

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, February 7, 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, February 7, 2023, 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 Dan Vogler, Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel, Bill Blose, Mike Grippio, Rebecca Shaffer, George Johnson, Debbie Wachter, 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 Properties: None
- B. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. January 31, 2023

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Warrant Register(s). Motion carried 3-0.

- C. Receipt of Bids/Proposals: None

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Thursday, January 31, 2023

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
 - 1. CSC Environmental, Health & Safety RE-Lindy Paving, Inc.-Castle Builders Supply NPDES Permit Renewal (City of New Castle)

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to file written communication(s). Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports None
- B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler welcomed George Johnson to the meeting. He is a Slippery Rock Township Supervisor.

Ms. Spielvogel commented on the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. She said our Public Safety Director, Chad Strobel has been informed of the ongoing

situation and has kept the Commissioners up to date. Thankfully Lawrence County has not had to evacuate or have a shelter in place order.

Mr. Boyd had no comment.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2023-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AWARDING A CONTRACT TO C. CRUMP, INC. FOR THE STAVICH BIKE TRAIL STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners publicly advertised for the receipt of proposals for the complete construction and repairs for the Stavich Bike Trail Storm Damage Repairs Project; and

WHEREAS, C. Crump, Inc., submitted a proposal to complete the project, such proposal being reviewed and recommended by the Lawrence County Commissioners and the Lawrence County Engineer; and

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

1. C. Crump, Inc., 2601 Elmwood Drive Ext., Hubbard, OH 44425, is authorized to complete the Stavich Bike Trail Storm Damage Repairs Project as specified in the attached Service Agreement.

2. The contracted amount is \$41,020.00.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-51

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Planning & Community Development Department was successful in acquiring grant funding from Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR) C2P2 for the next phase of the Quaker Falls Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, a design consultant, R.A.R. Engineering Group, Inc. 1135 Butler Avenue, New Castle, PA 16101 has been selected to assist with construction drawings, design specifications and bid documents; and

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

- RAR Engineering Group, Inc. shall enter into contract for professional engineering services, construction inspection and project management for the completion of the Quaker Falls Recreation Area Project, DCNR C2P2 grant;
- Award shall not exceed Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$57,000.00) to complete this project;
- 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-2023-52

WHEREAS, Section 603 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”), which became law on March 11, 2021, establishes a Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“FRF” or “Local Fiscal Recovery Fund”); and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act requires that Local Fiscal Recovery Fund money be used for expenditures on or after March 3, 2021 (1) to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; (2) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of the applicable local

government due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the local government; (3) for premium pay for essential workers; and (4) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the County is distributing Local Fiscal Recovery Fund money to eligible entities for permissible expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the County has allocated sixty thousand (\$60,000.00) to New Wilmington Borough for their commercial revitalization efforts on January 31, 2023, Resolution R-2023-47; and

WHEREAS, Resolution R-2023-47 needs modified to read New Wilmington EDCOM, Inc.; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Commissioners, that the Board of Commissioners approves a modification to Resolution R-2023-47 to read New Wilmington EDCOM, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-53

WHEREAS, Lawrence County wishes to update the Lawrence County Government Employee Handbook related to the Work from Home Policy; and

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

1. The Lawrence County Commissioners authorize the update of the Lawrence County Government Employee Handbook with the attached policy related to the Work from Home Policy.

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-54

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

WHEREAS, the contract for Foster Parent College Online Training Course for March 1, 2022, will expire on 3/2/2023. The parties want to extend and continue said Contract, though March 1, 2024 contract year providing access to 95 individuals, through our Lawrence County Foster Care Agency; and

WHEREAS, the fixed annual cost for usage is \$3,750; and

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

RESOLUTION R-2023-55

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 Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers, LLC. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
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:

**Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers, LLC
40 Lawton Lane
Milton, PA. 17847**

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolutions R-2023-54 and R-2023-55. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Human Resources from Contingency to Association Dues for \$40.50

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said administrative transfer(s). 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 held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. There will be a Lawrence County Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at the Bessemer Borough Building.
- D. There will be a Prison Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Boyd adjourned the meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, February 7, at 10:20 AM.