

AGENDA
LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 23, 2021

I. OPENING EXERCISES

- A. Call To Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence
- C. Roll Call
- D. Explanation of Procedures to Audience

II. ROW OFFICER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. FISCAL AND CONTRACTUAL

- A. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- B. Receipt of bids/proposals: None
- C. Fiscal Reports: None
- D. Report on Quotes: None
- E. Warrant Register:
 - 1. February 1, 2021
 - 2. February 4, 2021
 - 3. February 8, 2021
 - 4. February 12, 2021
 - 5. February 17, 2021
 - 6. February 19, 2021

V. MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - 1. Tuesday, February 2, 2021
 - 2. Tuesday, February 9, 2021
- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
 - 1. Application to the DEP to obtain a General Permit, BWEW-GP-11 Squaw Run Road (T-472) Bridge Replacement Project (Wayne Twp.)

2. Kasgro Rail Corp Act 14 Notification, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for the facility at 121 Rundle Rd, (Taylor Twp.)
3. FirstEnergy notification of planned transmission line work for vegetation management for transmission line right of way property at 1451 County Line Road.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES None

VII. REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports None
- B. Commissioner Reports and Comments **DML**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Resolutions:

1. **Planning**
Resolution for discussion and possible approval to enter into an agreement for HOME grant funds in the amount of \$500,000.
2. **MH/DS**
Resolution for discussion and possible approval to enter into an agreement with Lawrence County Social Services I.M.4.Q.
3. **Public Safety**
Resolution for discussion and possible approval to adopt the Lawrence County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan.
4. **Boards**
Resolution for discussion and possible approval to reappoint/appoint Rick Myers (Wayne Twp.) to the Lawrence County Housing Authority Board.
5. **Commissioners**
Resolution for discussion and possible approval to update the Lawrence County Government Employee Handbook related to the COVID-19 Policy.
6. **Budget Amendment (Commissioners)**
Resolution for discussion and possible approval for Budget Amendment for \$40,000.00.

7. **Budget Amendment (Commissioners)**
Resolution for discussion and possible approval for Budget Amendment for various amounts.
8. **Budget Amendment (Commissioners)**
Resolution for discussion and possible approval for Budget Amendment for \$1,505.00.
9. **Budget Amendment (DA)**
Resolution for discussion and possible approval for Budget Amendment for \$16,112.00.
10. **Transfers (Administrative)**
 - a. Public Safety from Contingency to Minor Equipment for \$590.00.
 - b. Central Services from Misc. Admin to Central Services Telephone for \$10,000.00.
 - c. District Attorney from Contingency to Part Time for \$620.00.
 - d. Central Court from Contingency to Overtime for \$300.00.
 - e. Commissioners from Maintenance & Repair to Equipment Lease for \$982.00.

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| B. | Resolutions on the table: | None |
| C. | Resolutions to be taken off the table: | None |
| D. | New Resolutions: | None |
| E. | Motion to amend the agenda: | |

X. ORDINANCES

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| A. | On the Table: | None |
| B. | For introduction: | None |
| C. | For final action: | None |

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next regular Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for **10:00 am**, on

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Orig: AmKinney D Vogler
cc: M Boya h Spalivogel
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Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc.

149 Taylor Drive
New Castle, PA 16101
Phone 724-654-6141 Fax 724-654-5827
Consulting - Engineering - Surveying

Frank B. Taylor, P.E., Founder
J. Ross Taylor, President
John W. Taylor, Vice President
Mark A. Miller, P.E., Treasurer

January 29, 2021

Lawrence County Commissioners
430 Court Street
New Castle, PA 16101

RE: Squaw Run Road (T-472) Bridge Replacement Project

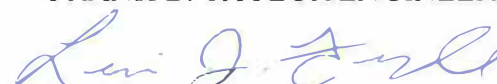
Dear Commissioners:

As the consulting engineer for Wayne Township, we wish to inform you of the Township's intent to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to obtain a General Permit, BWEW-GP-11 (Maintenance, Testing, Repair, Rehabilitation, or Maintenance of Water Obstructions and Encroachments) for the following project:

Project Name: Squaw Run Road (T-472) Bridge Replacement Project
Project Description: Bridge Replacement
Applicant Name: Wayne Township
Applicant Contact: Shari D. Baney
Project Location: Squaw Run Road (T-472)
Municipality/County: Wayne Township, Lawrence County

Section 1905-A of the Commonwealth Administrative Code, as amended by Act 14, requires that each applicant for a DEP permit must give written notice to the municipality and county in which the permitted activity is located. The written notices shall be received by the municipality and county at least 30 days before the Department may issue or deny the permit.

Sincerely,
FRANK B. TAYLOR ENGINEERING


Levi J. Feezle

Attachment: General Permit Registration



KASGRO

February 4, 2021

KASGRO RAIL CORP
121 RUNDLE RD
NEW CASTLE PA 16102

LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAWRENCE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
430 COURT STREET
NEW CASTLE PA 16101

SUBJECT: ACT 14 NOTIFICATION AS REQUIRED BY PA DEP

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to notify you that **KASGRO RAIL CORP** is applying to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the facility at **121 Rundle Rd, Taylor Township, Lawrence County, New Castle, PA**. This notice is provided in accordance with section 1905- A of the Pennsylvania administrative code as amended by Act 14 in 1984.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this notice by signing on the line below and returning this letter to the above address.

Thank you

Bob Hites
Financial Analyst
Kasgro Rail Corp

X Joseph Venasco

Title County Administrator

Date 2-23-2021

FirstEnergy / Pp, CSC-5
Attn: Ron Paden, Cedar St - Cascade 69Kv
643 Washington Blvd.
McDonald, OH 44437

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USPS CERTIFIED MAIL



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Lawrence County
430 Court St
New Castle, PA 16101



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Re: Notification of Planned Transmission Line Work

Dear Lawrence County:

You have been identified as a property owner with an Pp, A FirstEnergy company (the "Company") transmission line right-of-way crossing your property. These transmission lines provide power to thousands of electric customers and are vital reliability links with other utilities. Maintaining transmission line rights-of-way that are free of incompatible vegetation is necessary to provide safe and reliable electric service.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that vegetation management work is planned for your property in 2021. A professional tree company has been contracted to perform the vegetation management work. Your cooperation in accomplishing this important task will be greatly appreciated.

Federal and state regulations require FirstEnergy companies and other operators to properly maintain transmission lines in order to provide for the safe and reliable operation of the transmission system. This requires reliability inspections and routine vegetation maintenance. Vegetation maintenance practices involve identifying tall-growing, woody stemmed vegetation and trees located within the transmission rights-of-way and removing those that interfere or may potentially interfere with the operation of the transmission facilities. Trees adjacent to the right-of-way that are unhealthy, leaning, or significantly encroaching the corridor also could be targeted for removal.

The Company's comprehensive vegetation management program involves multiple widely used forestry procedures and techniques to safely and effectively maintain the transmission line rights-of-way.

As part of the vegetation management process, tree company work planners use special symbols. For example, red hash marks "=" identify the edge of the right-of-way; trees to be removed are marked with a red "X"; and trees to be pruned are identified with a red vertical line "I."

Healthy trees along the edge with limbs encroaching the right-of-way may be pruned back using a method known as "Ground to Sky" pruning. This work is accomplished manually by tree crews or mechanically using a helicopter equipped with an aerial saw. Branches that fall onto access roads, maintained yard areas, agricultural fields or in streams during the manual or aerial pruning operation will be cleaned up, or moved to adjacent wooded areas by ground crews shortly after the pruning is performed.

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The stumps/stubble of the cleared vegetation will be treated with an EPA-registered herbicide to minimize re-sprouting and root suckering that typically follows mechanical removal. Nearly 60 years of university and industry research has shown that herbicide use on rights-of-way can create optimum plant and wildlife habitats. Ultimately, using herbicides to target specific vegetation results in transmission line corridors that are clear of incompatible vegetation, with no effect on adjacent or nearby properties.

Herbicides also may be applied directly to the leaves or stems of smaller woody-stemmed vegetation. This control method may be applied in several ways. A ground application where personnel use either backpack sprayers, or ATV's and truck-mounted equipment can be used to apply herbicides along fence rows, tower bases, and other light density brush areas.

All applications will be performed within the Company's transmission line right-of-way and only where woody-stemmed brush exists. All herbicides used on ROW's are applied by state-certified applicators or under the supervision of a certified applicator.

As part of our inspection, compatible shrubs that do not interfere with transmission facilities are not disturbed. The ideal transmission line right-of-way includes a diverse mixture of grasses, low growing shrubs and other ground cover preferred by birds, deer and small animals to promote a thriving wildlife habitat. In this way, well-managed transmission rights-of-way provide food and cover wildlife need to survive.

Below is a general timeline for this year's vegetation maintenance activities:

- Landowner notification – (Receipt of this letter is your notification)
- Work Planners marking trees (Between January – June - approximately 2 weeks to 45 days of receiving letter)
- Tree Work – if applicable - Tree Removal, Tree Pruning, and Brush Mowing (January – December)
- Aerial Saw Pruning, if applicable – (March-November)
- Herbicide Application (June – September)

While this letter provides important information about the Company's vegetation management program, its contents and the work performed shall not in any way limit or change the rights or privileges granted by any easements attached to or conveyed to this property and recorded in the County Recorder's office.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in our ongoing efforts to provide safe and reliable electric service to our customers. If you have any questions, concerns or special conditions, please contact: **Ron Paden 330-575-8242.**

Regarding Property at:

1451 County Line Rd, CSC-5, CSC-8, 22050100, 3196100

Sincerely,

Ron Paden
Ate
Work Planner
Cedar St - Cascade 69Kv

Resolution-R-2021- 039

WHEREAS, Lawrence County is seeking HOME grant funds in the amount of \$500,000 from the Department of Community & Economic Development for the provision of affordable housing activities fundable under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12701 through 12839) and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 92 to offer "HOME Regional Assistance"; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County will be contracting with Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (LCSS) to provide affordable housing activities fundable under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C 12701 through 12839) and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 92; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County will be applying for such affordable housing activities to serve eligible individuals and families. The program will provide housing rehabilitation to owner-occupied homes throughout the identified "Region".

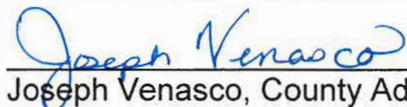
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That a housing need exists in the Region have been identified in the local and state Consolidated & Comprehensive Plans and the proposed housing activity addresses this need; and
2. The County has conducted the required citizen participation process; and
3. The County has granted Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. to make application for and administrate such funds in the amount of \$500,000.00; and
4. The County will reimburse the Commonwealth for any expenditures found by DCED to be ineligible; and
5. The County Commissioners shall be directed to execute a certificate to the adoption of this resolution, furnish a copy to the Department of Community and Economic Development; and
6. The Chairman Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute all documents pertaining to the application and administration of these funds.

Approved this 23rd day of February 2021

VOTE: 2 YEAS 0 NAYS

Certified this ^{23rd} day of ^{February} ~~January~~ 2021



Joseph Venasco, County Administrator

RESOLUTION R-2021 - 040

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services desires to contract for certain services; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 and the Department of Public Welfare fiscal regulations provide for the purchase of office equipment and services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The agreement listed in item 2 shall be approved starting January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Lawrence County Social Services I.M.4.Q- as detailed in attachment designated 2021-_____ Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Be it further resolved that payments be made from the MH/DS fund.

Approved 23rd day of February, 2021

Vote: Yeas 2 Nays 0

Certified this 23rd day of February, 2021



Chief Clerk/County Administrator

Lawrence County Social Services I.M.4.Q
241 Grant St.
New Castle, Pa. 16101

Lawrence County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan
County Adoption Resolution R-2021- 641

WHEREAS, the Municipalities of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania are most vulnerable to natural and human-made hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Lawrence County Commissioners and the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development in cooperation with other county departments, local municipal officials, and the citizens of Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Lawrence County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-made hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for the County of Lawrence that:

- The Lawrence County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the County, and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Lawrence County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

APPROVED this 23rd day of February, 2021

VOTE: Yeas 2 Nays 0

CERTIFIED this 23rd day of February, 2021



Joseph Venasco, County Administrator

Resolution

R-2021- 042

WHEREAS, there is an opening on the Lawrence County Housing Authority due to an expired term; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners wish to fill this vacancy on the Lawrence County Housing Authority; and

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

1. Rick Myers, 155 Northwestern Drive, Ellwood City, PA 16117 (Wayne Twp.) to be appointed to the Lawrence County Housing Authority with an expiration date of December 31, 2024.

APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2021

VOTE: Yeas 2 Nays 0

CERTIFIED this 23rd day of February 2021



Joseph Venasco, County Administrator

RESOLUTION

R-2021- 043

WHEREAS, Lawrence County wishes to update the Lawrence County Government Employee Handbook related to the COVID-19 policy; and

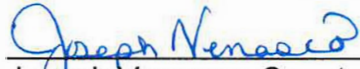
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that;

1. The Lawrence County Commissioners authorize the update of the Lawrence County Government Employee Handbook with the attached policy related to COVID-19; and

Approved this 23rd day of February 2021

VOTE: Yeas 2 Nays 0

Certified this 23rd day of February 2021



Joseph Venasco, County Administrator

RESOLUTION

R-2021- 044

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County Code, *Supplemental Appropriations Transfer of Funds; 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, it the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2021 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2021 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

DECREASING the General Fund Coroner Act 182 Revenue Account: 01341049.341139 by \$40,000.00; and

DECREASING the Central Services Miscellaneous Admin Expense Account: 01496000.999900 by \$40,000.00; and

INCREASING the ~~General Fund~~ Coroner Act 182 Revenue Account: 35341000.3411139 by \$40,000.00; and

INCREASING the ~~General Fund~~ Coroner Act 182 Expense Account: 35419300.508000 by \$40,000.00; and

APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2021

VOTE: Yeas 2 Nays 0

CERTIFIED this 23rd day of February 2021



Joseph Venasco, County Administrator

RESOLUTION

R-2021- 045

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County Code, *Supplemental Appropriations Transfer of Funds; 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, it the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2021 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2021 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

DECREASING the General Fund Commissioners' Contingency Expense Account: 01411100.509000 by \$7,500.00; and

INCREASING the General Fund Controller Part Time/Temp Staff Expense Account: 01415200.110300 by \$7,500.00; and

DECREASING the General Fund Commissioners' Contingency Expense Account: 01411100.509000 by \$450.00; and

INCREASING the General Fund Controller Overtime Expense Account: 01415200.110400 by \$450.00; and

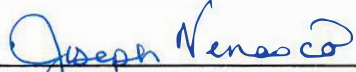
DECREASING the General Fund Commissioners' Contingency Expense Account: 01411100.509000 by \$200.00

INCREASING the General Fund Controller Postage Expense Account: 01415200.201200 by \$200.00

APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2021

VOTE: Yeas 2 Nays 0

CERTIFIED this 23rd day of February 2021



Joseph Venasco, County Administrator

RESOLUTION

R-2021- 046

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County Code, *Supplemental Appropriations Transfer of Funds; 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, it the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2021 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2021 Lawrence County Budget as follows:


DECREASING the General Fund Commissioners' Contingency Expense Account 01411100.509000 by \$1,505.00; and

INCREASING the General Fund Miscellaneous Allocation Expense Account: 0145770.999900 by \$1,505.00

APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2021

VOTE: Yeas 2 Nays 0

CERTIFIED this 23rd day of February 2021



Joseph Venasco, County Administrator

RESOLUTION

R-2021- 047

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County Code, *Supplemental Appropriations Transfer of Funds; 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, it the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2021 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2021 Lawrence County Budget as follows:


INCREASING the General Fund District Attorney Crisis Program Grant Revenue Account: 01334017.334157 by \$16,112.00; and

INCREASING the General Fund Crisis Program Materials & Supplies Expense Account: 014191417.201000 by \$16,112.00

APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2021

VOTE: Yeas 2 Nays 0

CERTIFIED this 23rd day of February 2021



Joseph Venasco, County Administrator