

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, September 12, 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, September 12, 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 Brian Burick**, **Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel**, **Joe Venasco**, **Dave Prestopine**, **Mike Grippo**, **Mary Kelly**, **JR Hardester**, **Amy McKinney**, **Carl Bromley** 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. Repository Properties:

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2023-333**

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

**WHEREAS**, Dominick Destasio placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Williams Street, Parcel ID No. 34-356000; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Williams Street, with a Parcel ID No. 34-356000; 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 Dominick Destasio in the amount of \$500.00

for Repository Property located at Williams Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 34-356000, Union Township.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2023-334**

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

**WHEREAS**, Dominick Destasio placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Williams Street, Parcel ID No. 34-356100; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Williams Street, with a Parcel ID No. 34-356100; 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 Dominick Destasio in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Williams Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 34-356100, Union Township.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2023-335**

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

**WHEREAS**, Dominick Destasio placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Williams Street, Parcel ID No. 34-356200; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Williams Street, with a Parcel ID No. 34-356200; 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 Dominick Destasio in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Williams Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 34-356200, Union Township.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2023-336**

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

**WHEREAS**, Dominick Destasio placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Williams Street, Parcel ID No. 34-356300; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Williams Street, with a Parcel ID No. 34-356300; 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 Dominick Destasio in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Williams Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 34-356300, Union Township.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2023-337**

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

**WHEREAS**, Dominick Destasio placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Williams Street, Parcel ID No. 34-356700; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Williams Street, with a Parcel ID No. 34-356700; 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 Dominick Destasio in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Williams Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 34-35700, Union Township.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burck to approve Resolutions R-2023-333 through Resolution R-2023-337. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None

C. Receipt for bids/proposals:

1. Lawrence County Parking Lot Sealing Project-City of New Castle and Hickory Township, Lawrence County

Controller Prestopine opened the two (2) bids received. They were from

1. RYCO Enterprises-\$74,221.00
2. Castle Asphalt and Construction-\$117,790.46

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

D. Warrant Registers:

1. September 7, 2023
2. September 1, 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. Tuesday, September 5, 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

Ms. Spielvogel and Mr. Vogler deferred their comments to Mr. Burick.

Mr. Burick reviewed the meetings he attended throughout the week. They are as follows:

Lawrence County Opioid  
LinkUp Lawrence County  
Forward Lawrence County  
United Way Day of Caring  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lawrence County  
Westminster College Football Game  
Yesterday marked the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. A local from Mahoningtown, Ludwig Piccaro worked in the World Trade Center. The Commissioners attended a meeting yesterday at the Public Safety Office with state legislators regarding funding and a bill that will be voted on for a nominal cell phone charge on bills beginning next year to help fund the 911 system.

## NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

### **RESOLUTION R-2023-338**

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County is looking to automate the vendor bidding process; and

**WHEREAS**, PennBid offers this service free of charge to public entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Controller is recommending that the county move forward with automating the vendor bidding process by implementing PennBid software; and

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

1. An automated bidding process be implemented using PennBid software at no cost to Lawrence County.

Controller Prestopine will take the next step with PennBid to schedule training.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2023-339**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence is using a Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Keystone Communities Program;

**WHEREAS**, the funds are to be used for the Ellwood City Façade Program;

**WHEREAS**, eligible applicants can apply and receive up to \$5,000 dollars towards Façade improvement;

**WHEREAS**, the County has received an application from the attached qualifying business owners and the Façade Steering Committee has reviewed and approved the applications for funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Lawrence County Board Commissioners that the Commissioners hereby enters into an agreement with the attached businesses for the Ellwood City Façade Grant.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2023-340**

**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 Pressley Ridge 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:

**Pressley Ridge  
5500 Corporate Drive, Suite 400  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15237**

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

**RESOLUTION                      R-2023-341**

**WHEREAS**, the County Children and Youth Services Agency wishes to enter into an agreement to establish the terms and conditions in which the Child Welfare Information Solution (CWIS) will disclose and exchange certain information to the Lawrence County Children and Youth Agency (CCYA) via one (1) of the six (6) approved case management systems utilized by the sixty-seven (67) CCYA's in accordance with the Child Welfare Act of 1980, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA-Public Law 93-247) and the Child Protective Services Law (23 Pa. C.S., Chapter 63); and

**WHEREAS**, the attached CWIS Data Sharing Agreement is entered into by and between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) and the Lawrence County Children and Youth Agency as noted by the signature lines on page 5 of the Agreement and is effective for the time period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that a CWIS Data Sharing Agreement be approved between the Commonwealth and the Lawrence County Children and Youth Agency to provide services to disclose and exchange certain information for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, with the Commissioners signing the attached signature page.

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

**RESOLUTION                      R-2023-342**

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



WHEREAS, Annual Flights of Ortho Imagery will occur in off years; and

WHEREAS, the proposal were referred for review and recommendation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that: contract for providing aerial photography, SketchInspect Software, & Pictometry Online be awarded and authorization is given to execute and agreement with the company listed below:

1. Eagleview Technologies Inc. 125 Methodist Hill Dr, Rochester NY 14623 for the amount of \$407,940.96 payable over the six year term of the contract with an annual payment of \$67,990.16.
2. Authorizing Chairman Daniel J. Vogler to sign all documentation.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2023-345**

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 \$5,000.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2023-29.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2023-346**

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 \$12,000.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2023-30.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2023-347**

**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 the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2023 Budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** to amend the 2023 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

**INCREASING** Prior Year Balance Capital Expenditure Revenue Fund Account: 80390000.342000 by \$63,500.00; and

**INCREASING** CYS-Maintenance & Repairs Capital Expenditure Expense Fund Account: 80442161.403000 by \$13,500.00; and

**INCREASING** Public Safety-Maintenance & Repairs Capital Expenditure Expense Account: 80421500.403000 by \$50,000.00

***Reason: Emergency Repairs***

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

**TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)**

- a. DJ Russo from Travel & Training to Association Dues for \$25.00
- b. Public Safety from Public Education to Uniforms for \$750.00
- c. Commissioners from Community Redevelopment to Commissioners' Allocations for \$5,000.00
- d. Commissioners from Contingency to Postage for \$215.00

Moved by Mr. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said administrative transfer(s). 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 was left on the table.

### **ORDINANCES**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at the Wilmington Township Municipal Building.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carl Bromley stated he dropped off letters yesterday to the Commissioners. He also stated there are training sessions to cleanup LinkedIn accounts for anyone interested on September 22 & 29<sup>th</sup> at the Learning Center.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to adjourn the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 11:05 AM.