

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, June 18, 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, June 18, 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, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Don Kemerer, Mike Grippo, Scott Baldwin, Warden Mahlmeister, Hayden Schultz 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.

Mr. Vogler welcomed Mr. Kennedy back to the office today! Mr. Kennedy stated he is very happy to be back!

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

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. June 13, 2024 | |
| 2. June 11, 2024 | |

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said minutes. Motion carried 2-0-1. Mr. Kennedy abstained.

- B. Presentation of Written Communications: None

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports: None
B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler again welcomed Mr. Kennedy back to the office. It is so nice to have him return to work.

Mr. Sainato stated he was busy over the weekend and reviewed the events that occurred. He attended the downtown New Castle concert series and he said it was very busy. He also attended the Juneteenth celebration and the pride event that was held at The Hoyt, both on Saturday. All went very well with the events.

Mr. Kennedy thanked everyone for the support he and his family received during his medical leave. Mr. Kennedy is very happy to be back and work and grateful for everyone. He also stated the Fair Board called him and thanked the Commissioners for the ARPA allocation they were given.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-2024-132

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Jail has the capability to house Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offenders from Mercer County; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Jail has the capacity and space to house Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, Mercer County shall pay \$400.00 per Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offenders; and

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

1. The Lawrence County Jail wishes to enter into the attached agreement with Mercer County to house Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offenders; and

2. Mercer County shall pay \$400.00 per Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offenders; and

3. This agreement shall be from June 1, 2024 to June 1, 2025 unless sooner terminated.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-133

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 Steven C. Braden (Check Your Mate Investigations) 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:

**Steven C. Braden (Check Your Mate Investigations)
220 S. Main Street, Suite E
Butler, PA. 16001**

RESOLUTION R-2024-134

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 Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (Foster Care) 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:

**Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc.
44 S. Beaver Street
New Castle, PA. 16101**

RESOLUTION

R-2024-135

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 Lutheran Service Society of WPA 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:

**The Lutheran Service Society of WPA
1323 Freedom Road
Cranberry Township, PA. 16066**

RESOLUTION

R-2024-136

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: and

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

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Children's Aid Society of Mercer County 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:

**Children's Aid Society of Mercer County
350 West Market Street
Mercer, PA. 16137**

RESOLUTION R-2024-137

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 Ward Home, 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:

**Ward Home Inc.
1101 Hartman Street
McKeesport, PA 15132
RESOLUTION R-2024-138**

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 Diakon Child Family & Community Ministries 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:

**Diakon Child Family & Community Ministries
1022 North Union Street
Middletown, PA. 17057**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve Resolutions R-2023-133 up to and including Resolution R-2024-138.

RESOLUTION R-2024-139

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, 2024, through June 30, 2025
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

People in Need - as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025
Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-140

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, 2024, through June 30, 2025
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum: **Human Services Center, INC.-** as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-141

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, 2024, through June 30, 2025
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

GSK Apex Enterprises, LLC - as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-142

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, 2024, through June 30, 2025
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Don Services, INC. - as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-143

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, 2024, through June 30, 2025

2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Cray Youth and Family Services, INC - as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-144

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, 2024, through June 30, 2025

2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Angelus Therapeutic Services, INC. - as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-145

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, 2024, through June 30, 2025
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Passavant Memorial Homes, INC as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-146

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, 2024 thru June 30, 2025.

2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

Positive Steps Therapy (Base) - as detailed in attachment designated 2024-_____.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolution R-2024-139 up to and including Resolution R-2024-146. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-147

WHEREAS, Lawrence County is part of the Northwest Commission; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commission's by-laws, the Lawrence County Commissioners are asked to make appointments to the Governing Board of the Northwest Commission; and

WHEREAS, Resolution R-2022-323 was approved on October 11, 2022 to reappoint Daniel Vogler to the Northwest Commission through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners that the following be appointed to replace Daniel Vogler to the Northwest Commission; and

1. Chris Sainato, 430 Court Street New Castle, PA (City of New Castle)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that Chris Sainato shall be appointed to the Northwest Commission for a term July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-148

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 \$1,000.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-07.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFERS

None

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

CYS-Resolution R-2024-126 Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE TABLE

None

ORDINANCES

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| 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 June 25, 2024 at 9:00AM. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Courthouse will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 11:00 am.

