

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, August 20, 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, August 20, 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, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Mike Grippo, Kathy Presnar, 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. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- B. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- C. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. August 12, 2024
 - 2. August 14, 2024
 - 3. August 15, 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, August 13, 2024

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
1. Frank B. Taylor Engineering Inc.- Intent to submit application to obtain General Permit for Devils Elbow Rd. (Hickory Township).
 2. Penn DOT- Intent to submit application to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for new construct of stormwater outfall (City of New Castle).

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

REPORTS

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

Mr. Vogler stated that the commissioners attended the grand opening of Dunkin' Donuts on 5th Ave, and Spring Ave in Ellwood city yesterday. He stated that there will be a special election board meeting on Thursday, August 22nd at 1:00pm in the commissioners meeting room to discuss Hickory Township polling place. He further stated the Slippery rock Presbyterian Church will celebrate 225 years on August 25th there will be a celebration.

Mr Sainato stated that he represented the county at the Ag Progress days, it was a very well attended eith over 600 attendees. On Thursday he attended a Broadband meeting at the North West commission. All three commissioners attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds. He attended the library event, the All Aboard event, and Dunkin' Donuts all in Ellwood City. Finally there was a block party in New Castle Sunday evening and a back to school event in Gaston Park on Saturday that he attended.

Mr. Kennedy attended the wonder Ellwood event, he stated that there was going to be a car show at the end of September in Ellwood City. The Lawrence County fair was attended by over 30,000 people. The Sheriffs and the District Attorney's office greatly helped with security at the fair and the Commissioners thank them.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-2024-235

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence desires to enter into an agreement for provision of services as a provider to persons eligible under the Human

Services Development Fund (HSDF) published in the 2017-2024 Instruction and Requirements; and ,

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. desires to continue to provide services under the Human Services Development Fund (HSDF) to the County of Lawrence.

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

1. The County shall enter into the agreement with Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. as detailed in the attached contract designated as R - 2024 - _____ as a provider of services to County residents eligible under the provision of the 2024-2025 Human Services Development Fund..

2. This Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

3. The contract allocation during the term of this Agreement shall be \$ 114,423 or as adjusted by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, plus interest earned thereon. The County shall be responsible to pay LCSS for the provision of services only to the extent the County actually receives such funds from the Commonwealth.

4. LCSS agrees to adhere to all state administrative provisions that are appropriate as published in the 2017-2024 HSDF Instructions and Requirements Manual.

5. The Chairman Commissioner is granted permission to sign any and all documents pertaining to the application and administration of such funds.

RESOLUTION R-2024-236

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence desires to enter into an agreement for the management and delivery of shelter and other assistance to homeless individuals eligible under the provisions of the Homeless Assistance Program as published in the 2024-2025 Instruction and Requirements; and ,

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. desires to continue to provide support services to persons who are in immediate need and are homeless to the County of Lawrence.

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

1. The County shall enter into the agreement with Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. as detailed in the attached contract designated as R - 2024 - _____ for the management and delivery of emergency shelter and other case

management services to the homeless under the provisions of the 2024-2025 Homeless Assistance Program.

2. This Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
3. The contract allocation during the term of this Agreement is \$ 120,502 or as adjusted by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, plus interest earned thereon. This agreement shall include any additional funding provided by the Department of Public Welfare for use under the Housing Assistance Program.
4. The Chairman Commissioner is granted permission to sign any and all documents pertaining to the application and administration of such funds.

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

RESOLUTION R - 2024 - 237

Whereas, the Lawrence County Domestic Relations is in need of a maintenance Agreement to cover the fire alarm system; and

Whereas, the Lawrence County Domestic Relations currently uses the services of Johnson Controls to provide maintenance to the fire alarm systems.

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

1. Johnson Controls of 3159 Unionville Road, Cranberry Township, 16066 will provided a Maintenance Agreement for the Lawrence County Domestic Relations Department's Fire Alarm System; and
2. Costs will not exceed \$603.42 for a one-year period 9/01/2024 through 8/31/2025.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-238

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 Belmont-Harrison Juvenile District 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:

RESOLUTION R-2024- 239

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 Family Pathways 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:

RESOLUTION R-2024 - 240

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 George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania 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:

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

RESOLUTION R-2024- 241

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 \$11,500.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-18

Mr. Kennedy stated that he appreciated all the hard work that the new Director, Michael Occhibone and Deputy Director, Kristine Venasco of HR are doing, he further thanked Ryan Anderson and Vanessa Bayless in the commissioners office.

Mr. Sainato echoed Mr. Kennedy's comments and also thanks the controllers office for their work.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. Jail from Grocery to Travel and Training for \$3,000.
- b. Jail from Grocery to Equipment Lease and Rental for \$1,000.
- c. Jail from Medical Expenses to Maintenance and repair for \$25,000
- d. Commissioners Contingency to General Admin for \$3,000.
- e. Veterans Other Services to Telephone and Internet for \$350

Moved by Mr. Kennedy , seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve a-c. Motion carried 3-0.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve d&e. 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 August 27, 2024 @ 10:00AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will not be a Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 @ 12:00 Noon. The meeting

is CANCELLED.

- C. There will be a Prison Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 @ 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- D. There will be a special Election Board meeting on Thursday August 22nd at 1pm in the commissioners meeting room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Kennedy received an email at the end of the meeting from Debbie Wachter stating she was watching the meeting online, as she tested positive for covid. The commissioners all wished her a quick and thorough recovery.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy , seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 10:40 am.