

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

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, April 26, 2022, was called to order by **Commissioner Morgan Boyd**, at 10:00 am at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless called the roll. Those in attendance were, **Commissioner Daniel Vogler, Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel, Becky Shaffer, Mike Grippo, Bill Blose, Debbie Wachter, NCN (left early).** ~~Commissioner Morgan Boyd is not in attendance today.~~ 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. Receipt of Bids/Proposals: None
- C. Warrant Registers:
  - 1. April 22, 2022
  - 2. April 21, 2022

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to file said warrant registers. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve April 19, 2022 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1. Young Galvanizing, Inc. Renewal of Air Permit for a ventilation system used to remove zinc chloride and ammonium chloride fumes at facility in Pulaski Twp.

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

**REPORTS**

**Staff Reports**

None

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Boyd stated he attended an SPC meeting yesterday and gave an update on broadband in the County. He also thanked Commissioner Spielvogel for the teamwork on the Airport Authority improvement grants that the County applied for. He further thanked Senator Casey's staff for reaching out to the Commissioners. He stated that are numerous Penndot grants that the County needs to be aware of that we can apply for.

Mr. Vogler stated a representative from DQE will be reaching out to the Commissioners regarding broadband. He further stated that former Sheriff, Robert Clark passed away and he will be greatly missed. He was Sheriff from 1990-2006.

Ms. Spielvogel echoed the fact that we need to reach out and apply for grants and she is hopeful and humbled to be a part of all the projects and potential projects the County is working on.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION R-2022-86**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners desire to enter into a professional contract with Northwest Media, Inc., with its principal place of business at 326 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is for Foster Parent College Online Training Course for March 1, 2022 through March 1, 2023 contract year providing access to 75-80 individuals, through our Lawrence County Foster Care Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the fixed annual cost for usage is \$3,000.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enter into a professional contract with Northwest Media, Inc.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2022-87**

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County solicited bids for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Beech Way Street Improvement Project in Ellwood City under the FY 2020 CDBG program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development reviewed the bids and reported that Youngblood Paving, Inc., 2516 State Route 18, Wampum, PA, was the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$101,955.07; and

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

1. Youngblood Paving, Inc. is awarded the bid for the completion of the 8<sup>th</sup> Street/Beech Way Street Improvement Project under the FY2020 CDBG program;
2. A total of \$101,955.07 in CDBG dollars will be allocated to completing this project;
3. The Chairman is authorized to execute all documents related to this contract.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2022-88**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners desire to enter into a professional quote/contract with Green Acres Contracting, with its principal place of business at Pennsylvania Avenue, PO Box 563, Scottdale, PA 15683; and

**WHEREAS**, this quote/contract is to supply and install approximately 15' of approach railing on each of the four (4) corners of the bridge located at Quaker Falls; and

**WHEREAS**, the approach rail will consist of pressure treated vertical wood posts and two (2) 4" x 4" horizontal galvanized tubular rails that will match the rails on the new bridge. The rail will be 31" high measured from the existing ground, which meets the required height for bridge approach rail; and

**WHEREAS**, the quote/contract has been reviewed by our County Solicitor and County Engineer, Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc., and;

**WHEREAS**, the price quote amount is \$17,464.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enter into a professional quote/contract with Green Acres Contracting.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2022-89**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners desire to enter into a professional contract with BCN with its corporate address at 1200 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Suite 310, Morristown, NJ 07960; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is to replace the analog phone line for the security system, credit/debit machine and outgoing fax line that was cancelled in error with Windstream in December 2021 at District Justice Nicholson's Office, (District 53-3-02) located at 4834 State Route 18, New Castle, PA 16102; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract term is for 36 months beginning March 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2025. The total amount due is \$450.50 including the \$65 initial fee and 10 months of service, followed by \$38.55 per month for the remainder of the contract, totaling \$462.00 per year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enter into a professional contract with BCN.

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

**TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)**

1. Assessor from Contingency to Association Dues for \$25.00
2. Public Defender from Contingency to Materials & Supplies for \$1,348.00

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Ms. Spielvogel to approve said Administrative Transfers. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE**

None

**ORDINANCES**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for **10:00 am**, on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022** in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 12:00 Noon at the Taylor Township Municipal Building.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

RESOLUTION

R-2022-90

**WHEREAS**, this Settlement and Release Agreement is made and entered into between Brian Covert and Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, Lawrence County Corrections, Lawrence County Prison Board and Loretta Spielvogel, Dan Vogler, Morgan Boyd, Dominick Motto, Joshua Lamancusa, David Prestopine and Perry Quahliero, both individual and in their capacity as Lawrence County Prison Board Members; and

**WHEREAS**, Covert began employment with County on February 24, 2003 and currently holds the position of Warden; and

**WHEREAS**, County intends to separate Covert's employment; and

**WHEREAS**, neither Covert nor County admit any wrongdoing or liability by virtue of entering into this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to resolve any and all matters in dispute between them and accordingly have agreed to the attached Settlement and Release Agreement; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, in consideration of the mutual agreements contained herein, the benefits to be derived by the parties therefrom, and other good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereby agree to the attached Settlement and Release Agreement.

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

VOTE: YEAS 3 NAYS 0

CERTIFIED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

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Joseph Venasco, County Administrator

RESOLUTION

R-2022-91

**WHEREAS**, this Settlement and Release Agreement is made and entered into between Jason D. Hilton and Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, Lawrence County Corrections, Lawrence County Prison Board and Loretta Spielvogel, Dan Vogler, Morgan Boyd, Dominick Motto, Joshua Lamancusa, David Prestopine and Perry Quahliero, both individual and in their capacity as Lawrence County Prison Board Members; and

**WHEREAS**, Hilton began employment with County on November 12, 1999 and currently holds the position of Deputy Warden; and

**WHEREAS**, County intends to separate Hilton's employment; and

**WHEREAS**, neither Hilton nor County admit any wrongdoing or liability by virtue of entering into this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to resolve any and all matters in dispute between them and accordingly have agreed to the attached Settlement and Release Agreement; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, in consideration of the mutual agreements contained herein, the benefits to be derived by the parties therefrom, and other good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereby agree to the attached Settlement and Release Agreement.

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

VOTE: YEAS 3 NAYS 0

CERTIFIED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

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Joseph Venasco, County Administrator

RESOLUTION

R-2022-92

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Commissioners desire to contract certain services; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has the authority and duty to provide services; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to enter into a contract with Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC to extend auditing services to the County for the years ending December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual fees for these services will be as follows:

Year	Financial and Single Audit	Conservation District Audit
2022	\$79,735	\$3,590
2023	\$81,330	\$3,665
2024	\$82,960	\$3,735

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 audit fees have remained the same as the 2021 audit fees. For December 31, 2023 and 2024, a 2% inflationary adjustment is included; and

**WHEREAS**, if additional time is necessary, discussion will be held and a new fee estimate will be provided before Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC incurs the additional costs; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that a contract extension be approved to provide audit services for Lawrence County for the years ending December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, with the Commissioners signing the attached acknowledgement sheet.

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

VOTE: YEAS 3 NAYS 0

CERTIFIED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

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Joseph Venasco, County Administrator

RESOLUTION R-2022-93

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County and Washington County each operate a County Prison for the incarceration of prisoners being held for various authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County and Washington County are desirous of obtaining temporary space as needed for housing said prisoners; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County and Washington County each operate a County Prison and each has space available to house said prisoners; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington County agrees to reimburse for services for their respective inmates under this Agreement at the rate of \$50.00 per inmate, per day plus medical expenses. This agreement is not to exceed \$50,000 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County shall submit an invoice monthly identifying the inmates housed and the rate of \$50.00 per inmate, per day plus any medical expense incurred; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that this Agreement between Lawrence and Washington Counties will be from April 21, 2022-December 31, 2022 and shall continue on a year to year basis unless otherwise terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

**APPROVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

Vote: Yeas 3 Nays 0

**CERTIFIED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

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Joseph Venasco, County Administrator

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2022-94**

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 2021, Resolution R-2021-325, John Greenwood was reappointed to the Lawrence County Industrial Development Authority for a four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Greenwood has asked to resign, effective May 3, 2022, due to relocation; and

1. John Greenwood, 3110 Wild Grape Road, New Castle, PA 16105  
(Neshannock Twp.)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that we do hereby accept the resignation of John Greenwood from the Lawrence County Industrial Development Authority.

**APPROVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

Vote: Yeas 3 Nays 0

**CERTIFIED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

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Joseph Venasco, County Administrator



RESOLUTION R-2022 - 95

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to revise contract allocation for projects eligible under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for FFY 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, in FFY 2016 received funding for Byers Avenue South New Castle Borough and the County has been implementing a County Rehab program utilizing CDBG funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Byers Avenue South New Castle Borough project came in under budget by \$9,936.14; and

**WHEREAS**, the County would like to reduce the Byers Avenue South New Castle Borough IDIS Activity 49675 budget allocation by \$9,936.14 and revise the budget allocation to \$81,063.86; and

**WHEREAS**, the County will add County Rehab with a budget allocation of \$9,936.14.

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

1. The County shall prepare and submit a FFY 2016 Revision Request #3, to the Department of Community and Economic Development; and
2. The revision request will detail the above project activities and financial requests.

APPROVED this 3rd day of May 2022

VOTE: Yeas 3 Nays 0

CERTIFIED this 3rd day of May 2022

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Joseph Venasco, County Administrator



RESOLUTION

R-2022-96

**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 the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2022 Budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** to amend the 2022 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

**INCREASING** the MH Community/Behavioral Supports 20-21 HSBG Retained Earnings Revenue Fund Account: 0733400.334102 by \$288,749.00 and;

**INCREASING** the MH Housing Supports 20-21 HSBG Retained Earnings Expense Fund Account: 07447045.418300 by \$288,749.00

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

VOTE: Yeas 3 Nays 0

CERTIFIED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

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Joseph Venasco, County Administrator