



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Administration Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01am.

Present 3 - Patrick M. O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen A. Cummings

Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, to Dispense with the Reading and Approve as Prepared. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

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

Attorney John Appleton: Bond issue, refinance, (Ordinance 242). Want to highlight concerns Comm. Notarianni has-Section 16, investment agreement, how the excess monies are going to be invested, that is signed by the Chairman and Voice-Chair; Section 21 an insurance agreement, likewise signed by those two individuals, and a disclose certificate that the guru Tom Durkin will be signing. Would like the opportunity to review those documents. If you look at the 2014 Audit, there is discussion of a 2010 derivative swap-underwater 6.5 million. It is clear that no one here had anything to do with the derivative swap, but that they now have the liability of dealing with that. Similar characteristics of the derivate swap and the insurance policy. Willing to work together to know what the risks are and to limit the amount of the liability.

Attorney Brian Koscelansky, Bond Counsel: it is a policy that protects the bond holders if the County cannot pay on the obligations; upfront the County pays a premium, to determine that policy. From a tax analysis standpoint, paying for that insurance policy results in a lower insurance rate overall to the county. Over the next few weeks, we will have all of the proper documentation for review.

Matthew Pendrak: questions about the appointments; pool of candidates?

Proclamation Presentation

[16-0039](#)

Presentation of a "Good Works in Lackawanna County" Certificate of Recognition to The American Heart Association of Northeast PA.

[16-0042](#) Small Business Spotlight: The Van Brunt Grill, Moscow

Ordinances - First Reading

[16-0041](#) **Ordinance #242**
First Reading
General Obligation Bonds, Series A and B of 2016

Attachments: [Ordinance 242.2 exhibits](#)
[ordinance lackawanna county parameters 2016ab \(2\)](#)

Introduction of First Reading

Resolutions

[16-0038](#) Approving Current Payables

Attachments: [3H504N5T](#)
[3H504N5R](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Lauren Cummings

[16-0022](#) Entering into Service Agreements with Waste Management

Attachments: [Aylesworth Park 3-12 \(2.3.2016\)](#)
[Lackawanna County Visitors Center 3-12 \(2.3.2016\)](#)
[Merli Sarnoski Park 3-12 \(2.3.2016\)](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Lauren Cummings

[16-0032](#) Entering into a Collective Bargaining Addendum Agreement

Attachments: [AGING ADDENDUM](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Lauren Cummings

[16-0033](#) Authorizing the PennDOT NBIS Bridge Inspections

Attachments: [CECO NBIS](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

[16-0034](#)

Authorizing the Fourth Street Bridge Replacement

Attachments: [GPI Fourth St Bridge Design](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

[16-0035](#)

Authorizing the Dickson City Construction Inspection

Attachments: [GPI Construction Inpection](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

[16-0043](#)

Appointment to the Lackawanna County Disability Action Committee

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

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

Motions

[16-0036](#)

Motion to award the paving of Phase 3 Paving in Dickson City to the lowest responsible bidder, American Asphalt, for \$877,883.60.

Attachments: [American Asphalt Paving Main St](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

[16-0037](#)

Motion to award the replacement of the Laurel Street Bridge in Archbald to the lowest responsible bidder, A.R. Popple, for \$384,000.00.

Attachments: [Laurel St Bid Results](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by

Commissioner Laureen Cummings, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Stanley Hale, Scranton: concerns on reassessment/taxes/heroin/poverty

Conrad Bosley, Scranton: certified real estate appraiser, was on Assessment Board/Appeals; need a county-wise reassessment-last one was 1966.

Commissioner Laureen Cummings: once we lower our taxes then we can look at reassessment.

Bob Bolus, Scranton: Holy Cross Church/assessments/ The Mall; Prison TB diversion-shut down? Gino Merli treatment? Stupid battle between the Commissioners.

Justine Yeager, Bookmobile Librarian: increased stops, over 80 a month.

Martina Sodine, Library: Albright After Hours Film Series.

Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner Laureen Cummings: thank you all for coming in today; Small Business Spotlight; Heroin education.

Attorney John Cerra: response filed, regarding the lawsuit.

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley: Flint water-lead contamination- have PA American Water come into our next meeting for explanation, testing of lead levels. Happy St. Valentine's Day and Presidents Day!; March 12th Parade Day, St. Pats.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, that this be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings