

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, December 28, 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 Thursday, December 28, 2023, 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 Brian Burick, Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel, County Administrator Joe Venasco, JR Hardester, Warden Mahlmeister, Noone 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

Dorothy Burchett asked how the Chairman is selected for the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Vogler stated the selection will be done at the Reorganizational/Public Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. It is a vote of all three (3) Commissioners, whoever they choose.

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

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| A. Repository Properties: | None |
| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | None |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals: | None |
| D. Warrant Registers: | |
| 1. December 19, 2023 | |

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 a. Tuesday, December 19, 2023

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
1. RAR Engineering Group, Inc.-Application to PA Dept. of Environmental Protection for Renewal of NPDES-allows the discharge of treated sewage into surface waters of the Commonwealth in West Pittsburg (Taylor Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to file said written correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler stated he hoped everyone had a nice Christmas. He wishes 2024 to be a good year for everyone in Lawrence County. He will miss Loretta and Brian but believes the future will be rewarding for both of them. He stated it has been a pleasure working with both of them and appreciates everything and values their friendship.

Ms. Spielvogel deferred her comments until the end of the meeting.

Mr. Burick thanked Mr. Vogler for his comments. He stated he attended an Act 47 Ceremony at the Confluence for the City of New Castle to celebrate the City getting out of Act 47. On December 15th, Shenango High School Choir came and sang Christmas carols at the Courthouse. They were outstanding and Samantha Leali, the Instructor of the Shenango Choir has been named to the Directors Who Make a Difference list in the December issue of School Band & Orchestra Magazine. He further stated that this has been the best Board of Commissioners he has worked with.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2023-490

ADOPTION OF THE 2024 LAWRENCE COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the fiscal year of the County begins on the first day of January; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lawrence County are required by County Code to adopt a budget by the end of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the County Code requires the proposed budget be available for public inspection at least twenty (20) days prior to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners introduced the proposed 2024 budget on December 5, 2023 through Resolution R-2023-448;
and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT: in accordance with §1782 of the County Code, the 2024 budget is hereby adopted.

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

Mr. Venasco stated the budget is balanced with no tax increase and no layoffs. He thanked Albert Antonelli, the Controller, Dave Prestopine and the Elected Officials and Department Heads for working closely with him to create the 2024 budget.

RESOLUTION R-2023-491

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners implemented a policy that requires employee contribution to healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, the current employee contribution is significantly below both the public and private standards; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners desires to gradually increase the employee contribution for healthcare insurance to where it meets the public sector standards; and

WHEREAS, healthcare contribution costs, including health insurance, shall remain at 6% of the premium cost of the policy, effective January 1, 2024 for non-union, management and County compensated elected officials.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that healthcare contribution costs shall be set as stated above.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2023-492

WHEREAS; the County of Lawrence and the Lawrence County Board of Assessment Appeals is in litigation with Home Storage Plus, AKA Lawrence Village Plaza & Lowes Home Improvement;

WHEREAS: Lawrence County, Shenango Township, Union Township and the Union Area School District, Shenango Area School District will partner in hiring an expert to appraise the property,

WHEREAS: The Lawrence County Assessment Office requested quotes for a professional service to appraise the properties from multiple appraisal firms;

WHEREAS: The Lawrence County Assessment Office received and reviewed the only submitted quote from the Appraisal firms

WHEREAS: Cost to Appraise Home Storage Plus \$4,800 with additional cost outline in the proposal for Testimony and Conferences;

WHEREAS: Cost to Appraise Lowes Home Improvement \$5,500 with additional cost outline in the proposal for Testimony and Conferences;

WHEREAS: The contract is contingent upon the other taxing districts agreeing to split cost of this professional service contract;

WHEREAS: The County solicitor has reviewed the agreement and the cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that a Professional Services Contract given to execute and agreement with the company listed below:

1. **Appraisal & Marketing Associates, Inc**
875 N 4th St
Sunbury Pa 17801

2. Authorizing a Chairman Dan Vogler to sign all documentation.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2022-493

WHEREAS: proposal to upgrade the Lawrence County Assessment Office's CAMA System and;

WHEREAS: current commercial/industrial module of current CAMA System is not compatible with current operating systems and;

WHEREAS: Contract to upgrade CAMA System was approved June 14th, 2022 by Resolution R-2022-120:

WHEREAS: Contract Change Order was Submitted by Vendor to extend timeline December 11th, 2023;

WHEREAS: Lawrence County will not be responsible for any additional cost or fees pursuant to the change order request;

WHEREAS: the Change order was referred for review and recommendation by the Lawrence County Assessment Office and;

WHEREAS: the change order was referred for review to the County Solicitor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that: a change order to the Contract signed with Vision Government Solutions on June 14th, 2022 by Resolution AR-2022-120 be approved

1. Authorizing Chairman Dan Vogler to sign all documentation.

RESOLUTION R-2023-494

SAVIN MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS INSTITUTE AND LAWRENCE COUNTY

This agreement is hereby made and entered into by and between The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute, hereinafter referred to as PDAI, and Lawrence County. The agreement is effective for the period **January 1, 2024** through **December 31, 2024**.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania affords the following rights to victims regarding certain notifications related to incarcerated individuals. Victims are entitled to the following:

- a. Immediate notification of an offender's pretrial escape from a local correctional facility and of the offender's subsequent apprehension.
- b. In personal injury crimes and personal injury rights crimes, as defined in Act 77 or 2022, wherein the offender is sentenced to a local correctional facility, victims are entitled to: receive notice of the date of release of the adult, including work release, furlough, parole, release from boot camp or community treatment center placement; and are entitled to be provided with immediate notice of an escape of the adult and of subsequent apprehension.
- c. To receive immediate notice of the release of the offender on bail, if the offender is subject to a Protection From Abuse Act Order or a Protection From Sexual Violence or Intimidation Order, and the offender is committed to a local correctional facility for a violation of such order or for a personal injury crime or personal injury rights crime committed against a person protected by that order.

WHEREAS, LAWRENCE COUNTY has committed to implement and use the PA SAVIN system to meet and enhance its responsibilities for victim notification as well as provide additional notification services to county residents.

PDAI and Lawrence County enter into this agreement with the purpose of defining and continuing a framework of cooperation between the above-named parties to implement and maintain a statewide automated victim information and notification system referred to as SAVIN in Lawrence County. PDAI receives grant funding to provide this service statewide.

The SAVIN notification system has been providing notifications to crime victims in Pennsylvania and in accordance with state and federal guidelines since 2006. The SAVIN notification system will continue to download necessary information from participating agencies in Lawrence County to the computers of the SAVIN Vendor(s). Participating agencies are District Attorneys' offices, Victim Service agencies, County Jails or other county criminal justice agencies that are owned by the county and participate in this project. In most counties the participating agency is the county jail. The system will provide notification to registered persons regarding the escape, release from custody or transfer from one facility to another of persons held in custody as required by the Crime Victims Act of Pennsylvania.

In doing so, it enhances existing or previous victims' services efforts by creating and implementing an automated system of notification that will be available to victims and other

interested parties 24/7. Additionally, it will increase the number of victims that are presently notified; increase accessibility via a toll-free line, through web-based access or through SMS Messaging (texting); and increase notification to under-served population by utilizing a system, which includes alternative language capabilities and TTD [Telecommunications Device for the Deaf].

PDAI and Lawrence County agree to the following roles and responsibilities:

PDAI acknowledges that any database or system information created by any of the District Attorney's offices, Victim Services agencies, County Jails or other county criminal justice agencies are owned by the respective County. That information includes confidential data of the County. PDAI shall not disclose, provide to, or permit any person to obtain any such confidential information in any form, except employees and/or consultants of PDAI, employees of the SAVIN Vendor(s) or members of the SAVIN Governance Committee (i) whose access is required to further the PA SAVIN project and, (ii) who have agreed to be subject to the same restrictions as set forth herein. This agreement enables PDAI and others above mentioned to use such information to refine the program decision models. The same stipulations will be made in the contract between PDAI and the Vendor(s). Upon request, PDAI shall provide each participating District Attorney's office with the names, addresses and phone numbers of any and all respective PDAI employees to whom confidential information was disclosed. Any PDAI employee found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary procedures outlined in the PDAA/PDAI Office Handbook.

PDAI and the County will cooperate in any audit or compliance review by state, county or federal authorities.

PDAI will retain records of documentation pertaining to this agreement for seven (7) years from the date of this agreement.

PDAI has sought and received authorization to enter into this agreement from its board of directors.

Lawrence County will continue to use the services of its County Project Lead, Information Technology Contact, Booking Administrator, and Victim Advocate for the continued operation of the SAVIN Project. The designated County Project Lead will continue to supervise county funding of the project and be responsible for the Maintenance Contract as well as work with the SAVIN Vendor(s) and Project Manager. This County Project Lead will also keep County Executives, County Commissioners and the CJAB [Criminal Justice Advisory Board] (as available) informed of SAVIN status.

PDAI SHALL:

1. Maintain a contract with a SAVIN Vendor(s). Contract shall include:
 - A provision for indemnification of PDAI and the participating agencies as defined in this contract.
 - A provision relating to data breach procedures.

2. Administer the grant program. Such duties include:
 - The financial oversight of the grant program.
 - The oversight of and collection of all maintenance payments.
 - The payment or reimbursement of expenses as outlined in the grant budget.
 - The preparation of all reports and budgets per federal guidelines and other requirements.
3. Moderate administrative issues between the County and the SAVIN Vendor(s).
4. Provide necessary reports regarding expenditures of grant funds to facilitate authorized meetings, focus groups and trainings.

LAWRENCE COUNTY SHALL:

1. Provide maintenance fee payments and satisfy any applicable in-kind match requirements accurately and timely in accordance with the invoice and the payment schedule as specified in sub paragraph 2, immediately following.
2. Acknowledge awareness that the county will pay **0% (zero percent)** of the maintenance fee. (Zero percent fee is only guaranteed for the contractual year and is dependent upon grant funding being available to cover the entire monthly fee).
3. Provide PDAI and/or SAVIN Vendor(s) personnel access to its offices, equipment, and personnel at reasonable times for the maintenance, or replacement of equipment and/or training of personnel necessary to operate the system
4. Provide PDAI and/or SAVIN Vendor(s) personnel information necessary to establish or maintain system interface.
5. Provide required personnel resources, equipment, and space needed for safe and secure operation of SAVIN equipment.
6. Cooperate with PDAI and/or SAVIN Vendor(s) personnel to effectuate conversion in the event of change of SAVIN Vendor(s).
7. Cooperate with SAVIN Vendor(s) Call Center personnel to troubleshoot and resolve any equipment or data transmission problems which cannot be resolved by Vendor(s) Call Center personnel alone, including but not limited to rebooting the PC and verifying the connection.
8. Cooperate with the SAVIN Vendor(s) in determining data transfer schedules.
9. Provide inmate data to the SAVIN Vendor(s) that meets the minimum requirements necessary to provide notifications. At a minimum the participating agency must provide First Name of Inmate, Last name of Inmate, Permanent Booking number, Temporary Booking Number, Activity Identification, Activity Date and time, Event Category, Event Sub-Type, Sending Agency and at least one of the following: Inmate Date of Birth, Inmate Social Security Number, Inmate State ID or Inmate Person FBI number.
10. Provide a refresh of inmate population data to the SAVIN Vendor(s) every 30 days.
11. Agree that any workstation deployed as part of an interface in association with this service or for the collection of data elements is restricted to SAVIN use only. Any misuse of hardware deployed to your site will invalidate your warranty. In these situations, Lawrence County would be responsible for any repair costs.
12. Agree that as a Participating Agency, Lawrence County is responsible for providing modifications to its automated jail records management system, hereinafter JMS and will manage their internal resources and/or JMS vendor to modify or supply the

- required programming to provide the SAVIN Vendor(s) with the data required. The Participating Agencies shall bear all costs associated with these changes or modifications to their existing automated system after the initial connection.
13. Agree that as a Participating Agency Lawrence County will ensure appropriate cooperation of related agencies to communicate with one another and related county agencies on the status of the service including but not limited to following procedures established by the SAVIN Vendor(s) in the event that the automated notification system goes offline unexpectedly.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL PROVISIONS ARE MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED TO BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

Liability

Personnel employed by PDAI or by the SAVIN Vendor(s) remain the employees of those respective entities for all purposes, including the provision of liability insurance, worker's compensation coverage and indemnification, while such personnel are installing, maintaining, repairing, replacing, or otherwise working with equipment at the offices of any other part to this agreement. County employees shall not be deemed as employees or representatives of PDAI and may not contract for additional services on behalf of PDAI. No additional work or services may be authorized by the counties between the county and the SAVIN Vendor(s) on behalf of PDAI. Any work or services outside of the Service Agreement between PDAI and the SAVIN Vendor(s) must be contracted for separately by the county.

Modification

Modifications of this document within the scope of this instrument shall be made by mutual consent of the parties, by issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by all parties, prior to any changes being performed. The contract may be modified as necessary from time to time to comply with changes in State or Federal law and regulation, PDAI policy or Lawrence County policy.

Confidentiality Between Parties

PDAI and Lawrence County understand that all information disclosed by any respective party is confidential and each party agrees not to disclose any information obtained from either of the other parties unless it has obtained expressed written approval by the source party in advance. Further, each party knows that the use or disclosure of this information for purposes other than as intended for this initiative is strictly prohibited.

Internal Rules and Protections for Confidentiality

Each party has internal rules and procedures regarding protection of confidential information and their respective employees have been instructed in these procedures. Each party also maintains a system for monitoring compliance with their respective confidentiality policy and employees who violate such confidentiality policy may be subject to discipline.

Removal of Equipment

The terms for the removal/transfer of any equipment provided for under this agreement shall be conveyed in writing and shall comply with any applicable state and federal regulations.

General Indemnity

(1) The SAVIN Vendor(s) shall (and has agreed to) indemnify, defend and hold harmless PDAI as well as the Participating Agencies, Affiliates, and licensees, and each of their officers, shareholders, directors, employees, agents and Customers, collectively, from and against any and all third party claims, demands, proceedings, suits, and actions including any related liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, deficiencies, penalties, taxes, levies, fines, judgments, settlements, expenses (including attorneys' and accountant's fees and disbursements) and costs (Claims), incurred by, borne by or asserted against PDAI, Participating Agencies or other Indemnified Parties to the extent such Claims related to, arise out of or result from: (i) any intentional or willful misconduct or gross negligence of any employee agent or subcontractor of the SAVIN Vendor; (ii) breach of any representation or warranty of the SAVIN Vendor or (iii) any actual or alleged infringement or misappropriation of a Deliverable, or any other hardware, software, equipment or services provided by the SAVIN Vendor. However, the SAVIN Vendor shall have no indemnity obligation to any Indemnified Party for modifications, performed by PDAI, the Participating Agencies or their respective agents to the Application, Deliverable, or any hardware, software, equipment or services provided by the Service Provider that were not previously authorized by the Service Provider; (2) the combination of such items described in subsection (iii) above with other products or services not furnished with or specified by the SAVIN Vendor unless the combination is in accordance with the written instructions or written consent of the SAVIN Vendor; (3) data, content, or processes that are either specified in writing by PDAI or Participating Agencies or provided by contractors other than the SAVIN Vendor (to the extent that the Claim does not arise from the SAVIN Vendor's modification of such data, content, or processes and provided that SAVIN Vendor users such data, content, or processes in accordance with this Agreement); or (4) any hardware, software, equipment or services that are expressly specified in writing to be provided by SAVIN Vendor under this agreement. The SAVIN Vendor will not be excused from its indemnity obligation if a non-infringing means of compliance with requirements was either actually known to the SAVIN Vendor or should reasonably have been known by the SAVIN Vendor based on the SAVIN Vendor's experience as a provider of the Application and Services under this Agreement.

As stated above PDAI holds a separate contract with the SAVIN Vendor(s) that provides for indemnification as stated herein for the participating agencies.

Termination

A party desiring to terminate this Agreement shall serve the other party with written notice, which shall be effective, unless withdrawn, six (6) weeks from the date of such termination date. Such time will be necessary to contact registered victims. Prior to such notification and effective date, both parties shall use every reasonable effort to resolve the causes stated for termination. If served upon PDAI, notice shall be served upon the Director. If served upon the office of the undersigned official, notice shall be served upon the person holding the office at the time of the service. Any expenses incurred by the County prior to termination will not be subject to reimbursement.

Dispute Resolution:

Any dispute arising under this contract shall be submitted to PCCD for final resolution.

Contractual Rights:

The parties agree that this contract shall be binding upon the parties. The parties agree that this project is subject to the availability of grant funds from federal and/or state sources and that the unavailability of these funds shall automatically terminate this agreement and render it void without the liability of the contractual parties. Termination of this agreement under these circumstances does not preclude the county from signing a new agreement with PDAI to continue these services.

Contract Effective date

This contract shall become effective January 1, 2024 and shall remain in effect for the term of the contract with the SAVIN Vendor(s) or superseded by a subsequent agreement. (See modifications section.)

Renewal Information:

It is anticipated that this contract will be renewed for 2024 and subsequent years. A new renewal contract will be issued with a change on the Maintenance Fee page each year. Other changes follow the provisions listed under Modification.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-495

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2021, Resolution R-2021-042, Rick Myers was appointed to the Lawrence County Housing Authority for a four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Myers has asked to resign, effective December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Swogger, Borough Manager of Ellwood City, 525 Lawrence County, (Ellwood City Borough), be appointed to replace Rick Myers on the Lawrence County Housing Authority with a term expiring on December 31, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that we do hereby appoint Kevin Swogger to the Lawrence County Housing Authority.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-496

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Industrial Development Authority is in need of members to be added to their board; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners wishes to make re/appointments to the Lawrence County Industrial Development Authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the following name be reappointed to the Lawrence County Industrial Development Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2027.

1. Nancy Bonk, 3769 North Point Drive, New Castle, PA 16105
(Neshannock Twp.)

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-497

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Industrial Development Authority is in need of members to be added to their board; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners wishes to make re/appointments to the Lawrence County Industrial Development Authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the following name be reappointed to the Lawrence County Industrial Development Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2027.

1. Jessica Seminara-Tomczyk, 144 Linda Drive, New Castle, PA 16101 (Scott Township)

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-498

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Industrial Development Authority is in need of members to be added to their board; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners wishes to make re/appointments to the Lawrence County Industrial Development Authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the following name be reappointed to the Lawrence County Industrial Development Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2027.

1. George J. Celli, 507 Penn Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117 (Ellwood City Borough)

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-499

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Section 203 (e) allows for the governing body to appoint by resolution at least one but no more than three residents of the County as alternate members of the Lawrence County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the term of office of an alternate member shall be four years, and

WHEREAS, the alternate member shall be entitled to participate in all proceedings and discussions of the commission to the same and full extent as provided for by the by-laws of the Lawrence County Planning Commission members, including, specifically, the right to cast a vote as a voting member during the proceedings, and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development that the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners appoint Benjamin Bush as an alternate to the Lawrence County Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the following shall be appointed to the Lawrence County Planning Commissioner for the term listed:

1. Benjamin Bush, 10 Bellaire Drive, New Castle, PA 16105 (Neshannock Township) by appointed as an alternate to the Lawrence County Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2027.

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

TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Jail from Various Accounts to Various Accounts totaling \$8,922.00
- b. APO from Contingency to House Arrest Monitoring for \$2,000.00
- c. Commissioners from Travel & Training to Association Dues for \$1,822.00
- d. Commissioners from Contracted Services to Cable for \$357.60
- e. Courts from Salary of Staff to Court Legal Fees for \$15,000.
- f. Courts from Salary of Staff to Court Subscriptions for \$26,979.33

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to approve said administrative transfers. Motion carried 3-0.

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 Courthouse will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024, in observance of New Years' Day.
- B. The Swearing in Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024,

at 11:00AM in Courtroom #1.

- C. The first Commissioners' Meeting of 2024 will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 1:00PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- D. The Annual Salary Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 2:00PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dorothy Burchett said farewell to Loretta & Brian. She thanked them for everything they have done.

Ms. Spielvogel thanked Dorothy and Bob Burchett for attending the Commissioners' meetings and for being involved in the County in which they live. She thanked Debbie Wachter for attending the meetings and for her friendship. She thanked Dan for mentoring and guiding Loretta & Morgan Boyd when they first came in office in 2020. She thanked Brian for the year he was here and all the productive work that they completed together. So many projects were completed in her term and so much work and dedication has been done. COVID hit two (2) months into her term and they had to survive and do the best they could for the residents and the County. Luckily two (2) rounds of funding were allocated through the CARES ACT for County businesses. She stated she is thankful to the Boards she was on. She stated we have great municipal officials that work with the Commissioners and for the County's municipalities. She stated she feels the Board of Commissioners has governed, spent and allocated funds responsibly. Lastly, she thanked the Commissioners' Office staff, Jason Medure, Joe Venasco, Vanessa Bayless and Kristine Venasco.

Mr. Burick thanked the Burchett's for becoming regulars at the Commissioners' meetings. He also thanked the Commissioners' staff. He will miss everyone very much. He also stated that our 911 system needs to be the best it can be. The legislators have passed a partial increase to the telephone bills where the extra funds will go towards paying the Lawrence County Telecommunicators that save lives every single day. He also thanked all County Elected Officials, Department Heads and employees of the Courthouse that all work so well together. Lastly, he stated there will be the 175th Anniversary ceremony on March 20, 2024 in Courtroom #1 and is open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to adjourn the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Thursday, December 28, 2023, at 11:15 a.m.

