

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Friday, May 17, 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 Friday, May 17, 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 (via phone), Mike Grippo, Larry Keith, Rebecca Shaffer, 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.

Mr. Vogler stated that Commissioner Kennedy is out on medical leave.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

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| A. Repository Properties: | None |
| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | None |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals: | None |
| D. Warrant Registers: | |
| 1. May 14, 2024 | |
| 2. May 10, 2024 | |
| 3. May 7, 2024 | |

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 2-0.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
1. Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Columbia Gas of PA-proposing a major modification to Permit No. PAC370067. The major modification proposes 400 linear feet of pipeline via open cut method Savannah Road Pipeline Project (Shenango Twp.)
2. Gateway Engineers-Application for Chapter 106 Permit-Kings Chapel Road Re-Alignment (Neshannock Twp.)
3. Heidelberg Materials-Surface blasting on the McQuiston Large Non-Coal Surface Mine (North Beaver Twp. & Mahoning Twp.)

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

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler stated the next Commissioners' meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28th @ 10:00AM, as the May 21st Commissioners' Meeting is cancelled. He stated that Commissioner Kennedy is recovering from surgery and asked everyone to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Sainato echoed Mr. Vogler's sentiments for Commissioner Kennedy. He is wishing Mr. Kennedy well.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2024-96

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 Hoffman Homes, 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:

**Hoffman Homes, Inc.
815 Orphanage Road
Littlestown, PA. 17340**

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

RESOLUTION

R-2024-97

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 Three Rivers Adoption Council (TRAC Services for Families) 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:

**Three Rivers Adoption Council (TRAC Services for Families)
1600 West Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15219**

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-98

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), has an application Indigent Defense Grant Program Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners are requesting \$93,417.00 to maintain and improve the quality and effectiveness of indigent defense services in Lawrence County through the continued retention of current indigent defense counsel and staff and through the creation of some financial parity between the Prosecutor's office and the Public Defender's office; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used for the following: salaries and benefits for full time attorneys; efforts to retain existing attorneys and purchase of electronic devices such as laptops for remote use by attorneys and for use in court proceedings; 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 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

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

LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 99

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LAWRENCE,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST FOR
FUNDING THROUGH THE GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND
RECREATION PROGRAM - STATEWIDE PROGRAM
THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING
AUTHORITY**

Be it RESOLVED, that Lawrence County hereby requests an Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program grant for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00

from the Commonwealth Finance Authority to be used for improvements to Bazzichi Park in Wayne Township, Lawrence County.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Dan Vogler, Chairman of the Lawrence County Commissioners and Dan Kennedy, Commissioner, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between Lawrence County and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Joe Vensasco, duly qualified County Administrator of Lawrence County, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Lawrence County Commissioners at a special meeting held on May 17, 2024 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of Lawrence County and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of Lawrence County, this 17th day of May 2024.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-100

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence entered into an agreement with Horizon Construction Group, Inc. to complete the Quaker Falls Recreation Area - Phase II in Mahoning Township under the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) grant program award number BRC-PRD-28-82; Resolution R-2023-485; and

WHEREAS, the original contract amount was for \$199,950.00; and

WHEREAS, the following changes are hereby made to the contract documents: this change order submission has been developed in conjunction with contract provisions, specifically a cost savings in the original bid award allowing for additional services to be provided; and

WHEREAS, specifically the inclusion of additional design and construction of a 10' x 12' landing at the bottom of the stairway approved under Change Order #2; and

WHEREAS, it has been reviewed by R.A.R. Engineering Group, Inc. to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$29,700.00, for a total contract amount of \$298,450.00; and

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

1. Change Order #1 with Horizon Construction Group, Inc., an increase of \$68,800.00, shall be approved for the Quaker Falls Recreation Area - Phase II in Mahoning Township, Lawrence County;
2. Change Order #2 with Horizon Construction Group, Inc. an increase of \$29,700.00, shall be approved for the Quaker Falls Recreation Area - Phase II in Mahoning Township, Lawrence County;
3. A total of \$298,450.00 will be allocated under the grants and programs line item to complete this project;
4. The Chairman is authorized to execute all documents related to this contract.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-101

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County Code, *Supplemental Appropriations Transfer of Funds; Appropriation Limits*, authorizes the Board of Commissioners, by resolution, to make supplemental appropriations for any lawful purpose from any funds on hand or estimated to be received within the fiscal year and not otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2024 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2024 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

DECREASING CDBG Revenue Account CDBG Fund Revenue Account: 56331000.331000.14228 by \$4,198.52; and

INCREASING CDBG Ellwood City Admin CDBG Fund Expense Account: 56418000.999900.54385 by \$2,455.46;

INCREASING CDBG Union Admin CDBG Fund Expense Account: 56418000.999900.54387 by \$1,743.06

Reason: Budget didn't reflect year and totals moved to 2024

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-102

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 \$600.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-06.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. Voters from Payment of Staff/Mail Canvass to Payment of Staff/Polling Places for \$3,500.00.
- b. Voters from Payment of Staff/Mail Canvass to FICA Expense for \$3,000.00.
- c. Voters from Payment of Staff/Mail Canvass to Printing of Ballots for \$5,000.00.
- d. Capital Expenditures-Voters from Contingency to Major Equipment for \$102,500.00
- e. Capital Expenditures-Voters from Contingency to Software for \$78,800.00
- f. District Attorney from Staples to Materials and Supplies for \$2,000.00.
- g. ARPA from Contingency to Water & Sewer for \$1,192,711.00.
- h. ARPA from Contingency to Non Profits for \$214,165.00.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said transfer. 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 May 28, 2024 at 10:00AM. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 10:00AM is **CANCELLED.**
- C. There will be a vacancy on the Lawrence County Airport Authority effective May 31, 2024. (1st Announcement)
- D. The Courthouse is closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Friday, May 17, 2024, at 10:40 am.