

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, May 2, 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, May 2, 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, Commissioner Brian Burick, Vanessa Lovlie, Angie Urban, Tammy Crawford, Chris Frye, Debbie Wachter, 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

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

B. Advertise for Bids/Proposals: None

C. Receipt of Bids/Proposals:

1. 2000 Ford Truck
 - a. Joseph Venasco-\$480.00
 - b. Shawn McConahy-\$526.00
2. 1998 Club Wagon Van
 - a. Shawn McConahy-\$102.00

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to sell the two (2) vehicles to the highest bidder, Shawn McConahy. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Warrant Registers:

1. April 28, 2023
2. April 26, 2023
3. April 25, 2023
4. April 24, 2023

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Thursday, April 25, 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 he received an update from our Controller and County Administrator and at the end of the 1st quarter, expenditures are at 24.9% and revenue is at 25.6%. Great news.

Ms. Spielvogel stated our new website is still being uploaded. We are continuing to add links, please be patient. Also, you do not need to type in the browser www any longer. You may just type lawrencecountypa.gov.

Mr. Burick stated he attended three (3) very worthwhile meetings in the past week that he would like to mention. First, he was at the Lawrence County Career & Technical Center and he met and spoke with senior students that are graduating. He was very impressed with the students and the programs that they graduated from. Second, all three (3) Commissioners attended the CCAP District 2 meeting, that is chaired by Commissioner Vogler. Mr. Burick stated he got to meet with 11 Southwest Pennsylvania counties. Lastly, yesterday the three (3) Commissioners attended Lawrence County Law Day. He congratulated the winners of the essay contest, both from Wilmington Township School District, Kinsley Shimrack and Annalee Gardner.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2023-134

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Register has established a goal of converting existing records to a more permanent medium; and

WHEREAS, GOVOS has provided a Statement of Work to convert all images to PDF/A provided by the County. Deeds – 3,868,396 images Wills – 1,117,133 images. The

fee for this service is a one- time cost of \$17,000.00 to convert the images. This fee came out of the Records Improvement Fund and not from the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, GOVOS will no longer provide microfilm back up for images. Instead of microfilm, GOVOS will provide go-forward services to Export/Uploaded PDF/A from CountyFusion to 2 secure hosted locations by GOVOS and Amazon Web Services. This service will occur weekly. The invoiced amount for this service will be billed annually in the amount of \$3,862.00. This amount is budgeted and paid for from the Records Backup line item from the Register and Recorder's Budget; and

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

1. GOVOS, a Kofile Company
6300 Cedar Springs Road
Dallas TX 75235
and the Lawrence County Register and Recorder's Office will enter into this Agreement for conversion of images to PDF/A and for services to Export/Uploaded PDF/A from CountyFusion to 2 secure locations.
2. Terms shall be as identified in the attached agreement.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-135

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services has made funds available to the County of Lawrence for the sole purpose of retaining and attracting vehicle operators for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, these funds were paid to County of Lawrence during April 2023, in the amount of \$164,440.44; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Social Services is the Medical Assistance Transportation Provider Administrator on behalf of the County of Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Social Services wishes to disperse these funds in accordance with directives provided by the PA Department of Human Services to the three (3) transportation providers currently providing MATP trips.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that;

1. The County of Lawrence does authorize payment to Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. in the amount of **\$ 164,440.44**.

2. Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. will disperse these funds to the three (3) transportation providers based on the proportion of trips each provider delivered during Fiscal Year 2021-22 in the following amounts:
 - a. Allied Coordinated Transportation Services \$132,295.23
 - b. New Castle Area Transit Authority \$ 29,224.06
 - c. Noga Wheelchair Transport Service \$ 2,921.15

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-136

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING AN ALLOCATION FROM THE ACT 137 FUNDS TO MISSION BARN

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Ordinance No. 203 of 1996 authorized the Recorder of Deeds to increase the fees charged for recording deeds and mortgages and to set aside a portion of those fees in a separate account to be used to fund affordable housing efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Barn is an independent non-profit corporation that works closely with The United Methodist Church in providing modular access ramps to individuals who need assistance in accessing their homes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Mission Barn of 181 Columbus Drive, New Castle, PA, 16101, is hereby awarded \$15,000.00 from the Affordable Housing Fund to be used for the construction of access ramps to those in need throughout Lawrence County.

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

TRANSFER (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Central Court from Contingency to Materials for \$700.00
- b. Juvenile Probation from Contingency to Vehicle for \$1,400.00
- c. Planning from EC Street Improvement to EC Housing Rehab for \$6,296.05.
- d. Planning from EC Teams to EC Housing Rehab for \$16,000.00

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to approve the 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 will stay on the table.

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' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be an Opioid Advisory Board meeting today at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. There will be a Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at Grill on the Hill.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angie Urban, Citywide Corporation Director, she introduced herself to Mr. Burick. She is excited to work together with the Commissioners and explore ways to benefit the City of New Castle.

Mr. Burick thanked Angie Urban and former Mayor Chris Frye, who is now the City Administrator for attending today's meeting. He looks forward to working together.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to adjourn the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 10:40 AM.