** between the parties shall remain as heretofore established.

In witness whereof, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereunto set their seals this 4th day of April, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-115

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 Corrisoft LLC shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

2. That the contract for Corrisoft LLC was approved on 8/16/2022, request to be amended to include an additional (2) BLUtag shelf units and (1) additional shelf unit.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Corrisoft LLC
1648 McGrathiana Pkwy, Suite 225
Lexington, KY 40511**

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-116

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; and

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

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Ward Home, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
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:

**Ward Home, Inc.
1101 Hartman Street
McKeesport, PA. 15132**

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-117

WHEREAS, Jonathan Benko, a full-time caseworker is requesting to attend the Child Welfare Education and Leadership Program (CWEL) at the University of Pittsburgh to pursue an advanced degree in Social Work; and

WHEREAS, his salary and benefits will be reimbursed at 95%, and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Benko shall return to county employment for an equal period of time for which his leave was granted.

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to Jonathan Benko to participate in the CWEL program as outlined in this attachment.

Moved by Mr. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION R-2023-118

Whereas, the Lawrence County Register and Recorder's Office is entering into a Contract for Services with Gila LLC, a Texas limited liability company, d/b/a Municipal Services Bureau ("MSB). This Contract for Services is for the vendor to provide an online payment acceptance solution, including credit/debit card and E-check; and

Whereas, the Register and Recorder's Office is currently using AllPaid as their vendor for these services. However, the Register of Wills is implementing the ability to E-file estate documents and AllPaid does not provide an internet gateway for this process. Also, the fees to be paid by the customer to MSB will be 2.60%. AllPaid currently charges a fee of 2.95% to the customer and;

Whereas, there is no cost to the Register and Recorder's Office for this service. However, there is an initial charge for each terminal, and there will be three terminals purchased. The additional costs for these terminals will come out of the Records Improvement Fund and the Register of Wills Automation Fund and not from the General Fund and;

Whereas, the initial term of this Contract shall be for three (3) years and shall commence on the effective date. At the end of the initial term, the Contract shall automatically renew for additional two (2) year terms until terminated by either party; and

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

1. Gila LLC d/b/a Municipal Services Bureau – MSB Payments
325 Daniel Zenker Drive, Suite 3
Horseheads, NY 14845 and the Lawrence County Register and Recorder's Office will enter into this agreement for credit card payment services.

For Introduction: Ordinance No. 1 of 2023-An Ordinance for rescinding Lawrence County Ordinance No. 4 of 2020, which implemented a fee for local use as provided by 75 Pa.C.S. §1935, allowing a County, in its discretion, to impose a county fee of \$5.00 for each nonexempt vehicle registered to an address located within its borders.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to table said Ordinance for further review. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be an Opioid Advisory Board meeting today at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. The Courthouse will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023 in observance of Good Friday.
- D. There will be a West Central Job Partnership meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the Mercer County Courthouse.
- E. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at the Slippery Rock Township Municipal Building.
- F. There will be a Prison Board meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Lamb stated that John Carran was the Acting Director for MHDS while the interview process was being conducted for the replacement of the MHDS Director when John Klenotic retired.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vogler adjourned the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 11:05 AM.