



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Administration Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

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 Bruce A. Smallacombe

Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael J. Washo, seconded by Commissioner Bruce A. Smallacombe, 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 Bruce A. Smallacombe

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

None

Resolutions

11-0160

Approving Current Payables

Attachments: [Check Register 07252011](#)
[EFT 07252011](#)
[Payroll July 22 2011](#)

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

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

11-0155

Awarding the 2010 and 2011 Children and Youth Audits

Attachments: [Joe M. Alu and Asso.](#)

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

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

11-0156

Authorizing a Grant-in-Aid application to the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Department

Attachments: [Grant in Aid Probation and Parole](#)

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

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

11-0159

Entering into a Lease Agreement with Moscow Fire & Hose Company

Attachments: [Lease](#)

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

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

11-0161

Approving a Grant from the Lackawanna County District Attorney's Office

Attachments: [DUI Signature Page](#)
[DUI Grant](#)

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

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

11-0157

Approving the Taylor Bridge Railroad Reimbursement Agreement

Attachments: [Taylor Bridge RR Reimbursement 04R000-A](#)

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

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

11-0158

Entering into a Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement

Attachments: [SIDEWALK AGREEMENT](#)

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

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

11-0162

Appointment to the Lackawanna County Heritage Valley Authority

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

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

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Ray Nearhood, Scranton-Campaign contributions from Woelkers; read aloud Commissioner Smallacombe's press release regarding contributions, from 7/15/2011.

Bill Jones, South Abington-RFP for the Concert Promoter; questions an unrestricted Live Nation pass-does it exist?

Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner Bruce Smallacombe-Community outings, Abington car show; the ADA Anniversary celebration at the Dunmore Community Center; Hero Day at the Stadium; please show your community support and attend the National Night Out in August.

Commissioner Michael Washo-Concerts on Courthouse Square; in response to Bill Jones: I don't mean this in an insulting way, but you are a candidate for commissioner...I have a badge for the 911 center, the Airport, etc. because we are responsible for those facilities- NEVER have received a free ticket ever- it is not wrong for us to have access at the Stadium, because it is a county property. If something terrible were to happen, we need the badges to distinguish who we are in order to help. We do not attend anything free.

Commissioner Bruce Smallacombe- I was told from the beginning, that if you want tickets for the concerts, you have to pay for them. There is no special treatment.

Commissioner Michael Washo-I looked at those morgue proposals, and the person who received it, showed so much more of an understanding of what we needed, because of the business that he's been in, he showed a tremendous amount of knowledge, where it could actually become an income generating proposal by servicing counties around us, because there is no way that I can justify voting for someone who has made campaign contributions to us in the event that they secure a contract.

Commissioner Corey O'Brien- I don't make decisions based on who gave to the campaign and if we did that, this Government would come to a halt. Because someone has given to a campaign, and expect to receive special treatment is just not accurate; we have tried to do our best and put into place procedures and practices to take the Commissioners out of the process. On the badge topic, we have badges for different county properties. Even for non-profit events, you can ask Commissioner Smallacombe, we pay for our tickets. As Commissioner Washo said, we have passes for 911, the Airport,

Amphitheatre, the Stadium and other venues; those are County facilities that we have responsibility for.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael J. Washo, seconded by Commissioner Bruce A. Smallacombe, that this meeting be Adjourned at 10:55am. The motion carried by the following vote.

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