



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Administration Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

Call to Order

Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien 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 Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, to 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)

Proclamation Presentations

[13-0131](#) Proclamation declaring June 12, 2013 as "Fred Lettieri Day" in Lackawanna County.

[13-0136](#) Presentation of a "Good Works in Lackawanna County" Certificate of Recognition to Leadership Lackawanna.

Ordinances - First Reading

[13-0132](#) **Ordinance #227**
Second Reading
Eminent Domain, LaPlume Township

Attachments: [LaPlume Bridge T-470 Ordinance](#)

Resolutions

[13-0128](#) Approving Current Payables

Attachments: [Check Register 06062013](#)
[EFT Register 06062013](#)
[PayDay Register 06072013](#)

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

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

[13-0118](#)

Approving the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for the Women's Resource Center

Attachments: [Cover Letter LC Commissioners June 2013](#)
[JAG 2013 Submitted](#)
[JAG WAIVER Lackawanna County](#)

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

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

[13-0119](#)

Approving the Victims of Juvenile Offenders Grant

Attachments: [VOJO Grant](#)

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

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

[13-0120](#)

Approving the DUI Sobriety Checkpoint Grant

Attachments: [DA DUI Checkpoint Grant](#)

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

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

[13-0121](#)

Entering into an Agricultural Conservation Easement Agreement

Attachments: [Agricultural Conservation Easement](#)

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

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

[13-0101](#)

Approving an Agreement between the Department of Human Services and Geisinger Health Plan

Attachments: [Agreement with Geisinger to provide MA Med Coverage- 5-22-13](#)

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

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

[13-0102](#)

Approving an Agreement between the Department of Human Services and the Department of Public Welfare

Attachments: [Agreement between BH-ID-EI and OCDEL 5-22-13](#)

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

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

[13-0122](#)

Approving an Administrative Entity Operating Agreement

Attachments: [BH-ID-EI AE Operating Agreement for 6-12-13 mtg](#)

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

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

[13-0123](#)

Awarding the Restoration of Trolley Car number 324

Attachments: [5.30.13 Keith Bray Agreement - FINAL](#)

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

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

[13-0125](#)

Declaring that it is Desirable for the Health, Safety and Welfare of the people of Lackawanna County for the Geisinger Authority to undertake a project

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

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

[13-0126](#)

Approving a Plan of Finance by the Geisinger Authority

Attachments: [Lackawanna County 2013 TEFRA Notice DMEAST 16795003\(2\)](#)

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

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

[13-0129](#)

Awarding the Arbitrage Services

Attachments: [ARBITRAGE SERVICES](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, 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

[13-0130](#)

Entering into a Standard Software Maintenance Agreement

Attachments: [New World Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, 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

[13-0135](#)

Entering into a Tower and Land Space Sublease Agreement

Attachments: [Tower Space SubLease Agreement 6-5-2013](#)
[Exhibit B 6-11-2013](#)
[Exhibit C 6-11-2013](#)
[Exhibit D 6-11-2013](#)
[09-0283 signed](#)

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

[13-0137](#)

Entering into an Agreement with Verizon

Attachments: [911 Verizon](#)

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

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Martina Sodine, Asst. Head of the Reference Dept, Scranton Public Library: eBooks, now available online from the Library! eBook workshops will be held at the Children's Library in June, July and August.

Mike Catanzaro, Childs: May 21st Primary turnout low; the referendum questions, tax increases, unemployment, Row Office elimination. Place tax increases as a question on the ballot, let people decide.

Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner Corey O'Brien: Extreme fiscal mismanagement from certain previous administrations has led to the current tax increase, which has been explained numerous times at public meetings, and hearings. Our tax system is not structured to support an additional 10-12 million debt service that was borrowed from 2004-2008. Over 30 million in expenditures have been cut since 2008. Row Office elimination- the savings to the taxpayer WOULD have been at least 2 million. The offices have very little relevance in modern society and should have been eliminated 20 years ago.

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley: Bocce tournament; Arts on Fire; Flag Day ceremony at the courthouse. Congratulations to Old Forge and Abington Heights baseball teams, along with Valley View girl's softball. And a Happy Fathers Day to all!

Commissioner Jim Wansacz: First ever Lackawanna County Job Fair at PNC Field-1600 job openings, with 163 vendors. Great job to Old Forge, Abington and Valley View teams. Our County Government must be more efficient- over 2 million dollars in savings annually was voted down with the Row Office Referendum; it was not a power grab, we were trying to shrink the government bureaucracy. Increased debt service, efficient budget cuts and public service. For the election in either November or May of next year, a decision will be made.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, that this meeting be Adjourned at 11:50am. The motion carried by the following vote.

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