



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Administration Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

Call to Order

Commissioner Corey 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 Jim Wansacz, seconded by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, that this be 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)

Certificate Presentation

[15-0038](#)

Presentation of a "Good Works in Lackawanna County" Certificate of Recognition to th Alzheimer's Association - Greater Pennsylvania Chapter.

Proclamation Presentation

[15-0044](#)

Proclamation declaring February 18, 2015 as "Ryan Wilkes Day" in Lackawanna County.

Resolutions

[15-0042](#)

Approving Current Payables

Attachments: [3H502Z17](#)

[3H502Z18](#)

[signed Accounts Payables](#)

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

[15-0040](#)

Entering into an Amendment to an Equipment Lease Agreement

Attachments: [2015 BI Amendment](#)
[signed BI Amendment](#)

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

[15-0039](#)

Entering into a Joint Purchasing Agreement

Attachments: [2015 FLAG CONTRACT](#)
[signed Joint Purchasing Agreement Metro Flags](#)

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

[15-0041](#)

Approving Area Agency on Aging Provider Contracts

Attachments: [Aging Providers](#)
[signed AAging Providers](#)

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

Motions

[15-0036](#)

Motion to extend the existing Workers' Compensation Claims Third Party Administrator agreement until April 1, 2015 with CompServices/AmeriHealth Casualty Services, originally to expire on February 28, 2015, pending the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process completion.

Attachments: [signed Motion Workers Comp Extension](#)

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

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

[15-0037](#)

Motion to accept the quote from Powell's Sales and Service to outfit the 2016 Single Axle Plow Truck for the Department of Roads and Bridges, at a cost not to exceed \$47,871.43.

Attachments: [Powell's S&S - Dump Body & Plow System Estimate - \\$47,871.43](#)
[signed Motion Powell's Roads and Bridges Truck](#)

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

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

[15-0043](#)

Motion to accept the resignation of Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, effective March 10, 2015.

Attachments: [signed Motion CDO Resignation](#)

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

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

[15-0045](#)

Motion to appoint Jim Wansacz as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, effective March 11, 2015.

Attachments: [signed Motion JW Chairman](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, that this Motion be Passed. 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

Mike Catanzaro, Childs: Best of luck to Commissioner O'Brien in future endeavors. Budget surplus-use for property tax relief? Used for capital projects or rainy day fund?

Controller Gary DiBileo: would like to introduce my new Deputy, Germaine Helcoski.

Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley: didn't have very much of a fund balance when we came into office-safety net now. Wish Corey good luck with future endeavors. RailRiders up and running, new stadium, saved AAA Baseball for our community, 30 year sinking fund.

Commissioner Jim Wansacz: every school district has a surplus to help stop taxes from being raised-great staff, good managers, keeping cost down. 8.5 million surplus, at 1999 employment levels, with a nationally recognized SBA fee waiver program-we work with our staff and departments to save money. Economic Development office-keeping companies here, CRIZ direct benefit in communities. Parks open-quality of life thought out the County. It's enjoyable to work together and move forward- we all care about public service-sad to see

Corey go, but a great opportunity for him and his family.

President Judge Tom Munley: every time I ever needed something, you were always there-it has been a pleasure to work together these past couple years.

Commissioner Corey O'Brien: today is my last meeting as a Commissioners, and I thank God for letting me serve. Thanks to my family for their willingness to serve and the people of this community. We have built an incredible team, only accomplished things because of the team assembled-what a difference a few years has made to running the county- when I got here in 2008, the Commissioners had perks-cars/phones paid by the taxpayer, no contracts were available, no policies in place nothing online, meeting documentation was nonexistent; huge debt; and in a few short years everything is different and now a more fluid, open government. Comprehensive audits of departments, fraud prevention, posting all jobs available, adopted an ethics policy. 2012 Election, have built up the job base in the community, invested millions back into the community, improve technology, new bridges, veterans affairs improvements, unemployment rate down-working together, boundless playgrounds, reduced county workforce by 37%,. Making an impact on peoples lives- thanks to you my team, elected officials, and my family.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, that this be Adjourned at 11:15am. The motion carried by the following vote.

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