

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, July 16, 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 16, 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, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Mike Grippo, John Bout, Rebecca Shaffer, Dave Prestopine, Jeff Ketterer, Ryan Ard, Kurt Fryer, Lisa Zarilla, Loretta Spielvogel, Amy Lamb, Scott Baldwin, Jodi Esoldo 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.

Mr. Vogler asked everyone to keep the families of all those killed or injured at the Trump Rally on Saturday in their thoughts and prayers.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Vogler stated Jodi Klabon Esoldo, Prothonotary & Clerk of Courts was elected President of the State Association of the Prothonotary & Clerk of Courts for the entire state of Pennsylvania. The Commissioners congratulated her and wished her well.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amy Lamb stated she was in the Courthouse last week and heard a young woman bragging about stealing flags off headstones and selling them at the Trump Rally on Saturday. This made her very upset. She also commented her concern about her property and her deed and having to pay to have it surveyed.

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

- A. Repository Properties: None

- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals:
 - 1. Ellwood City ADA-Curb Ramp Improvement Project
 - a. Fryer Excavating, Beaver Falls, PA-\$121,389.92

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to table the bid for further review. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Warrant Registers:

1. July 10, 2024
2. July 9, 2024

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. Tuesday, July 9, 2024

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Amerikohl Aggregates, Inc.-Blasting activities Moscipan North Mine (Shenango Twp.)
2. Heidelberg Materials Northeast, LLC.-Blasting activities Midland Large Non-Coal Surface Mine (North Beaver Twp.)
3. Allegheny Mineral Corporation-Blasting activities Myers Mine (Slippery Rock Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to file written correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports:

None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Kennedy stated he finally feels like he's getting back in the routine of things. For a couple weeks now, he has felt pretty good. He stated he went to the SPC meeting yesterday in Pittsburgh to discuss USDA grants that can be obtained by Lawrence County. He further discussed what a shame for the nation Saturday's violent rally was. We need to all come together as human beings and he is very proud of the way the 3 Commissioners voice their opinions but work together.

Mr. Vogler agreed with Commissioner Kennedy on Saturday's tragic event. He stated the Lawrence County Public Safety/EMA Agency was called to help Butler County with heavy duty lights that law enforcement could use when it got dark outside. He congratulated 2

council members from Ellwood City for their 10+ years of service to the community. Jim Barry and Michelle Lamenza were in the Borough News for their service.

Mr. Sainato attended the NW Zoom call to discuss the budget and broadband, both went well. He further echoed Commissioner Kennedy's and Commissioner Vogler's sentiments about Saturday's rally. We all need to take a step back and be civil to one another.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2024-181

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (PA DOC), has announced the availability of the 2024 County Jail-Based Vivitrol Program funding; and

WHEREAS, this non-competitive funding opportunity aims to support counties in establishing or expanding jail-based substance abuse treatment programs that include the administration of Vivitrol, a long-acting non-narcotic and non-addictive medication, to eligible individuals in county jails and upon release to the community; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County is eligible to apply for an allocation of \$126,204 to support the expansion of such a program within its county jail, over 24 months having a start date of October 1, 2024, and an end date of September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program would significantly enhance the substance abuse treatment services provided to individuals reentering society, thereby improving outcomes for these individuals and reducing recidivism rates; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Lawrence County to pursue this funding opportunity to benefit its residents and improve the effectiveness of its treatment programming.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that authorization is given to execute, submit, and sign the necessary Grant application through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-182_____

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum: **Alleghenies Unlimited Care Providers** - as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION R-2024-183_____

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum: **Psych Med Associates**- as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION R-2024-184_____

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum: **Northview Estates Limited Partnership**- as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Be it further resolved those payments be made from the MH/DS fund.

RESOLUTION R-2024-185_____

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum: **Guiding Changes Counseling LLC**- as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Be it further resolved those payments be made from the MH/DS fund.

RESOLUTION R-2024-186_____

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum: **I.M.4.Q-** as detailed in attachment designated 2024-2025 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Be it further resolved those payments be made from the MH/DS fund.

RESOLUTION R-2024-187_____

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, 2023, through June 30, 2024
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum: **CLOVER PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION** - as detailed in attachment designated 2023-2024 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Be it further resolved those payments be made from the MH/DS fund.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolutions R-2024-182 up to and including Resolution R-2024-187. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-188

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 Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (In-home Service) 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:

**Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc.
44 S. Beaver Street
New Castle, PA. 16101**

RESOLUTION R-2024-189

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 JusticeWorks YouthCare, 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:

**JusticeWorks YouthCare, Inc.
1500 Ardmore Blvd., Suite 410
Pittsburgh, PA. 15221**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve Resolutions R-2024-188 and R-2024-189. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2024-190

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 DEA/TFO Revenue Fund Account: 46334000.331000 by \$50,000.00; and

INCREASING Transfer to General Fund DEA/TFO Expense Fund Account: 46490300.901101 by \$50,000.00; and

INCREASING Transfer from DEA/TFO General Revenue Fund Account: 01391000.391146 by \$30,000.00; and

INCREASING DA Overtime General Expense Fund Account: 01419400.110400 by \$30,000.00

Reason: DA Overtime Transfer

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-191

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 \$606.84 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-12.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-192

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 \$720.79 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-13.

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

TRANSFERS

- a. Controller from Contingency to Land/Building Rental for \$2,000.00.
- b. DJ Russo from Contingency to Bank Charges for \$1762.92.
- c. Planning from Contingency to Maintenance & Repair for \$1,500.00.
- d. DJ Amodie from Temp. Part time Staff to Unemployment Insurance for \$510.00.
- e. Public Safety from Contingency to Unemployment Insurance for \$73.59.

- f. Jail from Groceries to Vehicles for \$500.00.
- g. Jail from Groceries to Travel & Training for \$6,900.00.
- h. Jail from Contingency to UC Trust for \$4885.00.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Transfer(s).
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 July 23, 2024 @ 10:00AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There is a Prison Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024 @ 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Mr. Vogler stated there will not be a Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 as the Commissioners will be at the annual CCAP Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 11:00 am.

