

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, July 25, 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, July 25, 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, Scott Baldwin, Mike Grippo, Dorothy Burchett, Robert Burchett, Nick Vercilla 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 asked everyone to keep the family of Judy Germani in their thoughts and prayers. She was a part time employee that worked in the Election's Office. She passed away on Saturday. She was a very friendly, warm, delightful woman that will be greatly missed.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Burchett stated he believes the train derailment money should go back to the railroad to help them with funds.

Mrs. Burchett stated she used to live in Clarion County and the Register/Recorder there would give a report on his spending. She believes row officers should spend less of taxpayers money. She further asked about the County flag and Mr. Vogler displayed it. He stated Ian Baker that is working on the 175th anniversary flag will come to a future meeting and review his designs. She further stated that New Wilmington has a Fresh Market/Craft Show with music every Saturday from 9-1pm.

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. July 18, 2023

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. July 18, 2023

A correction needed to be made the senior games were held in Plain Grove Township, not Pulaski Township.

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Blast Notification-Heidelberg Materials Northeast LLC-220 Springfield Pike, Connellsville, PA 15425-surface blasting will occur on the Midland Large Non-Coal Surface Mine (North Beaver Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to file said written correspondence(s). Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports None
B. Commissioner Reports and Comments

Ms. Spielvogel thanked the Burchett's for attending our meeting. She stated she enjoys going to the Farmers' Markets and Craft Shows. She always comes home with something, never leaving empty handed. On a more serious note, she stated she checked with Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless, before the meeting to ask if it was okay to tell a story of what happened with 911/Public Safety.

Mrs. Bayless stated that she sent an email to Chad Strobel, Director at 911/Public Safety, thanking him and his team of dispatchers for what they do every single day. She had to call 911 last Tuesday for her husband who had an allergic reaction and went into cardiac arrest. She thanked everyone from the police that responded, the paramedics and 911. She is grateful for everyone and her husband is doing much better as of today.

Mr. Burick also commended 911/Public Safety. He also stated about the passing of Judy Germani.

Mr. Vogler commended 911/Public Safety. He also asked Ms. Spielvogel to explain what the meeting in Pittsburgh next week is that she'll be attending.

Ms. Spielvogel stated the meeting is to discuss accommodating juveniles at our jail. The Warden is also attending.

RESOLUTION R-2023-231

WHEREAS, Governor Josh Shapiro announced that Norfolk Southern Corporation, at his request, sent \$1 million directly to communities in Western Pennsylvania to assist with community relief following the company's February train derailment; and

WHEREAS, Beaver County has received \$660,000.00 and has directed those dollars to Darlington Township and Lawrence County has received \$340,000.00 to use for community relief; and

WHEREAS, local leaders in Darlington Township (Beaver County) and Lawrence County will determine how this funding will be directed to benefit their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners would like to divide the funding three (3) ways, amongst Little Beaver Township, Enon Valley Borough and the Lawrence County Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, funding would be as follows:

1. Little Beaver Township-\$120,000.00; and
2. Enon Valley Borough-\$115,000.00; and
3. Lawrence County Conservation District-\$105,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that the above allocations from Norfolk Southern Corporation's relief funding be made to the above entities.

Mr. Burick thanked Mr. Vogler for his lead role on this issue. Mr. Burick believes the money will be spent appropriately.

Ms. Spielvogel also thanked Mr. Vogler.

Mr. Vogler stated that it was a team effort from all three (3) Commissioners, Norfolk Southern and Governor Shapiro. He also stated Norfolk Southern will be providing funds to the Lawrence County Fire Departments that assisted with the train derailment.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-232

WHEREAS, on or about March 17, 2023, Ryan Edgell commenced a civil action against Lawrence County in the Lawrence County Court of Common Pleas, Civil Action No. 10211 of 2023 advancing claims under the Wage Payment and Collection Law; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have reached an Agreement to resolve and settle the Litigation, as well as any and all other claims of any nature that Edgell has, may have, or could have asserted against Lawrence County Department of Public Safety and/or any of its current and former officers, directors, agents, employees, servants, representatives, affiliates, subsidiaries, related entities, successors, assigns, or insurers and reinsurers; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to have a formal Settlement Agreement fully setting forth the terms of their Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that the attached Settlement Agreement between the Lawrence County Department of Public Safety and Ryan Edgell become effective on the date listed below.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-233

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:
ARISE dba Crisis Shelter of New Castle - as detailed in attachment designated 2023- 2024 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-2023-234

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:
CRAY YOUTH and FAMILY SERVICES, INC. - as detailed in attachment designated 2023- 2024 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-2023-235

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:
PSYCH-MED ASSOCIATES - as detailed in attachment designated 2023- 2024 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-2023-236

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

CHILDRENS ADVOCACY CENTER of LAWRENCE COUNTY - as detailed in attachment designated 2023- 2024 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-2023-237

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:
I.M.4.Q. - as detailed in attachment designated 2023- 2024 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-2023-238

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:
CLOVER PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION - as detailed in attachment designated 2023- 2024 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-2023-239

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:
PATCHES PLACE - as detailed in attachment designated 2023- 2024
Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

Moved by Mr. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve Resolutions R-2023-233 through R-2023-239. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2023-240

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 Adoption Connection PA. 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:

**Adoption Connection PA.
700 Turnpike Street
Beaver, PA. 15009**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-241

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 Bethesda Children's Home (Bethesda Lutheran Services) 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:

**Bethesda Children's Home (Bethesda Lutheran Services)
15487 State Highway 86
Meadville, PA. 16335**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-242

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 Children's Aid Society of Mercer County 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:

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-243

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 JusticeWorks YouthCare, Inc. 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:

**JusticeWorks YouthCare, Inc.
1500 Ardmore Boulevard, Suite 410
Pittsburgh, PA. 15221**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-244

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 Merakey Pennsylvania 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:

**Merakey Pennsylvania
620 E. Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA. 19444**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-245

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 Twin Pines Family Services, LLC shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
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:

**Twin Pines Family Services, LLC
1 Washington St. Suite A
Hopwood, PA. 15445**

Moved by Mr. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve Resolutions R-2023-240 through Resolution R-2023-245. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Controller from Contingency to Travel & Training for \$750.00
- b. Coroner from Contingency to Software for \$2,500.00
- c. DJ Nicholson from Contingency to Association Dues for \$25.00
- d. DJ Amodie from Contingency to Materials & Supplies for \$1,000.00
- e. Jail from Contingency to Major Equipment for \$14,686.00
- f. Public Defender from Contingency for Attorney Fees-Other Cont. for \$80.00

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to approve the Administrative Transfer(s). Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

1. **Commissioners (R-2022-141)**

Resolution for discussion and possible approval to designate Lawrence County Economic Development as the Industrial Development Organization of Lawrence County.

The resolution(s) will stay on the table.

ORDINANCES

- 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, August 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at the Wampum Train Station.
- D. There will not be a Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, due to the Commissioners' being at the CCAP Conference in Erie, PA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Burchett stated September 17, 2023 is US Constitution Day and all schools should be reminded of this.

Mr. Burick stated he used to teach at YDC and he taught history. He taught about the US Constitution when he was a teacher and the students loved it. This is a very important day.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to adjourn the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 11:05 AM.