

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, January 3, 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 3, 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, New Castle News, none**. 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-2023-01

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

WHEREAS, Melissa Jones placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at 221 Gary Lane, Parcel ID No. 24-903153; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at 221 Gary Lane with a Parcel ID No. 24-903153; 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 Melissa Jones in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at 221 Gary Lane, and having a Parcel ID No. 24-903153, Mahoning Township.

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

A. Warrant Registers: None

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
a. Thursday, December 29, 2022

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications: None

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports None
- B. Commissioner Reports
- Mr. Vogler had no comment.
- Ms. Spielvogel had no comment.
- Mr. Boyd had no comment.

**NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL FOR THE
LAWRENCE COUNTY BROADBAND EXPANSION SERVICES PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners publicly advertised for the receipt of proposals for the completion of the Lawrence County Broadband Expansion Services Project; and

WHEREAS, Michael Baker International submitted a proposal to complete the project, such proposal being reviewed and recommended by the Lawrence County Commissioners; and

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

1. Michael Baker International, 100 Airside Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108 is authorized to complete the Lawrence County Broadband Expansion Services Project as specified in the attached Service Agreement.

2. The contract is as follows:

Task 1-Kickoff Meeting	\$4,919.00
Task 2-Visioning & Strategy	\$127,183.00
Task 3-Early Action Projects	\$34,292.00
Task 4-Data Collection	\$34,104.00
Task 5-Data Collection and Feasibility Study Update	\$44,252.00
TOTAL	\$244,750.00

*If the GIS Managed Services Option is authorized, the total value of the contract will be \$286,150.00

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-03

WHEREAS, Lawrence County has in effect a Perfect Attendance Policy that reads as follows; and

WHEREAS, any regular full time employee who, over a one year calendar period of January 1 through December 31, has not missed any time at work except for vacation or personal days (including any authorized vacation or personal days used concurrently with FMLA leave), shall receive an addition forty (40) hours pay based upon that employees rate of pay during the period over which the benefit has accrued. The lump sum payment shall be made by the end of the second month following the attendance period; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this program is to reward employees who have outstanding attendance records. In order to be eligible for such bonus, the employees must have perfect attendance. This means they must have missed only authorized vacation and personal days (including authorized vacation or personal days used concurrently with FMLA leave). Any absence for any other reason will disallow the person from receiving the bonus, with the exception of the donation of time for an employee in need; and

WHEREAS, an employee who misses one (1) day due to sickness, leave of absence or other absence other than an authorized vacation day during the calendar year shall be entitled to receive an additional twenty (20) hours pay payable by the end of February following the close of the calendar year. This does not include increments of hours.

FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES COVERED BY A BARGAINING AGREEMENT, THE CONTRACT SUPERSEDES THIS POLICY.

WHEREAS, the perfect attendance payout policy for non union employees shall be suspended for 2023 and beyond; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners wishes to suspend the Perfect Attendance Policy payout **FOR NON UNION AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND BEYOND, THE PERFECT ATTENDANCE BONUS PAYOUT IS SUSPENDED.**

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-04

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to preserve continuity in the Office of County Coroner; and

WHEREAS, Scott Penwell holds the knowledge and expertise to efficiently conduct the duties of Deputy Coroner; and

WHEREAS, Scott Penwell has experience, including knowledge of past and current deaths in Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS, duties shall include providing Coroner services and as requested by the County, Deputy Coroner shall report regularly to the County Coroner with updates regarding pending deaths and shall be supervised directly by the County Coroner; and

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute a one (1) year consulting agreement with Scott Penwell for Deputy Coroner services from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and
2. The total cost is \$35,000.00 made payable in 12 monthly installments.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. 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, January 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be an Opioid Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. The Annual Salary Board meeting will be held Monday, January 9, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- D. The next Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Board meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- E. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 in observance of New Year's Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Boyd adjourned the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, January 3, at 10:15 AM.