

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, June 4, 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, June 4, 2024, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel 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 Chris Sainato, Mike Grippo, Michael Occhibone, Dan Bailey, Vaughn Crisci, Hayden Shultz, Intern for New Castle News, 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.

Commissioner Vogler stated Commissioner Kennedy is out on medical leave and we all wish him the best.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Bailey from Vision Ministries asked when is the next Opioid Board meeting and if a new application needs to be submitted?

Joe Venasco stated that a working executive session will be held this afternoon and there will be a public meeting on July 2, 2024 @ 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room to announce the next round of funding with deadline dates and to review the applications submitted.

Commissioner Sainato thanked the group from Vision Ministries for the work they do and how they support the community.

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

- A. Repository Properties: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals:
 - 1. (Approved last week-Resolution R-2024-113) for Ellwood City ADA-Curb Ramp Improvement Project for Ellwood City Borough through CDBG
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. May 30, 2024
 - 2. May 29, 2024

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 2-0.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc.-Scott C. McCurdy, 437 Arthur Drive, Volant, A Single Residence Sewage Treatment Plant to replace the malfunctioning septic system serving the existing home on the property (Plain Grove Twp.)
2. Ellwood City Forge-Act 14 Notification-will be submitting an application to modify Plan Approval 37-008C. (Ellwood City Borough)
3. Zachary Cowher-Act 14 Notification-3126 Leon Drive, New Castle National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Sewage (Shenango Twp.)
4. Steelite International USA, Inc.-Greenfield DC Project-Phase 1 (Neshannock Twp.)
5. Douglas Sable-Act 14, 67 & 68 Notification for Sewage (Plain Grove Twp.)
6. Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc.-Kingswood Drive Culvert Replacement Project 3131 Mercer Road, New Castle General Permit, BWEW-GP-11 (Neshannock Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to file said communication(s). Motion carried 2-0.

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports:

None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler congratulated Debbie Wachter on her award. He stated that he and Commissioner Sainato will be attending a Southwest Pennsylvania Commission meeting at the Neshannock Twp. Building this afternoon to review the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan. On June 7th, he and Commissioner Sainato will be attending the Northwest Commission Board Meeting in Franklin, PA. Effective July 1st, Commissioner Sainato will be taking Commissioner Vogler's place

on the NW Board. There is a Conservation Board Meeting tomorrow, June 5 @ 12:00 Noon @ Grill on the Hill.

Mr. Sainato stated last Wednesday, he attended a meeting with the Secretary of Transportation, Mike Carroll. The meeting went well. Mr. Sainato stated that the secondary state roads in Lawrence County do need to be looked at. He will also be attending the Ramona Music Fest this weekend @ The Villa Maria in Pulaski Twp.

Debbie Wachter entered the meeting with intern, Hayden Shultz from Zelienople. He attended Seneca Valley High School and is a Junior majoring in Journalism.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2024-116

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, 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:

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

RESOLUTION

R-2024-117

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 Alternative Living Solutions 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:

**Alternative Living Solutions
2108 Tartan Court
Latrobe, PA. 15650**

RESOLUTION

R-2024-118

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 Auberle 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:

**Auberle
1101 Hartman Street
McKeesport, PA. 15132**

RESOLUTION R-2024-119

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 Blueprints 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:

**Blueprints
150 West Beau Street, Suite 106
Washington, PA. 15301**

RESOLUTION R-2024-120

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 KidsPeace National Centers, 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:

**KidsPeace National Centers, Inc.
4085 Independence Dr.
Schnecksville, PA. 18078**

RESOLUTION R-2024-121

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 Perseus House 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:

**Perseus House Inc.
1511 Peach Street
Erie, PA. 16501**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolutions R-2024-116 up to and including R-2024-121. Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-122

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Courts are in need of a maintenance agreement for recording devices; and

WHEREAS, SBM Electronics, 628 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15202, submitted a quote to provide recording device maintenance services; and

WHEREAS, term of said agreement is June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025; and
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that: SBM electronics will perform planned equipment maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$5,995.00.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution.
Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-123

WHEREAS, it is recommended that Joseph Hake be re-appointed to the Lawrence County Airport Authority for a five year term commencing on June 1, 2024 and expiring on May 31, 2029; and

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

1. Joseph Hake, 1201 Dushane Street, New Castle, PA 16101 (City of New Castle) to be re-appointed to a five year term to the Lawrence County Airport Authority, effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2029.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution.
Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-124

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners wish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Northwest Commission; and

WHEREAS, this MOU is made and entered into as of June 1, 2024, by and between The Northwest Commission, a regional economic development organization located at 395 Seneca Street, Oil City, PA 16301 and Lawrence County, a County Government located at Lawrence County Courthouse, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this MOU is to outline the terms and conditions under which The Northwest Commission will oversee an implementation study for broadband development throughout the nine-county northwest region and the County will reimburse The Northwest Commission proportionally for its cost of the study; and

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

1. Authorization is given to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding regarding The Northwest Commission; and
2. The Chairman Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute all documents pertaining to the Memorandum of Understanding.

Commissioner Vogler and Commissioner Sainato both feel they are willing to participate in the first phase of the study to compare it to the broadband study that Michael Baker is doing for Lawrence County. No further commitment has been made past the first phase.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution.
Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

None

RESOLUTIONS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE TABLE

None

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 June 11, 2024 at 10:00AM. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Retirement Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 immediately following the Commissioners' Meeting in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. There will be a Lawrence County Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 12:00 Noon at the New Castle Union Station Craft Distillery.
- D. The Courthouse will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 10:56 am.