

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, July 18, 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, July 18, 2023, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan 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 Loretta Spielvogel, Commissioner Brian Burick, Mike Grippo, Dorothy Burchett, Robert Burchett, Tish Foster, Amy McKinney, 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

Mr. Burchett stated the County should not fund the bus services. He also stated he received his registration for his vehicle and his utility trailer, both with the \$5 additional registration fee. He also feels the Commissioners should not be spending taxpayers' dollars on the Shenango Plaza remodel.

Mrs. Burchett stated she feels the County should refuse federal dollars

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. July 13, 2023 | |
| 2. July 12, 2023 | |

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 1. July 11, 2023

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Real Estate Tax Sale Act, 71 P.S. 5860.202 the County has authorized the Tax Claim Bureau to accept payment for delinquent taxes.

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

1. The Tax Claim Bureau sign a Vendor Acknowledgement form to participate as a vendor for Pennsylvania Homeowners Assistance Fund (PAHAF).
2. Tax Claim Bureau accept payment from PAHAF for delinquent taxes.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-219

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence is using a Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Keystone Communities Program;

WHEREAS, the funds are to be used for the Ellwood City Façade Program;

WHEREAS, eligible applicants can apply and receive up to \$5,000 dollars towards Façade improvement;

WHEREAS, the County has received an application from the attached qualifying business owner and the Façade Steering Committee has reviewed and approved the application for funding.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board Commissioners that the Commissioners hereby enters into an agreement with the attached business for the Ellwood City Façade Grant.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-220

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Jail has the capability to house juvenile offenders from Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Jail has the capacity and space to house juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, Washington County shall pay \$800.00 per juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house juvenile offenders; and

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

1. The Lawrence County Jail wishes to enter into the attached agreement with Washington County to house juvenile offenders; and

2. Washington County shall pay \$800.00 per juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house juvenile offenders; and
3. This agreement shall be retroactive to June 30, 2023.

RESOLUTION R-2023-221

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Jail has the capability to house juvenile offenders from Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Jail has the capacity and space to house juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, Fayette County shall pay \$800.00 per juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house juvenile offenders; and

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

1. The Lawrence County Jail wishes to enter into the attached agreement with Fayette County to house juvenile offenders; and
2. Fayette County shall pay \$800.00 per juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house juvenile offenders; and
3. This agreement shall be retroactive to June 30, 2023.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to approve Resolutions R-2023-220 and R-2023-221. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2023-222

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 Community Alternatives, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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:

**Community Alternatives, Inc.
700 S. Scotland Lane
New Castle, PA. 16101**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-223

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 Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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:

**Lawrence County Social Services, Inc.
241 W. Grant Street
New Castle, PA. 16101**

RESOLUTION

R-2023-224

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 Services) shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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-2023-225

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 Diakon Child Family & Community Ministries shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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:

Diakon Child Family & Community Ministries
1022 North Union Street
Middletown, PA. 17057
RESOLUTION R-2023-226

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 Children’s Advocacy Center of Lawrence County shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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:

Children’s Advocacy Center of Lawrence County
1211 Wilmington Avenue
New Castle, PA. 16105

RESOLUTION R-2023-227

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. (Special Grants) shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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-2023-228

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. (Foster Care) shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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-2023-229

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 The Children’s Home of Pittsburgh shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
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:

**The Children’s Home of Pittsburgh
5324 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA. 15224**

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to approve Resolutions R-2023-218 through R-2023-229. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION

R-2023-230

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 \$5,000.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2023-23.

TRANSFER (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Courts from Contingency to Arbitrators for \$2,000.00
- b. DJ Amodie from Temp. Part Time Staff to Association Dues for \$75.00

Moved by Mr. Burick, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve the Administrative Transfer(s). Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

1. **Boards (R-2023-198)**
Resolution for discussion and possible approval to appoint/reappoint Tammy Barbati, Joseph Miller, Dr. Susan Lautenbacher and Benjamin Bush to the West Central Workforce Development Board.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to remove said Resolution from the table. Motion carried 3-0.

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

2. **Commissioners (R-2022-141)**
Resolution for discussion and possible approval to designate Lawrence County Economic Development as the Industrial Development Organization of Lawrence County.

The resolution(s) will stay on the table.

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' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

- B. There will be a Prison Board meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Burick to adjourn the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 11:05 AM.