



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Administration Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

Call to Order

Commissioner Jim Wansacz called the meeting to order at 10:08am.

Present 3 - Corey D. O'Brien, Jim Wansacz and Patrick M. O'Malley

Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, seconded by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, that this be Dispense with the Reading and Approve as Prepared. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Corey D. O'Brien, Jim Wansacz and Patrick O'Malley

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board (Agenda Items Only)

None

Resolutions

12-0007

Approving Current Payables

Attachments: [CheckRegister 01062012](#)
[EFT Register 01062012](#)
[Pay Day Register 01032012](#)
[Pay Day Register 12132011](#)
[Pay Day Register 12202011](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Corey D. O'Brien, Jim Wansacz and Patrick O'Malley

12-0004

Authorizing the Submission of a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

Attachments: [JABG](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion

carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Corey D. O'Brien, Jim Wansacz and Patrick O'Malley

12-0005

Authorizing Community Development Block Grant Revisions

A motion was made by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Corey D. O'Brien, Jim Wansacz and Patrick O'Malley

12-0006

Amending a CDBG Program Construction Contract Resolution

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Corey D. O'Brien, Jim Wansacz and Patrick O'Malley

12-0010

Appointment to the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, seconded by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, that this Appointment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Corey D. O'Brien, Jim Wansacz and Patrick O'Malley

Motions

12-0009

Motion to Accept the Alternate #2 Bid from Urban Electrical Contractors, Inc., RR4 Box 4389, Moscow PA, 18444, for the fire alarm system.

Attachments: [Fire Alarm Admin Bid 11-17-11](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, seconded by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Corey D. O'Brien, Jim Wansacz and Patrick O'Malley

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Mike Catanzaro, Childs: Amend the County Home Rule Charter, to allow for any possible tax increases on the General Ballot. Re-open the 2012 County Budget; if you open the Budget, make across the board cuts in spending.

Ray Nearhood, Scranton: Re-open the budget; do not raise taxes by 38%.

Lorraine Cummings, Old Forge: Re-open the budget; cut out spending, no tax increase, and review and amend the Home Rule Charter; even though State law

trumps the County Home Rule Charter, County Home Rule cannot allow taxes over 25 mills, but State legislatures trump County.

Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley-We have been elected to represent the people and make the best decisions possible.

Commissioner Jim Wansacz- We are looking at the Budget everyday to see what can be cut and what can be saved. We are 11 days in and we are still in the review process.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, seconded by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, that this meeting be Adjourned at 10:30am. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Corey D. O'Brien, Jim Wansacz and Patrick O'Malley