

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, January 31, 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, January 31, 2023, was called to order by **Commissioner Morgan Boyd**, at 10:00 am at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless, called the roll. Those in attendance were, **Commissioner Dan Vogler, Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel, Rebecca Shaffer, Allen Miller, JR Hardester, Tish Foster, Sherry Knight, Kenny Rice, Vanessa Lovlie, None, 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-2023-38

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

WHEREAS, Thomas Casey-Famous LLC placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at 157 Cathcart Drive, Parcel ID No. 25-900752; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at 157 Cathcart Drive, with a Parcel ID No. 25-900752; 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 Thomas Casey-Famous LLC in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at 157 Cathcart Drive, and having a Parcel ID No. 25-900752, Neshannock Township.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-39

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

WHEREAS, Thomas Casey-Famous LLC placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Sampson Street, Parcel ID No. 06-070300; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Sampson Street, with a Parcel ID No. 06-070300; 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 Thomas Casey-Famous LLC in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Sampson Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 06-070300, City of New Castle.

RESOLUTION

R-2023-40

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

WHEREAS, Thomas Casey-Famous LLC placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Moravia Street, Parcel ID No. 08-016300; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Moravia Street, with a Parcel ID No. 08-016300; 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 Thomas Casey-Famous LLC in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Moravia Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 08-016300, City of New Castle.

RESOLUTION

R-2023-41

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

WHEREAS, Torry Argiro placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at 25 N. Mill Street, Parcel ID No. 02-088600; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at 25 N. Mill Street, with a Parcel ID No. 02-088600; 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 Torry Argiro in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at 25 N. Mill Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 02-088600, City of New Castle.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolutions R-2023-39 through Resolution R-2023-41. Motion failed 0-3.

B. Warrant Registers:

- 1. January 27, 2023
- 2. January 26, 2023
- 3. January 24, 2023

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

C. Receipt of Bids/Proposals:

Stavich Bike Trail-3 bids received:

- 1. C. Krump, Inc.-Hubbard, OH \$41,020.00
- 2. GP Construction, Inc.-Edinburg, PA \$46,323.00
- 3. North Beaver Construction-New Castle, PA \$42,712.00

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Thursday, January 24, 2023

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

- 1. Moody & Associates-Act 14 Notification (NPDES) for North American Animal Hospital (Wilmington Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to file written communications. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports

JR Hardester gave a report on the Data Update Project.

B. Commissioner Reports

Ms. Spielvogel had no comment.

Mr. Vogler had no comment.

Mr. Boyd said congratulations to Loretta and Dan for announcing the reelection campaigns. He said he would have an announcement Thursday. He also said he is still on the Election Board as of today, where Loretta and Dan are not permitted to be on the Board by law, since they have announced their plans to run for another term.

**NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-42

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence desires on-line data processing services for the automation of applications in various County offices; and

WHEREAS, the INFOCON Corporation shall provide access to specialized application software designed specifically to aid in the computerization of those offices; and

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

1. an agreement with INFOCON Corp. for specialized application software for various offices, as identified in the agreement, is approved; and
2. the term of said agreement will be twenty-four (24) consecutive months and shall automatically renew the first of each month on an on-going basis unless terminated by either party with a ninety (90) written notice.
3. The cost will be \$48.00 per month for the Tax Claim Office.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-43

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has made funds available for assuring that transportation services are provided to eligible senior citizens who reside in the County; and

WHEREAS, these funds are made available to Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. through the Shared Ride Program for Older Adults under the provision of the State Lottery Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners wishes to provide funding for a portion of the required 15% co-payment for eligible individuals who are at least 65 years of age, and wish to participate in the Senior Citizen Nutritional Shopping Program, to be provided by Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc.

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 **\$ 5,160.00** as part of the required local co-payment for the Senior Citizen Nutritional Shopping Program.
2. Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. will administer these funds and utilize them to provide the balance of the 15% co-payment required for eligible Senior Citizens who receive services through the Senior Citizen Nutritional Shopping Program. Eligible consumers will be required to pay \$1.00 toward the required co-payment for each trip.
3. Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. will invoice the 85% balance of each Senior Citizen Nutritional Shopping trip to the PA Department of Transportation.

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

RESOLUTION- R-2023 -44

WHEREAS, Ellport Borough (Borough) has requested the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development (County) assist the Borough in completing their zoning ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Borough has agreed to pay the County a total amount, not to exceed, five hundred (\$500.00) once the work is completed, and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the County agree to the terms in the attached agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the contract between the County of Lawrence and Ellport Borough.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-45

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 two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to Westminster College for enhancements and capital improvements to its nursing programs,

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Commissioners, that the Board of Commissioners approves an allocation of two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to Westminster College.

RESOLUTION R-2023-46

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 two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) to Mahoning Township for capital improvement to their Sewage Treatment Plant.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Commissioners, that the Board of Commissioners approves an allocation two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) to Mahoning Township.

RESOLUTION R-2023-47

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 sixty thousand (\$60,000.00) to New Wilmington Borough for their commercial revitalization efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Commissioners, that the Board of Commissioners approves an allocation of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) to New Wilmington Borough.

RESOLUTION R-2023-48

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 two-hundred and seventy-six thousand one hundred and five dollars (\$276,105.00) to Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. for their Family Preservation Program, a program that will expand the County’s safe and affordable housing options for at-risk families.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Commissioners, that the Board of Commissioners approves an allocation of two-hundred and seventy-six thousand one hundred and five dollars (\$276,105.00) to Lawrence County Social Services, Inc.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolutions R-2023-45 through Resolution R-2023-48. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2023-49

WHEREAS, Lawrence County has authorized Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (“PEMA”) and Mission Critical Partners (“MCP”) or Comtech (“Agent”) to facilitate the transition to NG911 service by identifying existing legacy 911 services, costs, Automatic Location Identification (ALI) records and managing associated termination of legacy 911 telecommunication services.

WHEREAS, the said authorization will be effective 1/30/2023 through 1/30/2025 not to exceed two (2) years from Effective Date.

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

Authorization is given to Chairman, Morgan Boyd, to execute on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, the Letter of Authorization and all related documents.

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

TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Public Safety Various Accounts for \$82,819.00

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said 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 was left on the table.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next Commissioners’ Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room.
- C. There will be a Lawrence County Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at the Bessemer Borough Building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kenny Price from DON Services introduced Sherry Knight that is working with him on the Elm Street Project.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Boyd adjourned the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, January 31, at 10:33 AM.