

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 11, 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 11, 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 (via phone), Commissioner Brian Burick, Rebecca Shaffer, Amy McKinney, JR Hardester, Ed Klamer, Wayne Randall, None, 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 the families of Joyce Dodge, Raymond Vogel and Dorothy VanDusen who have passed away recently in their thoughts.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Klamer stated he does not want to see the \$5 Vehicle Registration Fee rescinded. He believes those dollars received and then allocated to the local municipalities for their roads goes a long way and does a lot of good for infrastructure on the County roads. He further asked if there are restrooms at Quaker Falls and said that's not suitable for those visiting the park. Lastly, he asked why the County continues to give money to economic development when their meetings are not open to the public with no public input from the taxpayers is ever given.

Mr. Randall stated he is a 17 year Veteran and has called our office about the ripped and torn flags that line East Washington Street and the flag that is caught in tree branches. He also discussed the Farrell Playground he has worked on for 20 years. Further, he discussed many City projects that the County should work together to help and beautify the City, such as the Cascade swimming pool, the water fountain at the bus terminal, Moravia Street lined with garbage and the flag pole downtown at the diamond that has no flag flying. He has and will continue to attend City Council meetings and our meetings to try to all work together.

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties: None

B. Advertise for Bids/Proposals: None

C. Receipt of Bids/Proposals:

a. Ellwood City Street Improvement Project

1. Youngblood Paving-Wampum, PA-\$162,345.03

2. Protech Asphalt Maintenance, New Castle, PA-\$170,965.00

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

D. Warrant Registers:

1. April 6, 2023

2. April 4, 2023 (2)

3. April 3, 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, April 4, 2023

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications: None

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler stated we have been very busy with Commissioner Burick trying to meet with everyone and get reacquainted and meeting new faces of the County that weren't here when he was a Commissioner.

Mr. Burick thanked Mr. Klamer and Mr. Randall for their comments today. He stated he will check into those issues. He also visited the Department of Public Safety last week and acknowledges all the employees that work there, especially during this week as it is Telecommunicator Week. He thanks all the employees for their service and dedication to their job, as this service runs 24/7.

WHEREAS, the County would like to do the following:

1. Decrease the IDIS Activity 56130 by \$24,000.00 and revise the budget allocation to \$66,779.00.
2. Increase the IDIS Activity 56131 Public Facilities allocation by \$24,000.00 and revise the budget allocation to \$1,326,986.00.

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

1. The County shall prepare and submit a FFY 2020 CDBG-CV3 Discretionary Revision Request #2, to the Department of Community and Economic Development; and
2. The revision request will detail the above project activities and financial requests.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-123

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 \$3,557.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2023-16.

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

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 will stay on the table.

ORDINANCES

- A. Discussion: None

B. On the Table: 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.

C. For Introduction: None

D. For final action: None

The ordinance will stay on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a West Central Job Partnership meeting today at 1:30 p.m. at the Mercer County Courthouse. **RESCHEDULED to May 23, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the Mercer County Courthouse.**
- C. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at the Slippery Rock Township Municipal Building.
- D. There will be a Prison Board meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Randall thanked the Commissioners for listening to him speak and hearing him out today.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to adjourn the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 11:00 AM.