

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, May 12, 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 May 12, 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, Donielle Russell, Don Dougherty, TJ Deiran, Rebecca Abramson, Ju-Ju DeLillo, Richard Rapone, Amy McKinney, Dave Prestopine, Richard Potter, Eric Poole, Ellwood City Ledger and 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 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**

Mr. Rapone, Treasurer, gave a report.

Second announcement of opening on Lawrence County Airport Authority.

**GENERAL PUBLIC**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. The minutes of Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

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

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

1. County of Lancaster, Craig E. Lehman, President of CCAP, dated May 7, 2015, thanking the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners for his recent meeting with the Commissioners.

Moved by Mr. Del Signore seconded by Mr. Craig to accept and file the written correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

**Proclamations and Certificates**

1. Proclamation congratulating Ms. Toni McKay on being honored as the "2015 Entrepreneur of the Year."

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

**Staff Report**

None

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Del Signore stated he attended the NAACP meet the candidates evening.

Mr. Craig had nothing.

Mr. Vogler gave an update on the Casino.

Mr. Vogler stated the three commissioners will be attending the grand opening of the Mahoning Township Municipal Building.

Resolutions to be taken off the table: None

**RESOLUTION R-2015-076**

**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

**WHEREAS**, various County departments have realized unanticipated income; and

**WHEREAS**, the adopted 2015 budget must be adjusted to account for the additional income.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS;** that the 2015 Lawrence County General Fund Budget shall be amended by increasing the following accounts:

**Revenue**

Records Improvement	01.341071.334403	\$1,000.00
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**Expenditures**

Land/Building Mat. 01.421600.404100 \$1,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION R-2015-077**

WHEREAS, County Ordinance No. 203 of 1996 titled *Increasing the Recording Fees of Deeds and Mortgages to Support and/or Enhance the County of Lawrence Local Affordable Housing Efforts* authorized the Recorder of Deeds to increase the fees charged for recording deeds and mortgages; and

WHEREAS, 85% of the additional revenue is set aside in a separate account to be used to fund affordable housing efforts in Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS, the Carpenter's Group is a non-denominational intergenerational program in Ellwood City that assists homeowners with repairs that they are unable to complete themselves with no charge to the homeowners and no requirements for homeowners to provide financial information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Carpenter's Project will be given \$15,000.00 from the Affordable Housing fund to be used to repair housing in the Ellwood City area.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2015-078**

Whereas, Central Court is need of retaining bottle water; and

Whereas, Culligan Water of Lawrence County has agreed to rent bottled water cooling equip.

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

1. Culligan Water of Lawrence County, 200 Portersville, Road, Ellwood City, Pa 16117 will provide Bottled water cooling equipment to Lawrence County Central Court.
2. Said agreement is for a twelve month period for an amount not to exceed \$8.00 every 28 days.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2015-079**

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County solicited bids for the Wampum Road Improvement Project in North Beaver Township under the FY 2013 CDBG program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development reviewed the bids and report hat Sonntag Excavating Incorporated, 117 Leesburg Road, Volant, PA 16156, was the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$129,863.60; and

WHEREAS, the North Beaver Township Supervisors recommended that the lowest responsible bidder be awarded the Wampum Road Improvement project during their May 11, 2015 public meeting.

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

1. Sonntag Excavating Incorporated of 117 Leesburg Road, Volant, PA 16156, is awarded the bid for the completion of the Wampum Road Improvement Project under the FY 2013 CDBG program.
2. The FY 2013 CDBG grant shall not exceed \$129,863.60 and is active through December 2016.
3. The Chairman is authorized to execute all documents related to this contract.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2015-080**

Whereas, Lawrence County and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare have entered into an agreement entitled "HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement" effective January 1, 1999, wherein Lawrence County, by and through MDHS Program is to provide certain behavioral health services to the residents of Lawrence County; and

Whereas, certain HealthChoices funding has become available for the provisions of supplemental behavioral health services and for the start-up of other behavioral health services; and

Whereas, Lawrence County is responsible for the provision of said supplemental and start-up services provided pursuant to the Lawrence County HealthChoices Reinvestment Plan submitted to and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare; and

Whereas, HealthChoices desires to provide the services set forth in the attached Work Statement, herein referred to as Appendix I to this Agreement, and agrees to do so in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute the attached Agreement to the HealthChoices Agreement with the Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. for the period of April 27, 2015 through December 31, 2016.

2. The agreement cost shall not exceed Two hundred fifty thousand two hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$250,285.00)

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

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Misc. Refunds	01.341042.341300	\$ 11,000.00

**Expenditures**

Property Demo (Neshannock Creek Bike Trail)	03.431300.450400.29491	\$ 100,000.00
Design	03.431300.450400.29491	\$ 350,000.00
Other improvements	01.147000.703000	\$ 11,000.00

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

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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:
  - 1. Lawrence County Greenways Plan-8 bids received-tabled for review
  - 2. McQuisiton Boat Launch-3 bids received-tabled for review
- C. Fiscal report: None

D. Report on Quotes: None

E. Warrant Register:

1 May 7, 2015 through May 8, 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, May 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Washington Township Municipal Building.
- B. There will be no Commissioners' public meeting on May 19, 2015 due to it being election day.
- C. There will be a Prison Board Meeting held on Wednesday May 20, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. in the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- D. There will be a Retirement Board Meeting directly following today's public meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by **Mr. Craig** seconded by Mr. Del Signore to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.