

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, September 24, 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, September 24, 2024, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Administrative Assistant, Ryan Anderson called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Chris Sainato, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Amy DiMuccio, Emily Sanchez-Parodi, Chrissy Ascione, Scott Baldwin, Mike Grippo, Lisa Haddad, Don Kemerer, 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 Property: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals:
- D. Warrant Registers:
  - 1. September 19, 2024
  - 2. September 17, 2024
  - 3. September 13, 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. September 17, 2024

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

- a. John Zaboroski-1370 New Bedford Sharon Road, West Middlesex-Act 14 Notification for the discharge of treated sewage to surface waters of the Commonwealth and/or construction of the facility (Pulaski Twp.)
- b. The Hillcrest Group Environmental Consultants-Three Rivers Aggregates/McCandless Plant/Reese Road-Air Quality State Only Operating Permit Renewal Application (Plain Grove Twp.)
- c. Department of the Army-Intergovernmental and Interagency Environmental Planning Consultation for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Assessment for an Area Maintenance Support Activity/Vehicle Maintenance Shop Facility and Training Center (North Beaver Twp).

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

**REPORTS**

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| A. Staff Reports:       | None       |
| B. Commissioner Reports | CS, DV, DK |

Mr. Sainato stated that he represented Lawrence County in Washington D.C. last week for the SPC meeting. He had met with members of Congress promoting the issues at hand in Lawrence County. Saturday he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony in Shenango Township at Suzie's in the Shenango Plaza. Later on that day he went to St. John's for their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Middle Eastern food festival. After that he went to Sperdute Farms for their annual Fall Festival. Finally, he ended his weekend at the Volant Gun Raffle and dinner at the firehall.

Mr. Vogler stated last Thursday he attended the Grand Opening of the New Castle transit authority on Montgomery Ave. in New Castle.

Mr. Kennedy thanked Mr. Sainato for going to the SPC in his absence. He also attended the Gun raffle and dinner.

**NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024- 283**

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to enter into an agreement for professional legal services and representation to indigent defendants who are in need of court-appointed counsel for Juvenile cases; and

**WHEREAS**, these cases shall be assigned by and at the sole discretion of the Court of Common Pleas of Lawrence County and shall include all juvenile matters assigned by the Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement to provide such services to the County shall be authorized and executed.

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute one Agreement with an unlimited number of juvenile cases, as assigned by the Court, to the following attorney for professional legal services in juvenile cases:

**ELIZABETH A. GRIBIK, ESQUIRE**

2. Said Agreement shall contain the following provisions:
  - a. The compensation for such services shall be \$28,000 per contract year to be paid in twelve (12) equal monthly payments, prorated pursuant to the effective period of the Agreement, on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month. All payments will be by electronic transfer.
  - b. Said agreement shall be in effect for the period **September 19, 2024, through December 31, 2024** unless terminated sooner by either party.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-284**

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**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County District Attorney's Office receives funding from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the purposes of providing victim/witness education and support services via the RASA grant;

**WHEREAS**, the goal of RASA funding is to ensure victims of crime committed by adults whose cases are processed within the criminal justice

system receive all rights and services to which they are entitled under the law. The salary of the Victims Services Provider ensures that a competent individual assists all victims/witnesses with these rights and services during the criminal justice process;

**WHEREAS**, the PCCD will provide \$64,162.00 in RASA funding to Lawrence County January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 to be used for salary, benefits and supplies allocated to the victim services coordinator position; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that authorization is given to execute, submit and sign the RASA Grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

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

#### **RESOLUTION R-2024-285**

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

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 **\$265,000.00** for various services shall be adjusted to **\$275,000.00**. 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, 2023**, between the parties shall remain as heretofore established.

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

**RESOLUTION                      R-2024-286**

**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, 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:

**Corrisoft, LLC  
1648 McGrathiana Pkwy., Suite 225  
Lexington, KY. 40511**

**RESOLUTION                      R-2024-287**

**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 Wesley Family Services 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:

**Wesley Family Services  
221 Penn Avenue  
Wilkinsburg, PA. 15221**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolutions R-2024-286 and Resolution R-2024-287. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-288**

**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:

***INCREASING*** DA Forfeitures DA Forfeiture Revenue Fund Account:  
21341000.341148 by \$250,000.00; and

***INCREASING*** DA Forfeitures-Interest DA Forfeiture Revenue Fund Account:  
21361000.361100 by \$2,400.00; and

***INCREASING*** Forfeiture Expenses DA Forfeiture Expense Fund Account:  
21419400.999900 by \$252,400.00

***Reason: DA Forfeitures***

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-289**

**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 \$700.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-21.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-290**

**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 \$102.25 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-22.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-291**

**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 \$17,000.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-23.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-292**

**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 \$1,130.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-24.

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



**TRANSFERS (Administrative)**

- a. District Attorney from Transfer to General Fund to Miscellaneous Admin for \$4,512.18.
- b. District Attorney from Various Accounts to Various Accounts for \$19,372.24.
- c. CYS from Contracted Provider Care to Minor Equipment for \$2,000.00.
- d. DJ Russo from Contingency to Staples for \$250.00 and from Materials & Supplies to Postage for \$2,500.00.
- e. MHDS from Contingency to Office Equipment for \$7,000.00.
- f. Human Resources from Materials & Supplies to Staples for \$500.00.
- g. Jail from Various Accounts to Various Accounts for \$96,640.00.
- h. Planning from Contingency to Travel & Training for \$3,000.00.
- i. Veterans from Materials & Supplies to Maintenance & Repairs for \$400.00
- j. Courts from Materials & Supplies to Subscriptions for \$13,000.00.

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

**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 October 1, 2024 @ 10:00AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Courthouse will be **CLOSED** on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 10:38 am.