

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, August 30, 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, August 23, 2022, was called to order by **Commissioner Morgan Boyd**, at 10:02 am at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Administrative Assistant, Kristine Venasco, called the roll. Those in attendance were, **Commissioner Dan Vogler (by phone), Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel, Warden Mahlmeister, Richard Rapone, Jennifer Elliott, Carrie Hahn, and Debbie Watcher, 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

Carrie Hahn stated that the Department of State sent a letter recommending all counties to maintain voting records from the 2020 election. Commissioner Boyd stated that the County does maintain those records.

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

- A. Repository Properties: None
- B. Advertise for Bids/Proposals: None
- C. Receipt of Bids/Proposals:
 - 1. Broadband Project
 - a. Michael Baker International, Pittsburgh. Year 1: \$536,740.00, Year 2: 368,000.00, Year 3: 474,445.00, Year 4: 343,334.00, Year 5: 460,000.00.
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. August 23, 2022
 - 2. August 24, 2022
 - 3. August 26, 2022

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Boyd to file said warrant registers. Motion carried 2-0-1.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Boyd to approve said minutes. Motion carried 2-0-1.

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
 - 1. Three Rivers Aggregate, LLC-West Pittsburg No. 2 Mine-Permitting of an approximate 37.01-acre noncoal surface mine (Taylor Twp.).
 - 2. Wayne Township submit an application to DEP for a General Permit, BWEW-GP-11 for Bridge Replacement (Wayne Twp.).
 - 3. Wilmington Township submit an application to DEP for a General Permit, BWEW-GP-11 for Bridge Replacement (Wilm. Twp.).

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

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports None
- B. Commissioner Reports

Ms. Spielvogel had no comments.

Mr. Boyd had no comments.

Mr. Vogler thanked the board for allowing him to participate by phone since he attended the Commonwealth Law Election Board Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION R-2022-258

WHEREAS, the Commissioners entered into a professional quote/contract with Countryside Fence Company, with its principal place of business at 345 Ubry Lane, New Castle, PA 16101 on May 24, 2022, Resolution R-2022-102; and

WHEREAS, the original quote/contract is for \$1,286.82 for the replacement of two (2) panels damaged by a fallen tree. Installation of ultra-aluminum industrial style UAF flat top 54" x 8' panels and 3" x 3" posts located at Croton Avenue, New Castle, PA 16101; and

WHEREAS, removal of damaged panels and replacement with new set of screws in the back to secure new panels will be completed; and

WHEREAS, Countryside Fence Company has submitted a new quote with an increase in cost for materials to \$1,494.16 for the project located at Croton Avenue, New Castle, PA; and

WHEREAS, Countryside Fence Company has submitted a quote for installation of 96 LF of silver ornamental fence at Quaker Falls, Mahoning Township, PA; and

WHEREAS, the price quote is \$6,799.48 for the Quaker Falls fence installation; and

WHEREAS, both quotes for Croton Avenue and Quaker Falls have been reviewed by our County Solicitor and County Engineer, Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc., and;

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enter into an updated professional quote/contract with Countryside Fence Company for the Croton Avenue and Quaker Falls Projects as described above for a total quote/contract amount of \$8,293.64.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolution R-2022-258. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2022-259

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 Elk County are desirous of obtaining temporary space as needed for housing said prisoners; and

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

WHEREAS, Elk 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 Elk Counties will be from July 19, 2022-December 31, 2022 and shall continue on a year to year basis unless otherwise terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolution R-2022-259. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2022-260

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING DUE DATES FOR THE COLLECTION OF 2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners annually establish due dates for the collection of the County Real Estate Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer requests that the dates for payment of the Real Estate Tax be reset; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is beneficial for residents to have additional time in which to pay their tax, without penalty; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the following dates are hereby set for payment of the County Real Estate Tax bill:

1. Regular tax bills
 - a. Friday, May 5, 2023 for the end of the discount period.
 - b. Friday, July 7, 2023 for the end of the face period.
 - c. Sunday, December 31, 2023 for the end of the penalty period.
2. Spring Interim bills
 - a. Friday, June 2, 2023 for the end of the discount period.
 - b. Friday, August 4, 2023 for the end of the face period.
 - c. Sunday, December 31, 2023 for the end of the penalty period.
3. August Interim bills
 - a. Monday, October 2, 2023 for the end of the discount period.
 - b. Friday, December 1, 2023 for the end of the face period.
 - c. Sunday, December 31, 2023 for the end of the penalty period.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolution R-2022-260. Motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY OF LAWRENCE RESOLUTION R-2022-261

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners (COUNTY) has been awarded a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, to implement the program to its fullest potential the COUNTY has entered into an agreement (R-2021-038, Amended by R-2021-295 and R-2022-072) with Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (LCSS) to implement the Temporary Emergency Assistance through Meals (TEAM) in the County’s twenty-three (23) non-entitlements, Union and Shenango Townships and Ellwood City Borough; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY agrees to reimburse LCSS for all project activities completed during the contract start period identified by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) as January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, LCSS is requesting to increase the rate by two dollars and twenty cents (\$2.20) per trip to incorporate the indirect costs associated with operating TEAM retroactive to July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the agreement between the COUNTY and LCSS will be extended to May 31, 2023 as pre-approved by Lawrence County Department of Planning & Community Development and the Board of Commissioners and approved by DCED.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Commissioners that the COUNTY hereby approves LCSS request to increase the current per trip rate from twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) to twenty-four dollars and twenty cents (\$24.20).

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolution R-2022-261. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. DJ Nicholson from Contingency to Subscriptions for \$20.00.
- b. DJ Cartwright from Contingency to Materials & Supplies for \$800.00.
- c. DJ Russo from Land & Bldg. Rental to Electric for \$500.00.
- d. District Attorney from Contingency to Criminal Investigation for \$1,500.00.

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

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

1. Resolution for discussion and possible approval to designate Lawrence County Economic Development as the Industrial Development Organization of Lawrence County.

The resolution was left on the table.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next Commissioners’ Meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 6, 2022**, at 10:00 am in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room.

- B. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carrie Hahn asked who is on the canvassing board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Boyd adjourned the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 10:21 a.m.