

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, June 13, 2023

The Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a Moment of Silence.

Mr. Vogler asked that during the moment of silence, that everyone please keep the young man that was killed in the City in their thoughts, as well as those that have passed away, Leo "Sonny" Proch, two (2) former tax collectors, Mildred McGee from Perry Twp. and Susan Swanik from New Beaver Borough.

The Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting of Tuesday, June 13, 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, John Bout, Mike Grippo, Amy McKinney, Warden Michael Mahlmeister, Dave Prestopine, Angie Urban, Terry Rodgers, Chris Frye, Bryan Cameron, Eric Ritter, David Ward, 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.

Mr. Vogler stated that Commissioner Spielvogel is going to run the meeting today.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

- A. Repository Properties: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals:
 - 1. CYS-Chevrolet Cruze Vehicle
 - a. Leonard Lombardo-New Castle, PA \$900.00

Mr. Burick asked Mr. Venasco to check with the Maintenance Department to get a couple quotes on scrap value.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to table for further review. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Warrant Registers:

1. June 9, 2023
2. June 8, 2023
3. June 7, 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. June 6, 2023

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications: None

REPORTS

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

Ms. Spielvogel gave an update on the emergency exercise done at the Public Safety office. The results have come in from PEMA and Lawrence County got a passing grade. The Commissioners are very happy with the results and the exercise shows that the staff at Public Safety are very capable of handling a number of different emergencies, should one arise.

Mr. Burick congratulated the Public Safety team for a job well done during the emergency exercise. He was saddened to learn that Leo "Sonny" Proch passed away. Mr. Proch was a Slippery Rock Twp. Supervisor since 2015. Mr. Proch was very dedicated and a gentleman. He was also active in the Volunteer Fire Department and the K-9 Rescue Team.

Mr. Vogler added Leo "Sonny" had a great sense of humor. He was a very kind man. He further stated he attended the Conservation Board meeting last week, it was routine business. Also, Mr. Vogler and Ms. Spielvogel attended the Northwest Commission meeting in Venango County last week. Ben Bush, the new CEO of Forward Lawrence was introduced to the Commissioners and other Elected Officials and Department Heads last week.

RESOLUTION

R-2023-162

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 Avanco International, 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:

**Avanco International, Inc.
12685 Wiltonshire Drive
Clifton, Virginia 20124-1839**

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-163

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 The Devereux Foundation (Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health) shall be in effect for the period of June 19, 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:

**The Devereux Foundation (Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health)
444 Devereux Drive
Villanova, PA. 19085**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-164

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 The Devereux Foundation (Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health) shall be in effect for the period of June 19, 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:

**The Devereux Foundation (Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health)
444 Devereux Drive
Villanova, PA. 19085**

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to approve Resolutions R-2023-163 and R-2023-164. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION

R-2023-165

WHEREAS, Section 603 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”), which became law on March 11, 2021, establishes a Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“FRF” or “Local Fiscal Recovery Fund”); and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act requires that Local Fiscal Recovery Fund money be used for expenditures on or after March 3, 2021 (1) to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; (2) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of the applicable local government due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected

in the most recent full fiscal year of the local government; (3) for premium pay for essential workers; and (4) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the County is distributing Local Fiscal Recovery Fund money to eligible entities for permissible expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the County has allocated eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00) to the City of New Castle for their commercial revitalization efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Commissioners, that the Board of Commissioners approves an allocation of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00) to the City of New Castle.

Mayor Cameron stated the City will be putting in \$500,000.00 as well towards the demolition of the First Merit Building, the green space that will be created and the façade program to twelve downtown businesses that have committed funds.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-166

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Jail has the capability to house juvenile offenders from Westmoreland County; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Jail has the capacity and space to house juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, Westmoreland County shall pay \$800.00 per juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house 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 Westmoreland County to house juvenile offenders; and
2. Westmoreland County shall pay \$800.00 per juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house juvenile offenders; and

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-167

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 the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2023 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2023 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING Prior Year Balance Capital Expenditure Revenue Fund Account: 80390000.342000 by \$40,520.00; and

INCREASING Other Improvements Capital Expenditure Expense Fund Account: 80418000.703000 by \$40,520.00

Reason: Stavich Bike Trail

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-168

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 the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2023 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2023 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING Prior Year Balance Proth Auto Revenue Fund Account: 05390000.342000 by \$48,105.00; and

INCREASING Minor Equipment Proth Auto Expense Fund Account: 05419500.201100 by \$7,300.00

INCREASING Maint & Repairs Proth Auto Expense Fund Account: 05419500.403000 by \$7,500.00

INCREASING Major Equipment Proth Auto Expense Fund Account: 05419500.201300 by \$10,000.00

INCREASING Contingency Proth Auto Expense Fund Account: 05419500.509000 by \$23,305.00

Reason: Automation Expenses

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-169

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 the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2023 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2023 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING Prior Year Balance DA Forfeiture Revenue Fund Account: 21390000.342000 by \$44,675.00; and

INCREASING Forfeiture Expense DA Forfeiture Expense Fund Account: 21419400.999900 by \$44,675.00

Reason: Forfeiture Expenses

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-170

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 \$25,000.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2023-20.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-171

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:

2. Authorization is hereby given to the appropriate administrative officials to transfer a total of \$250,000.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2023-21.

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

TRANSFER (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Domestic Relations from Contingency to Gas for \$300.00

Moved by Mr. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel 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, June 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at the North Beaver Township Municipal Building.
- C. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.
- D. There will be a Prison Board meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

E. There are two (2) vacancies on the Airport Authority (1st Announcement).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilman Rodgers thanked the Commissioners for investing in the City and the community. He said it is great to see the City and the County work together.

Councilman Ritter thanked the Commissioners for their allocation.

Councilman Ward stated there will be a Juneteenth ceremony on Saturday, June 17th from 2-8pm at 1204 W. Washington Street.

The Commissioners thanked the City Council Members, the City Administrator and the Mayor for attending today's meeting and for working together with the County. Everyone is very excited to get the work started on our downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to adjourn the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 11:05 AM.