

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday April 12, 2016

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 12, 2016 was called to order by Commissioner Dan Vogler, at 10:00 am 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, , Ken Langford, Phillip Douglass, and Debbie Morris, 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

None

GENERAL PUBLIC

Mr. Langford gave an update on the merger between South New Castle Boro and Shenango Township Fire Departments.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of Tuesday, April 5, 2016

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

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

1. Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners, dated April 7, 2016, giving notification of the Plans being available for review for the South Main Street Bridge over Bessemer Haul Road (JV 479) on April 25 through May 25, 2016 in the Bessemer Borough Building, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4 pm.

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

Proclamations and Certificates

None

Staff Report

None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Craig had none

Mr. Vogler had none.

Mr. Del Signore gave an update on the First Merit Building.

Resolutions to be taken off the table: None

RESOLUTION R-2016-082

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lawrence County are desirous of providing dental insurance coverage for its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of 200 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10166, provides an insurance program for dental health that meets the Board's health care goals.

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

1. authorization to execute an agreement with MetLife for the provision of an employer-sponsored dental program as specified in the attached document;
2. the term of agreement term is from May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2018 .

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

RESOLUTION R-2016-083

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, the County, as the administrator for the PA DCED Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, develops the necessary budget(s) to carry-out the activities; and

Whereas, the County has also been authorized to administer the CDBG program for those entitlement municipalities with a population of less than 10,000, and as such, has received additional revenue to administer the CDBG program in Ellwood City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; that the 2016 Lawrence County General Fund Budget shall be amended by increasing the following accounts:

Revenue

Increasing the Following **CDBG Fund Revenue** account:

CDBG Fund Revenue	56.331000.331000.14228	\$107,968.00
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Expenditures

Increasing the following **CDBG Fund Expenditure** accounts:

Ellwood City Adm.	56.418000.999900.47429	\$ 5,398.00
Pittsburgh Circle	56.418000.999900.47251	\$84,070.00
Public Facilities	56.418000.999900.47254	\$18,500.00

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-2016-084

Whereas, Lawrence County and Laborers Local Union Number 964 are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement. A dispute has arisen pursuant to the CBA and the parties wish to settle the matter by Agreement as follows:

Whereas, on or about June 18, 2015, an employee and union member, Sarah McCowin, was moved by her department head to the position of Probation Officer II; and

Whereas, the position to which Ms. McCowin was moved had not been created by the salary board as of that date; and

Whereas, the position was not created by the salary board until January 2016; and

Whereas, Ms. McCowin requested payment for the new position retroactive to June 18, 2015; and

Whereas, a grievance has been filed by the laborers International Union of North America Laborers Local Union Number 964 on behalf of Sarah McCowin; and

Whereas, the Union has requested arbitration in this case; and

Whereas, the cost of arbitration for each party will be in excess of the total amount requested by Ms. McGowan; and

Whereas, it is in the best financial interest of the parties to resolve this matter by agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, The parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The County shall pay Sara McCowin the gross amount of \$626.80.
2. The County shall add that gross amount to Ms. McCowin's first regular pay in May 2016.
3. This adjustment for one pay period shall not be calculated as an increase in Ms. McCowin's 2016 wages for purposes of collective bargaining negotiations.
4. The gross amount is subject to all appropriate deduction as regular wages.
5. The Union will withdraw the grievance and request for arbitration.

This agreement is made as a compromise of a disputed claim and is not an admission on the part of the County of any liability to pay the claimed amount. The resolution is fact-specific and is not to be interpreted as a precedent or past practice.

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 31, 2016 through April 7, 2016.

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 19, 2016 at 12:00 noon at the plain Grove Township Building located at 1029 Plain Grove Road.

B. There will not be a Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 because of the Primary Election.

C. The Lawrence County Prison Board will meet on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 12:00 noon in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Douglass had a question pertaining to tax claim.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by **Mr. Craig** seconded by Mr. Del Signore to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 11:55 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.