



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Administration Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

Call to Order

Commissioner Jim Wansacz called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

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, to Dispense with the Reading and Approve the minutes 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

12-0014

Approving Current Payables

Attachments: [CheckRegister 01202012](#)
[EFT Register 01202012](#)
[PayDay Register 01172012](#)

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

12-0015

Authorizing a RACP Project and Entering into a Cooperation Agreement

Attachments: [LHVA_RACP_CoopAgree](#)

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

12-0012

Amendment to the existing lease at 130 North Washington Avenue

Attachments: [LEASEADDENDUMRUSSO12a](#)

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

12-0016

Authorizing the Tax Claim Bureau to increase the Delinquent Property Fee

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

12-0013

Appointments to the Workforce Investment Board

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

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

12-0011

Appointments to the Assessment Board of Appeals

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

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

Controller's Comments

Controller Gary DiBileo: Auditing of departments in Lackawanna County, to speed the process up and save money, I am looking into having Accounting Majors from local Universities intern in my office.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

William O'Malley, Scranton: CVS prescription plan for the county, concerns with mailing of prescription drugs.

Ray Nearhood, Scranton: Re-Open the County Budget and reduce County taxes, and eliminate the tax delinquent fee.

Lorraine Cummings, Old Forge: Re-Open the County Budget- so you are increasing the Tax Delinquent fee for people who can't afford the 38% tax increase?

Joe Graznik, Old Forge: Taxes, employment.

Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley: the deficit of the budget is the previous administrations; we need to be cost effective. Not another increase on our watch.

Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien: While taxes may not be the government's main purpose, the government's purpose is to provide services to the people that private companies cannot. We will not walk away from the kids in CYS, Aging adults for Meals on Wheels, passable roads and bridges. People want and need basic services delivered. We can shut down the government or fund the essential services as needed.

Commissioner Jim Wansacz: We were elected to move the county forward. We are looking for savings and what the impact will be on the services provided. We will continue to look at the budget. We are not re-opening the budget; we are looking at every director, and posting jobs. We will look into evening meetings as well.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, seconded by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, that this meeting be Adjourned at 11:08am. The motion carried by the following vote.

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