

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, October 29, 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, October 29, 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 Dan Kennedy, Commissioner Chris Sainato, Loretta Spielvogel, Mike Grippo and no one 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:

RESOLUTION

R-2024-328

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

WHEREAS, Paul Berry placed a bid of \$511.16 on property located at 3033 Gardner Lane, Parcel ID No. 32-902946; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at 3033 Gardner Lane, with a Parcel ID No. 32-902946; 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 Paul Berry in the amount of \$511.16 for Repository Property located at 3033 Gardner Lane, and having a Parcel ID No. 32-902946, Slippery Rock Township.

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

- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. October 18, 2024
 - 2. October 21, 2024
 - 3. October 22, 2024
 - 4. October 23, 2024
 - 5. October 24, 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. October 22, 2024

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications: None

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports: None
- B. Commissioner Reports DK, CS, DV

Mr. Kennedy had no comment.

Mr. Sainato reviewed the meetings he attended over the past week. He also attended the SPC meeting yesterday in Pittsburgh. It was a good meeting.

Mr. Vogler reviewed the meetings he attended over the past week. He stated the Commissioners concluded the Bridge Inspection Tour of the County's 27 bridges and all are in good shape. He thanked Taylor Engineering for attending the tour and reviewing each bridge with the Commissioners. He stated last Friday, he gave a 2 hour tour of the Courthouse to home schooled children. He thanked Judge Motto for taking some time to meet with the children. Westminster College has a celebration in honor of the

Nursing Simulation Program the Commissioners attended. Rotary had a meeting yesterday in honor of Wally King, a WWII Veteran that will turn 101 years old on Thursday, October 31, 2024. The Commissioners attended along with Jesse Putnam, our Veterans' Director. Plain Grove Presbyterian Church will hold a celebration on Sunday, November 3rd @ 11:00 AM at the Church in honor of its 225th Anniversary.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-2024-329

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Correctional Facility seeks to provide educational services to inmates to assist with their rehabilitation and successful reentry into society; and

WHEREAS, Together Forward GED LLC, owned by **Marissa Heaney**, is qualified to provide **GED Preparation and Instruction Services** for inmates, including classroom instruction, preparation work, and professional development; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant Contract between Lawrence County and Together Forward GED LLC outlines the services to be provided, including **260 hours of classroom instruction, 130 hours of preparation work, and 52 hours for professional development** annually, for a total compensation not to exceed **\$22,672.26** over a two-year period, which will be reimbursed through **PCCD Grant Number 41091**; and

WHEREAS, the dual role of Marissa Heaney as both the owner of Together Forward GED LLC and an employee of the Lawrence County Children and Youth Services has been fully disclosed, and no conflict of interest exists under county or state policies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners:

1. The **Consultant Contract** between Lawrence County and **Together Forward GED LLC**, owned by Marissa Heaney, for the provision of **GED Preparation and Instruction Services** to inmates at the Lawrence County Correctional Facility is hereby approved.
2. The **Board of Commissioners** authorizes **Lawrence County Corrections** to execute the Consultant Contract on behalf of Lawrence County, and further authorizes the County Administrator/Chief Clerk to attest the execution of this agreement.

3. The total amount of **\$22,672.26** will be reimbursed to Lawrence County through **PCCD Grant Number 41091**.
4. This resolution and the associated contract shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-330

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 Advantage Independent Living LLC 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:

**Advantage Independent Living LLC
658 Route 940
White Haven, PA. 18661**

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-331

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:

4. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider CONCERN – Professional Services for Children, Youth and Families shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
5. Costs are incurred only if the provider or service is being used by Lawrence County per the Agreement.
6. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**CONCERN – Professional Services for Children, Youth and Families
One West Main Street
Fleetwood, PA. 19522**

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-332

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 Transfer from DEA/TFO Revenue General Fund Account: 01391000.391146 by \$15,000.00; and

INCREASING DA Overtime Expense General Fund Account: 01419400.110400 by \$15,000.00; and

Reason: Transfer from DEA/TFO

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

RESOLUTION R-2024-333

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 \$3,750.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2024-29.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. DJ Russo from Materials & Supplies to Association Dues for \$75.00.
- b. Courts from Travel & Training to Telephone & Internet for \$950.00.
- c. Commissioners from Central Services-Miscellaneous Admin Expenses to Central Services-Telephone for \$1,123.71.
- d. Commissioners from Contracted Services to Travel & Training for \$3,500.00.
- e. Commissioners from Contracted Services to Association Dues for \$2,000.00.
- f. District Attorney from Staples to Materials & Supplies for \$175.30.
- g. District Attorney from Travel Expense Prisoner to Vehicle Expense

for \$4,000.00.

h. District Attorney from Toxicology to Vehicle Expense for \$16.00

i. District Attorney from Travel & Training to Vehicle Expense for \$1,186.27.

j. District Attorney from Maintenance & Repairs to Postage for \$150.00.

k. Treasurer from Contingency to Materials & Supplies for \$500.00.

l. Treasurer from Contingency to Contracted Services for \$1,500.00.

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

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

A. Resolutions on the table: None

B. 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 10:00AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

B. There will not be a Commissioners' Public Meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 as that is Election Day.

C. There will be a Retirement Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, immediately following the Commissioners' Public Meeting in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

D. There will be a Planning Commission Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 @ 12:00PM @ the Union Township Municipal Building.

- E. As of December 31, 2024, there will be (1) vacancy on the Lawrence County Industrial Development Authority. (2nd Announcement)
- F. As of December 31, 2024, there will be (2) vacancies on the Lawrence County Housing Authority. (2nd Announcement)
- G. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2024 in observance of Veterans' Day.
- H. The Board of Election will have a Special Meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024 @ 10:00AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- I. By law, the Voter Office is open today until 5pm. Today is the last day to apply for a mail in ballot. The ballot will not be tabulated until 8pm on Election Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Commissioners thanked the Voter Registration Staff for a wonderful job they have done for Election Day. They also thanked Chad Strobel and Sheriff Perry Quahliero for their help with safety during the election time and on Election Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 10:35 am.