

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, July 9, 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, July 9, 2024, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 9:00 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, Mike Grippo, Lisa Haddad, Don Kemerer, Scott Baldwin, JR Hardester, Rebecca Shaffer, Hayden Shultz 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.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

RESOLUTION

R-2024-169

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

WHEREAS, Terri McCoy placed a bid of \$501.00 on property located at New Bedford Youngstown Road, Parcel ID No. 29-080701; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at New Bedford Youngstown Road, with a Parcel ID No. 29-080701; 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 Terri McCoy in the amount of \$501.00 for Repository Property located at New Bedford Youngstown Road, and having a Parcel ID No. 29-080701, Pulaski Township.

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

- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. July 3, 2024

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

- 1. Tuesday, July 2, 2024

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

- 1. LSSE Civil Engineers and Surveyors Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Pennvest Funding Application-218 Industrial Street, West Pittsburg (Taylor Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to file written correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports: None
- B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Sainato stated he had a busy week with 4th of July events happening. He attended events in Wilmington Township and at Pearson Park. Tomorrow he will be on KDKA radio promoting the tourist activity in Lawrence County.

Mr. Kennedy thanked Chris for his attendance of meetings and events while Dan is still getting back into the swing of things. He stated he is feeling much better and is so grateful.

Mr. Vogler stated the Conservation Board meeting that is open to the public will be moving its monthly meetings to Chuck Tanner's Restaurant since Grill on the Hill is closing.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2024-170

WHEREAS: proposal to upgrade the Lawrence County Assessment Office's CAMA System and;

WHEREAS: current commercial/industrial module of current CAMA System is not compatible with current operating systems and;

WHEREAS: Contract to upgrade CAMA System was approved June 14th, 2022 by Resolution R-2022-120 and;

WHEREAS: Addendum to the Agreement for the CAMA Software Implementation and Subscription was submitted by vendor on June 24, 2024 to clarify language for how Assessment Information will be available online and;

WHEREAS: Lawrence County will not be responsible for any additional cost or fees pursuant to the addendum unless the County were to discontinue the use of Courthouse online and;

WHEREAS: the addendum was referred for review and recommendation by the Lawrence County Assessment Office and;

WHEREAS: the addendum was referred for review to the Assistant County Solicitor and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that: an addendum to the Contract signed with Vision Government Solutions on June 14th, 2022 by Resolution AR-2022-120 be approved

1. Authorizing Chairman Daniel Vogler to sign all documentation.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024- 171

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-172

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 Family Care for Children and Youth, 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:

**Family Care for Children and Youth, Inc.
25 Belford BLVD.
Milton, PA. 17847**

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-173

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. (In-home Service Community Service-JPO)) 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-2024-174

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 Summit School, Inc. (Summit Academy-CRP) 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 Summit School, Inc. (Summit Academy-CRP)
900 Agnew Road
Pittsburgh, PA. 15227**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolutions R-2024-173 and Resolution R-2024-174.

RESOLUTION R-2024-175

AMENDMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS Lawrence County by and through its Mental Health and Developmental Services (hereinafter referred to as the (MH/DS) entered a **Base** contract with **Vocational & Psychological Services** (Hereinafter referred to as the provider), **350 North Main St. Butler, Pa. 16001** on the 1st day of July 2024 for the purchase of various services, and

WHEREAS it is now the intention of the parties to amend certain items.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby agreed as follows:

1. It is specifically understood and agreed that the stated maximum of **\$215,000.00** for various services shall be adjusted to **\$265,000.00**. 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.

In witness whereof, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereunto set their seals this _____ day of _____,

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-176

WHEREAS, there is currently a full-time Human Resources Director position vacancy; and

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

1. Michael Occhibone be appointed as the Human Resources Director;
and
2. Effective July 15, 2024

Mr. Kennedy stated the Solicitor will be involved in selecting the Deputy HR Director. The Commissioners thanked Karen King and Cindy Scaramazza for their hard work and dedication to the County and wished them well in their retirement.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-177

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners desires to enter into an agreement with the Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation regarding the Stonecrest Business Park/Multi Tenant Facility Project located at 2298 PA Route 18, Wampum, PA 16157 (New Beaver Borough); and

WHEREAS, the project was awarded an RACP grant from the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget in the amount of \$500,000.00. This agreement with a public taxing body is a required element of all RACP projects from the PA Office of the Budget and follows the same format as agreements in the past; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by and between the County of Lawrence and the Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation concerning their respective obligations to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and each other with respect to the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Stonecrest Business Park/Multi Tenant Facility's new construction project; and

1. This agreement shall commence upon the date of execution by the last signatory and shall end at such time as all conditions of the Grant have been satisfied.

RESOLUTION R-2024-178

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners desires to enter into an agreement with the Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation regarding the Cedar Street Industrial Complex Renovation Project located at 1038 N. Cedar Street, New Castle, PA 16102 (City of New Castle); and

WHEREAS, the project was awarded an RACP grant from the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. This agreement with a public taxing body is a required element of all RACP projects from the PA Office of the Budget and follows the same format as agreements in the past; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by and between the County of Lawrence and the Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation concerning their respective obligations to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and each other with respect to the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Cedar Street Renovation's new construction project; and

1. This agreement shall commence upon the date of execution by the last signatory and shall end at such time as all conditions of the Grant have been satisfied.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolutions R-2024-177 and Resolution R-2024-178. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-179

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 \$2,000.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-10.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-180

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 \$3,825.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-11.

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

TRANSFERS

- a. DJ Amodie from Temp./Part Time Staff to Materials & Supplies for \$900.00.
- b. CYS from Contracted Services to Contracted Services-Security for \$35,000.00.
- c. Public Defender from Contingency to Subscriptions for \$110.00.
- d. District Attorney from Contingency to Materials & Supplies for \$1,000.00.
- e. District Attorney from Witness Fees to Criminal Investigations for \$3,000.00.
- f. District Attorney from Contingency to Criminal Investigations for \$3,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Transfer(s).
Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

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

RESOLUTIONS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE TABLE

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

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to remove said Resolution from the table. Motion carried 3-0.

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

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 July 16, 2024 @ 10:00AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Planning Commission Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 @ 12:00 Noon has been CANCELLED.
- C. There is a Prison Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024 @ 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Vogler stated the West Central Job Partnership Board meeting will be held today at 1:30PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Debbie Wachter asked if Michael Occhibone is retiring from the Courts? The Commissioner told her to ask him that question. She asked what the purpose of the RACP Agreements are? Mr. Kennedy stated the County has to show support as part of the guidelines. She asked where the grant to the RACP Business Parks come from? The Commissioners answered DCED. She asked to be notified if and when the RACP grants are awarded.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 11:10 am.