

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 7, 2015

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 7, 2015 was called to order by Commissioner Dan Vogler, at 12:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. Office Manager Carol MacDonald called the Roll. Those in attendance were, Commissioners, **Dan Vogler, Robert Del Signore, Sr., Steve Craig;** **Chief Clerk/County Administrator James Gagliano, Clarence Nelson, Tracy Hromyak, Cindy Scaramazza, Jonathon Miller, Matt Seamans, Donielle Russell, Dick Potter, and Eric Poole, Ellwood City Ledger.** 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 Chief Clerk at another time and he 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

Mr. Nelson asked for an update on the Casino and the First Merit Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to accept and file the minutes. Motion carried 2-0-1 with Commissioner Vogler abstaining.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

Proclamations and Certificates

None

Staff Report

None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Craig had none.

Mr. Vogler gave an update on Route 18 Wilmington Road.
Mr. Vogler gave an update on the Casino.

Mr. Del Signore answered Mr. Nelson's questions concerning the First Merit Building.

Resolutions to be taken off the table: None

R E S O L U T I O N R-2015-050

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lawrence County have approved the construction of a new Public Safety building, including the 9-1-1 Center, and accessory structures; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that, in the best interest of the County, builders risk insurance should be purchased to cover possible losses during the construction process; and

WHEREAS, the County has solicited quotes from insurance carriers, through their insurance broker, the Ron Dunn Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, the broker has reviewed the quotes and has provided a recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that an insurance policy application be executed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, or his designee, for builders risk coverage to be provided during the construction of the new Public Safety Building and accessory garage.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

R E S O L U T I O N R-2015-051

Whereas, Act 147 Radiation emergency Response Fund (RERF) administered by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency provides funds for Lawrence County Department of Public Safety to improve response capability and to serve as a support County for the Beaver Valley Nuclear Plant Facility; and

Whereas, Lawrence County is eligible for a grant allocation of \$7,392.00 in act 147 funds for fiscal year 2015-2016; and

Whereas, an application and grant agreement for funds has been prepared in the amount of \$7,392.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that authorization is given to execute on behalf of Lawrence County Department of Public Safety, all documents related to Act 147 Radiation Emergency Response Fund application and grant funding for period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$7,392.00.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2015-052

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has provided for funds available under the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of July 28, 1988; and

Whereas, the County has received grant funding to expand the county recycling program to provide education to the public; and

Whereas, education is the key component of any recycling program; and

Whereas, the county desires to have the citizens of Lawrence County fully use all the county programs available to them; and

Whereas, the Lawrence County Fair is an excellent vehicle for education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that: the Lawrence County board of Commissioners purchase space at the Lawrence County Fair for an amount not to exceed \$335.00.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2015-053

WHEREAS, Lawrence County has submitted an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for funding the West Nile Surveillance Program; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into an agreement with an independent contractor to conduct mosquito surveillance within the County to identify and eradicate the West Nile virus; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Stitch desires to provide the necessary services under the terms and conditions of said grant;

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

1. authorization is approved to enter into an agreement with Dennis Stitch to conduct mosquito surveillance in Lawrence County for the West Nile virus; and
2. the cost of the agreement shall not exceed \$22,800.00; and
3. Mr. Stitch shall be reimbursed mileage at \$.575 per documented mile.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2015-054

WHEREAS, Lawrence County has submitted an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for funding the West Nile Surveillance Program; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into an agreement with an independent contractor to conduct mosquito surveillance within the County to identify and eradicate the West Nile virus; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Stitch desires to provide the necessary services under the terms and conditions of said grant;

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

1. authorization is approved to enter into an agreement with Pamela Stitch to conduct mosquito surveillance in Lawrence County for the West Nile virus; and
2. the cost of the agreement shall not exceed \$8,550.00; and
3. Ms. Stitch shall be reimbursed mileage at \$.575 per documented mile.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

Moved by Mr. Del Signore seconded by Mr. Craig to amend the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2015-055

WHEREAS, the District Attorney of Lawrence County is requesting to establish a Special Victims Task Force for the investigation of sexual assault and child abuse cases, and

WHEREAS, it is agreed and understood that the investigation of child abuse, child sexual assault and other sex crimes in general requires highly specialized training and expertise, which is difficult for individual municipal police departments, and

WHEREAS, the municipalities involve desire to enter into an Agreement to have this task force available for all municipalities signing the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force will operate throughout Lawrence County in the municipalities that are parties to the Agreement, and

WHEREAS, said Agreement is authorized by and shall be in compliance with the Municipal Police Jurisdiction Act, 42 Pa.C.S. § 8953, and

WHEREAS, the all officers involved shall remain employees of their respective municipalities, and

WHEREAS, any overtime involving duties outside an officer's jurisdiction shall be paid upon approval by the Lawrence County District Attorney's Office, subject to the availability of funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the County of Lawrence shall enter into a MUNICIPAL SEXUAL ASSAULT/SPECIAL VICTIMS TASK FORCE AGREEMENT, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2015-056

Whereas, the Lawrence County Domestic Relations is in need of a maintenance agreement to cover the F114 Fax Machine; and

Whereas, the Lawrence County Domestic Relations currently uses the services of DSSC Solutions Company, and they are agreeable to provide maintenance to the F114 Fax Machine.

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

1. DSSC Solutions Company, 3257 West Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216 will provide a maintenance agreement for the Lawrence County Domestic Relations Department's fax machine.
2. Costs will not exceed \$411.00 for a one year time period (5/2/15 thru 5/1/16)
Approved this 7th day of April, 2015

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2015-057

Whereas, the Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition is working on a planned, multi-county-multi-state trail system. The trail network encompasses a 53-county, five-state area including MD, NY, OH, PA, WV; and

Whereas, "trails, refer to shared-use paths (also known as rail-trails, greenways, pathways). Defined as non-motorized, multiple-use transportation and recreation corridors typically allowing hiking, biking, and other non-motorized uses to form active transportation networks; and

Whereas, the network includes over 1,600 miles of mapped trails of which 53% of the system is complete including the renowned Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) Trail from Pittsburgh, PA to Cumberland, MD; and

Whereas, the emerging Pittsburgh to Ashtabula corridor is key to this regional vision; and

Whereas, many communities, agencies, and trail advocates in the region have taken a lead in planning and/or building local trails and greenways, and those efforts can be greatly enhanced by being connected to a larger regional network of shared use paths; and

Whereas, the Great Allegheny Passage trail has demonstrated that trails are significant economic generators, hosting over 800,000 riders per year and generating over \$40 million in direct annual spending by trail users; and

Whereas, property values of land parcels adjacent and near regional, shared-use paths have increase; and

Whereas, regional shared-use paths serve as a critical transportation corridor for residents, commuters, and visitors; and

Whereas, regional shared-use paths contribute to active, health lifestyles for people of all ages and abilities; and

Whereas, shared-use paths foster the conversion of degraded, unproductive land to more productive land uses; and

Whereas, share-use paths allow communities to celebrate and share their rich cultural heritage; and

Whereas, regional shared-use paths have become an important source of community and regional pride; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Lawrence County, will work collaboratively to support the vision of a shared-use trail system between communities along the Pittsburgh to Ashtabula corridor, closing the gaps, and helping create the longest connected system of multi-use trails in the United States.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2015-058

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County Code, *Supplemental Appropriations Transfer of Fund; 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

Expenditures

Salary of Overtime	01.412600.1104000	\$ 2,000.00
Materials and Supplies	01.417000.201000	\$20,000.00
Other Improvements	01.417000.703000	\$10,000.00

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

Ordinances

- A. On the Table: None
- B. Remove from Table: None
- C. For final action: None

Fiscal Reports

- A. Proposals: None
- B. Receipt of bids/proposals: None
- C. Fiscal report: None
- D. Report on Quotes: None
- E. Warrant Register:

1 March 30, 2015 through April 6, 2015

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to accept and file the warrant register. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next Commissioners' Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by **Mr. Craig** seconded by Mr. Del Signore to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.