

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, August 27, 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, August 27, 2024, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 10:02 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Administrative Assistant, Ryan Anderson, called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Chris Sainato, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Scott Baldwin, Lisa Haddad, Lisa Zarilla, Loretta Spielvogel, Rebecca Shaffer, Jayme Sheehan, John Bout, 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 Property:

B. RESOLUTION

R-2024-242

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

WHEREAS, Mackenzie Crawford placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Rock Springs Road, (Scott Township) Parcel ID No. 30-038200; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Rock Springs Rd, with a Parcel ID No. 30-038200, Scott Township; 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 Rock Springs Rd, and having a Parcel ID No. 30-038200, Scott Township.

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

C. Advertise for bids/proposals: None

D. Receipt for bids/proposals:

1.

E. Warrant Registers:

1. August 19, 2024

2. August 20, 2024

3. August 21, 2024

4. August 22, 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, August 20, 2024

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

NONE

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports:

None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler stated that they had all visited the Beaver County Farm Bureau for the tour and met at the Beaver County Conservation Office. It was a very informative visit, and Mr. Vogler stated that State representative Marla Brown was also in attendance. Mr. Vogler also mentioned that all three Commissioners were invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony in Perry Township at The Waters Edge located along Slipper Rock Creek.

Mr. Kennedy stated that he visited Cray Youth to tour the facilities, talked with the staff and complimented how well they were doing with the facility and was also very impressed with the principal Mr.

Edwards. Mr. Kennedy also stated that he was in attendance at the SPC Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.

Mr. Sainato stated that he had attended many events over the last week, including the Beaver County Farm Bureau, Mercer county for the Veteran ceremony with Jesse Putnam the Director of Veterans Department, followed by the New Castle Airport for a car show and an airplane show, and the Slippery Rock 225th Anniversary. Mr. Sainato also stated that there is a car show in Ellwood at the end of September.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-2024-243

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM COUNTRYSIDE FENCE COMPANY, FOR THE WORK AT QUAKER FALLS IN MAHONING TOWNSHIP, LAWRENCE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners' Engineering Firm, Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc. received a proposal from fencing contractors for the services required to replace/repair damaged fencing sections, posts, panels, etc., at Quaker Falls in Mahoning Township, Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS, Countryside Fence Company, submitted a proposal to complete the project, such quote being reviewed and recommended by Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc.; and

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

1. Countryside Fence Company, 345 Ubry Lane, New Castle, PA 16101 is authorized to complete the fencing repair work at Quaker Falls; and
2. The proposal is for 30 calendar days and the total proposal amount is \$4,181.61 for the fencing repair work at Quaker Falls, Mahoning Township.

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

RESOLUTION R - 2024 -244

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is permitted to assist in funding transportation projects completed by local municipalities with regard to paving projects and bridge improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners makes such transportation funding available to municipalities in fiscal years where Lawrence County has received surplus transportation funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the form of Liquid Fuels, Act 13, Act 44, and Act 89 receipts; and

WHEREAS; Lawrence County is projecting enough transportation funding to allow for both required County bridge improvements and municipal transportation project allocations in the 2024 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners made and formalized an official grant process for municipal transportation assistance; and

WHEREAS, all twenty-seven municipalities were eligible to submit an application to the County by March 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners awarded South New Castle Borough \$22,000.00 in funding from the Lawrence County Transportation Improvement Grant program on April 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, South New Castle Borough wishes to carry over the funds of \$22,00000 into 2025 for projects; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; that the South New Castle Borough is permitted to carry over the funds of \$22,000.00 into 2025 for projects under the requirements of the Lawrence County Transportation Improvement Grant program:

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

RESOLUTION R - 2024 - 245

Whereas, the Lawrence County Corrections Facility has been the recipient of the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant (#39993) from the Pennsylvania

Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), which is set to conclude on September 29, 2024, and

Whereas, the SOR grant has funded the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program within the facility, integrating FDA-approved medications and behavioral therapies to treat inmates with opioid use disorder (OUD) and substance use disorder (SUD), and

Whereas, the program has proven beneficial in stabilizing individuals during incarceration, reducing withdrawal symptoms, and improving public health outcomes through coordinated care during reentry, and

Whereas, as of June 30, 2024, the grant has a remaining balance of \$171,492.00, with expected expenditures of \$44,000.00 through September 30, 2024, leaving a projected surplus of \$127,491.54, and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) has informed all SOR grant recipients of the potential for a no-cost extension for up to nine months, through June 30, 2025, subject to federal approval, and

Whereas, the Lawrence County Corrections Facility has assessed its financial standing and the needs of the MAT program, and recognizes the benefit of extending the project period to ensure the continued delivery of critical services,

WHEREAS, the authorization is given to execute, submit, and sign the necessary Grant Modification through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, by the deadline of August 31, 2024, seeking a no-cost extension for SOR Grant #39993, extending the project period to June 30, 2025, to fully utilize the remaining grant funds to support the continued operation of the MAT program and achieve the objectives of reducing recidivism, improving public health, and supporting successful reintegration into society.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-246

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled, and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services desires to contract for certain services; and

WHEREAS the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 and the Department of Public Welfare fiscal regulations provide for the purchase of office equipment and services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The agreement listed in item 2 shall be approved starting July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025

2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Mercy Life Center Corporation- as detailed in attachment designated 2024-_2025_ Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

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

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

RESOLUTION R-2024 - 248

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 White Deer Run, LLC (Cove Prep) 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:

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

RESOLUTION R-2024- 249

WHEREAS the county desires to enter into an agreement for advanced professional nurse consultant services to Lawrence County Children Youth Services (Agency); and

WHEREAS duties shall be assigned by and the sole digression of the Agency Director and shall include professional consultation about intake, ongoing, foster care/kinship, and training as assigned; and

WHEREAS this agreement to provide such services to the County shall be authorized and executed.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute this agreement with an unlimited number of cases, as assigned by the Director of Children Youth Services, to the following professional nurse consultant:
 - A. Jayne Sheehan
2. Agreement shall contain the following provisions:
 - a. As consideration for the services to be rendered under this Agreement, County agrees to pay Contractor \$96/hr. not to exceed \$24,960 annually with payments on or about the 10th day of each month. Invoices will be submitted electronically with an accounting of hours worked. All Payments will be by electronic transfer.
 - b. The agreement shall be in effect for the period **September 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025**, unless terminated sooner by either party.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. MHDS from ID Services to Drug and Alcohol for \$80,000
- b. Commissioners from Contingency Account to Office Minor Equipment for \$2,561.48
- c. Commissioners from ARPA-Contingency Account to Broadband for \$8,500

Moved by Mr. Kennedy , seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve a-c. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

None

RESOLUTIONS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE TABLE

None

ORDINANCES

- 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 September 3rd, 2024 @ 10:00AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Courthouse will be closed Monday, September 2nd, 2024, in observance for Labor Day.
- C. The Lawrence County Opioid Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024, is CANCELLED.
- D. There will be a Lawrence County Planning Commission Board meeting on Wednesday, September 11th, 2024, at 12:00 Noon at the New Beaver Borough Building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Wachter asked what the South New Castle Borough is transferring funds for, Mr. Vogler stated that he believes it is for street paving. Debbie Wachter asked what time that the Ribbon Cutting at the Waters Edge was, Mr. Vogler answered with 3pm. Mr. Kennedy said that they were all glad to have Debbie Wachter back from sick leave and doing well.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy , seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 10:45 am.