

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, July 2, 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, July 2, 2024, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 9:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless, called the roll. Those in attendance were, **Commissioner Chris Sainato, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Mike Grippo, John Bout, Vaughn Crisci, Randy L. Crum, Kia Waller and Hayden Shultz 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 Properties: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. June 28, 2024
 - 2. June 25, 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, June 25, 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 the July 10th Planning Commission meeting is cancelled. He also stated there will be a Conservation District Board meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, July 3rd @ Soni's Restaurant. He attended the CCAP/Workers' Compensation Board meeting @ Bedford Springs last week and learned the Safety Grants the County receives will continue.

Mr. Sainato reviewed the meeting he attended over the week and weekend. He stated that Judge Motto, Judge Acker and himself attended and spoke at Evelyn Ward's funeral service on Friday. He was very moved by the tribute to Evelyn. The Ellwood City Arts & Crafts Festival was held over the weekend and he was very impressed with the crowds that attended and the festival itself. This Friday, July 5th, there will be a band playing at the Riverplex.

Mr. Kennedy stated he attended the Ellwood City Arts & Crafts Festival on Sunday and was nice to walk around and enjoy the festival. He is very happy to be back to work.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2024-159

WHEREAS, the County has existing leases for copy machines that are expiring; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of General Services has bid and awarded a contract (No. 3610-001) for the lease, with purchase option, of office copying machines by which political subdivisions may purchase/lease copiers; and

WHEREAS, the County has solicited and received proposals for the provision of copy machines as governed by Commonwealth Contract No. 3610-001; and

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

1. Authorization is given to the Lawrence County District Attorney to purchase or lease copy machines and extend the existing agreement with Direct Image Copy Systems, Inc. located at 1054 Butler Avenue, New Castle, PA 16101; and

2. The copy machine is a Konica Minolta Bizhub C301i Full Color Copier, Printer & Scanner; and
3. The lease shall be for 60 months with no money down at \$103.00 per month; and
4. The Chairman of the Board is authorized to sign all documentation.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-160

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 Bethesda Children's Home (Bethesda Lutheran Services) 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:

**Bethesda Children's Home (Bethesda Lutheran Services)
15487 State Highway 86
Meadville, PA. 16335**

RESOLUTION R-2024-161

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 MHY Family Services 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:

**MHY Family Services
521 Route 228
Mars, PA. 16046**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolutions R-2024-160 and R-2024-161. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-162

WHEREAS, Lawrence County solicited quotes for the services required to replace a damaged end treatment on one corner of Nashua Bridge in Pulaski Township; and

WHEREAS, Frank B. Taylor Engineering reviewed the quotes received and reported that Penn Line Services, Inc. was the lowest responsible quoter with a quote of \$4,675.00.00; and

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

1. Penn Line Services, Inc. is awarded the quote for the completion of the damaged end treatment on one corner of Nashua Bridge; and
2. A total of \$4,675.00 will be allocated to complete this project; and
3. The Chairman is authorized to execute all documents related to this quote.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

R-2024-163

WHEREAS, each local area within the State is required to have a Workforce Investment Board whose terms are staggered and are appointed by the local elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is responsible for establishing the criteria for use by the chief elected officials in appointing the WIB members; and

WHEREAS, the mandatory members of the WIB consist of at least a majority of private sector representatives, at least two representatives of local educational entities, at least two representatives of labor organizations, and at least two representatives of economic development agencies; and

WHEREAS, the West Central Job Partnership recommends six (6) individuals be appointed, and re-appointed, to the Workforce Investment Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, to reappoint the following individual to the Workforce Investment Board:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
1. Debby Van Kirk Bruce & Merrilees, Inc., 930 Cass Street, New Castle, PA 16101	Small Business (A1)	07/02/2024-06/30/2027

R E S O L U T I O N

R-2024-164

WHEREAS, each local area within the State is required to have a Workforce Investment Board whose terms are staggered and are appointed by the local elected officials; and

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<u>Name:</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
1. Gail Steck	Office of Vocational Rehab	07/02/2024-06/30/2027

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 1745 Frewmill Rd,
New Castle, PA 16101

R E S O L U T I O N

R-2024-165

WHEREAS, each local area within the State is required to have a Workforce Investment Board whose terms are staggered and are appointed by the local elected officials; and

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<u>Name:</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
1. Benjamin Bush	Econ & Comm Dev (D1) Small Business (A1)	07/02/2024-06/30/2027

Lawrence County Regional Chamber of Commerce, 325 East Washington
Street, New Castle, PA 16101

R E S O L U T I O N

R-2024-166

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WHEREAS, the West Central Job Partnership recommends six (6) individuals be appointed, and re-appointed, to the Workforce Investment Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, to reappoint the following individual to the Workforce Investment Board:

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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
1. Mr. Jeffrey Mendillo	Joint Labor	07/02/2024-06/30/2027
Assistant Training Director, Western Central Pennsylvania Electricians JATC, 3891 Wilmington Road, Neshannock Township, PA 16105		

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve Resolutions R-2024-163 up to and including Resolution R-2024-166. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-167

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 is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2024 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2024 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING Prior Year Encumb Fund Balance DA App Fund Revenue Account: 28390000.342000 by \$4,590.85; and

INCREASING Materials & Supplies DA App Fund Expense Account: 28419400.201000 by \$4,590.85; and

Reason: Prior Year Encumb Fund Balance

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-168

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 \$10,000.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-09.

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

TRANSFERS

- a. Jail from Medical Expense to Vehicle Expense for \$1,500.00
- b. Treasurer from Travel & Training to Office Minor for \$855.00

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

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

CYS-Resolution R-2024-126 Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc.

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 July 9, 2024 @ 10:00AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Board Meeting for today, Tuesday, July 2, 2024 @ 12:00 Noon has been **CANCELLED**.
- C. The Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2024 in observance of Independence Day.
- D. West Central Job Partnership meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 @ 1:30pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 10:35 am.