

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, August 29, 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, August 29, 2023, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 10:00 am at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Administrative Assistant, Kristine Venasco, called the roll. Those in attendance were, **Commissioner Brian Burick Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel, Joe Venasco, Michael Grippo, Scott Baldwin, and Nicholas Vercilla, 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-2023-318

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

WHEREAS, Ralph Gene Myers placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Larchwood Drive, Parcel ID No. 17-074800; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Larchwood Drive, with a Parcel ID No. 17-074800; 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 Ralph Gene Myers in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Larchwood Drive, and having a Parcel ID No. 17-074800, New Beaver Borough.

Moved by Mr. Burck, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel 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 22, 2023
 - 2. August 18, 2023
 - 3. August 16, 2023
 - 4. August 23, 2023

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Moved by Mr. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said minutes with the correction of the dates on announcements. Motion carried 3-0.

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
 - 1. Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc. – Ellwood Specialty Steel 2023 Building Addition-GP-7 Minor Road Crossing General Permit and GP-5 Utility Line Crossing General Permit (Wilmington 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. Vogler stated that his comments would be in reference to a resolution that is on the agenda regarding ARPA money. He explained that a lot of the dollars that the county received have gone out into the community. He said that the Commissioners feel that the county should use some of this money for internal improvements. One of the projects will be the sealing of the parking lots and painting the lines. There will be an advertisement for bids. Mr. Vogler also mentioned the event that took place in Taylor Township for their 170th Anniversary.

Mr. Burick stated that he would like to mention all the meetings he attended in the last two weeks. He said that the Commissioners have a lot of responsibilities in the community. He also mentioned using the ARPA monies to use for internal improvements in the courthouse and the grounds on county property. Those improvements include the removal of trees from parking lots and the roof of the courthouse, which is 43 years old.

Ms. Spielvogel agreed that being a commissioner is an 8-4 job plus being part of everything that goes on and happens in the community. She mentioned how much is going on in the county. She also agreed that the roof is in need of replacement and that the county is even looking into solar panels as an option.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2023-319

WHEREAS, the Neshannock Township Board of Supervisors has applied for the CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for Commercial and Industrial Development District Infrastructure Improvements; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions set forth by the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MMTF) program guidelines, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners does hereby commit to the contribution of \$200,000.00 as a local match to the \$2,382,274.75 project (\$1,429,364.85) grant request; and

WHEREAS, the local match will be financed from the County's Liquid Fuel and/or American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Fund(s); and

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

1. The Lawrence County Board of Commissioners commits \$200,000.00 as a local match towards the above captioned project; and
2. The local match will be financed from the County's Liquid Fuel and/or American Rescue Plan (ARPA) fund(s)

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

RESOLUTION R-2023 -__320_____

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services desires to contract for certain services; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 and the Department of Human Services fiscal regulations provide for the purchase of office equipment and services, and

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

1. The agreement listed in item 2 shall be approved for the period of July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

Positive Steps Therapy (Base) - as detailed in attachment designated 2023-_____.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023 -__321_____

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled, and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services desires to contract for certain services; and

WHEREAS the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 and the Department of Public Welfare fiscal regulations provide for the purchase of office equipment and services, and

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

1. The agreement listed in item 2 shall be approved starting July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Human Services Center, Inc.- as detailed in attachment designated 2023-2024 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-322

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 Vocational & Psychological Services 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 \$30,000.00. for various services shall be adjusted to \$46,000.00. 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.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023 - __323____

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled, and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services desires to contract for certain services; and

WHEREAS the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 and the Department of Public Welfare fiscal regulations provide for the purchase of office equipment and services, and

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

1. The agreement listed in item 2 shall be approved starting July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Vocational & Psychological Services- as detailed in attachment designated 2023-2024 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Be it further resolved those payments be made from the MH/DS fund.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023 - __324____

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 Adelphoi Village, Inc. 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:

**Adelphoi Village, Inc.
1119 Village Way
Latrobe, PA. 15650**

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023 - ___325_____

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, 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:

**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 - _326_____**

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 The Summit School, Inc. (Summit Academy-CRP) 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:

The Summit School, Inc. (Summit Academy-CRP)
900 Agnew Road
Pittsburgh, PA. 15227

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

RESOLUTION **R-2023 - ___327_____**

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 Pentz Run Youth Services, 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:

**Pentz Run Youth Services, Inc.
319 Daly Street, PO Box 1062
DuBois, PA. 15801**

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-328

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 \$3,874.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2023-28.

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

TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Courts from Travel & Training to Materials & Supplies for \$25.00
- b. Commissioners from Contingency to Materials & Supplies for \$2,270.00

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 5, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 @ noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2023, in observance of Labor Day.
- D. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 @ noon at the Wilmington Township Building.
- E. There will be a Board of Elections Meeting immediately following the Commissioners' Meeting today.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to adjourn the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 10:50 AM.