



# County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County  
Administration Building  
200 Adams Avenue  
Scranton, Pennsylvania  
18503

## Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

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Wednesday, February 23, 2011

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

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### Call to Order

Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

**Present** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak

### Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael J. Washo, seconded by Commissioner A.J. Munchak, to Dispense with the Reading and Approve as Prepared. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak

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

None

### Resolutions

11-0038

Approving Current Payables

**Attachments:** [Check Register 02182011](#)  
[EFT 02182011](#)  
[Payroll Feb 18 2011](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael J. Washo, seconded by Commissioner A.J. Munchak, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak

11-0034

Authorizing the District Attorney's Office to file a Grant Application

**Attachments:** [VOCA Grant](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael J. Washo, seconded by Commissioner A.J. Munchak, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak

**11-0035**

Entering into an agreement with Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority, and Northeast Transfer Co., Inc.

**Attachments:** [DL Trolley Agmt 2011](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Michael J. Washo, seconded by Commissioner A.J. Munchak, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak

**11-0036**

Ratifying an Addendum to a Professional Services Agreement

**Attachments:** [Calvey Addendum](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Michael J. Washo, seconded by Commissioner A.J. Munchak, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak

**11-0043**

Awarding the Workers' Compensation Claims Professional Services Agreement

**Attachments:** [WorkersCompClaimsAdminProfessionalServicesAgreementMarch012011](#)

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

**Aye:** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak

**11-0042**

Ratifying the actions of the Lackawanna County and Susquehanna County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Advisory Board

**Attachments:** [signed MHMR Board minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Michael J. Washo, seconded by Commissioner A.J. Munchak, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak

**11-0046**

Ratifying an Interest Arbitration Award

**Attachments:** [Sheriffs Interest Arbitration Award](#)

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

**Aye:** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak

**Motions****11-0037**

Motion to accept the Maintenance Quote from ESRI for software maintenance for the Planning Commission.

**Attachments:**     [Maintenance Quote esri 2011](#)

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

**Aye:** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak

**11-0039**

Motion to allow the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for the following Bridge Projects:

1. Scott Road, South Abington Township
2. Little League Road, Madison Township
3. Benton Road, Dalton
4. Ball Road, Scott Township
5. Golf Club Road, Jefferson Township

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

**Aye:** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak

**11-0040**

Motion to allow the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for a single road paving project, for the Roads and Bridges Building lot.

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

**Aye:** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak

**Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board**

**Ray Nearhood, Scranton- Wi-Fi, no government should be involved in the private sector; is there a Contract for the Wi-Fi services- Are documents available to the public? (Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien stated that the presentations and videos are uploaded to the County's website)**

**Lorraine Cummings, Old Forge- Wi-Fi concerns, Budget and Tax dollars being used for this?**

**Teresa Kane, Olyphant- Wi-Fi, what's the purpose? Budget shortfall**

Lynne Shedlock, Communications Director- Lackawanna Heritage ally  
Authority photo competition- winner photos are on display in the  
Commissioners Conference Room until March 15th

### Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner AJ Munchak- Motion to have an evening meeting March 9 or 23  
at 6pm- (no second to the Motion)  
Motion to re-appoint Joe DeAntona to the Stadium Authority- (no second to the  
Motion)  
Motion to alert the Code of Ethics, no dating, and no campaign contributions  
from vendors- (no second to the Motion)  
Scranton Parking Meters- concerned that SPA will be cutting curbs for new  
meters

Commissioner Michael J. Washo- Thank you to all who are here-Finances are  
in consideration-the Federal/State/Local Government are all making cuts due to  
the economic times  
Evening meetings have indeed been held for the Budget the Board goes to  
three different sites in the County-it is well advertised, and no-one shows up  
"We are taxpayers", and this Wi-Fi has the potential to bring more money, and  
much more business into the area- it's a good move

Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien- It is the installation of a wireless  
infrastructure, not Wi-Fi, a wireless network; Private sector doesn't provide the  
backbone wireless that this will set out to achieve; there are things that the  
private sector doesn't build- we don't have a competing private sector interest  
with respect to what we are contemplating here-  
Under Federal Law, Act 183 Petition Filing; if we want to do anything that will  
be in competition with the private sector; and if there is any local business,  
and private sector that wants to do that business, then they can. There is no  
one in the private sector, in Lackawanna County, which can provide this  
network

The funding is in the Budget; phones, data connections and connectivity will  
be eliminated in the budget if this wireless network is installed

The record is fairly clear: we've reduced the workforce by 33%-not an easy  
decision, but the right one. Reduced expenditures by \$17 million dollars- was  
that an easy decision? No, was it the right decision? Yes. Reduced the size of  
the Budget- was that an easy decision? No, was it the right decision?

Absolutely

This wireless network instead of the landline network that we use now will  
save us approx \$70,000 a year; this project will make Government more  
efficient, will provide our Emergency responders instantaneous access to  
information, will improve communications for our hand-held radios for the  
Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Michael J. Washo-one reason we are able to do a project like  
this, are the towers we have which are worth a quarter of a million dollars at  
late worth, which enable us to do this at not a great expense, enable us to save  
money-make the County more efficient, and possible to provide a service that  
the private sector doesn't want to provide

### Adjournment

**A motion was made by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Michael J. Washo, that this meeting be Adjourned at 11:20am. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Michael J. Washo, Corey D. O'Brien and A.J. Munchak