

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, May 28, 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, May 28, 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, Lisa Haddad, Rebecca Shaffer, Brian Swisher, Susan Kite, and 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.

Commissioner Vogler stated Commissioner Kennedy is out on medical leave and we all wish him the best.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

RESOLUTION

R-2024-103

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

WHEREAS, JCM Property Holdings LLC placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Croton Avenue, Parcel ID No. 03-163800; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Croton Avenue, with a Parcel ID No. 03-163800; 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 JCM Property Holding, LLC in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Croton Avenue, and having a Parcel ID No. 03-163800, City of New Castle.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2024-104

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

WHEREAS, The Biblical Church of Christ placed a bid of \$501.00 on property located at Pennsylvania Avenue, Parcel ID No. 05-058100; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Pennsylvania Avenue, with a Parcel ID No. 05-058100; 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 The Biblical Church of Christ in the amount of \$501.00 for Repository Property located at Pennsylvania Avenue, and having a Parcel ID No. 05-058100, City of New Castle.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2024-105

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

WHEREAS, Lorne Moskal placed a bid of \$525.00 on property located at Pennsylvania Avenue, Parcel ID No. 05-058100; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Pennsylvania Avenue, with a Parcel ID No. 05-058100; 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 Lorne Moskal in the amount of \$525.00 for Repository Property located at Pennsylvania Avenue, and having a Parcel ID No. 05-058100, City of New Castle.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2024-106

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

WHEREAS, First Energy Properties Inc. placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at N. Cedar Street, Parcel ID No. 07-012000; and

State. He attended the ceremony in New Castle and the Gettings Bridge Dedication. He was in Mahoningtown yesterday for a Memorial Day event as well. He thanked Jesse Putnam for all her hard work and assistance in lining up these events. Commissioner Sainato stated he will be attending the SPC meeting in Pittsburgh tomorrow to meet with the Secretary of Transportation.

Mr. Vogler stated it was a nice weekend to reflect on the men and women who gave their lives. He also thanked Jesse Putnam for her assistance.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2024-107

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 Central Counties Youth Center 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:

Central Counties Youth Center
148 Paradise Road
Bellefonte, PA. 16823

RESOLUTION

R-2024-108

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 Community Alternatives, Inc. 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:

**Community Alternatives, Inc.
700 S. Scotland Lane
New Castle, PA. 16101**

RESOLUTION

R-2024-109

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 Jefferson County Juvenile Detention Center, division of the Jefferson County Juvenile Court 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:

**County of Jefferson, on behalf of the Jefferson County Juvenile Detention
Center, division of the Jefferson County Juvenile Court
Jefferson County, OH**

RESOLUTION R-2024-110

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 Human Services Center 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:

**Human Services Center
130 W. North Street
New Castle, PA. 16101**

RESOLUTION R-2024-111

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 Vocational and Psychological Services 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:

**Vocational and Psychological Services
350 North Main Street
Butler, PA. 16001**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution(s) R-2024-107 through and including Resolution R-2024-111. Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION

R-2024-112

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-47), to “improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements, as authorized under Sections 101, 103 and 104 of HAVA”; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners are requesting these funds and understand these funds must be used for permissible expenditures occurring between March 24, 2024 and December 31, 2025 and preferably for expenditures related to support the voting process for the 2024 General Election; and

WHEREAS, these funds must be used for measures on the attached Notice of Intent; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that authorization is given to execute, submit and sign the necessary Grant application through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-47).

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-113

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence, Department of Planning and Community Development administers the Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Ellwood City Borough; and

WHEREAS, Ellwood City Borough has designated their FY2022 CDBG funds to an ADA-Curb Ramp Improvement Project to benefit low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence, Department of Planning and Community Development is requesting bids from contractors to complete the above mentioned project; and

WHEREAS, the County will advertise for bids on June 3rd and June 10th with bids being due on July 15, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners that the Board of Commissioners will be advertising for bids for “Ellwood City ADA-Curb Ramp Improvement Project”, with bids being due on July 15, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-114

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO DELTA DEVELOPMENT FOR COMPREHENSIVE
PUBLIC FUNDING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners have a need for comprehensive public funding services related to projects located in the Lawrence County, PA; and

WHEREAS, such services include the implementation of a funding strategy and direct communication with local, state and federal officials on behalf of the County to advance project implementation; and

WHEREAS, Delta Development employs personnel with expertise in public funding and project management and is duly qualified to be engaged in these activities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners agrees to the terms and conditions included in the attached agreement.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-115

WHEREAS, Lawrence County and AFSCME Local 964 are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) that expires on December 31, 2024 and that covers certain County employees represented by the Union; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree to the terms of the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and

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

1. Authorization is given to execute the Memorandum of Understanding regarding AFSCME Local 964; and
2. The Chairman Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute all documents pertaining to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. Coroner from Act 182-Contingency to Act 182-Vehicles for \$10,000.00.
- b. CYS from Contracted Provider Care to Minor Equipment for \$300.00.
- c. DJ Nicholson from Travel & Training to Equipment Maintenance/Repair for \$2,500.00.
- d. Jail from Contingency to Equipment Lease for \$170.00.
- e. Voters from Contingency to Security/Transparency for \$22,000.00.
- f. APO from Contingency to Drug Testing for \$500.00.
- g. APO from Contingency to Community Service In for \$39.40

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

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 Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 10:00AM. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Committee Board Meeting scheduled for, Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 12:00 Noon has been **CANCELLED.**
- C. There will be a West Central Job Partnership Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 2:30PM, a zoom meeting.
- D. There will be a vacancy on the Lawrence County Airport Authority effective May 31, 2024. (2nd Announcement)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 11:05 am.