



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Administration Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

Call to Order

Commissioner Jim Wansacz called the meeting to order at 10am.

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley called for a moment of silence for Sam Rosen, a Holocaust survivor, 92 years old.

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 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)

Certificate of Recognition

[14-0045](#)

Presentation of a "Good Works in Lackawanna County" Certificate of Recognition to Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania.

Resolutions

[14-0040](#)

Approving Current Payables

Attachments: [EFTs](#)

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

[14-0039](#)

Entering in an Agreement for the Workers' Compensation Claims Third Party Administrator

Attachments: [WorkersCompClaimsAdminProfSrvcsAgreementMarch012014](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, 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

[14-0041](#)

Awarding the 911 CPE Upgrade

Attachments: [Intrado Sys.Lackawanna Co.Agmt SSE.2014.03.07 pkg](#)
[RFB 027-14-2 Review Results](#)

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

[14-0042](#)

Entering into an Amended Agreement

Attachments: [Lackawanna contract extension2014 \(1\)](#)
[ExtensionAgr](#)

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

[14-0044](#)

Entering into a Joint Purchasing Agreement

Attachments: [Metro American Flags](#)

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

[14-0043](#)

Establishment of an Improvements Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, 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

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Martina Sodine, Scranton Public Library, Head of the Reference Department: Wednesday April 2nd, PA One Book for Children, "Stripes of All Types" will be read by the author at the Book Nook at the Steamtown Mall, and all children who register will receive a book.

Attorney Neppa: Tax Abatement request, for Peach Hill Development in Carbondale. The City and School District have passed resolutions approving the abatement. Just waiting on the final word from the County. A letter was sent to the Director of Tax Claim, as these properties are on the Judicial Sale

list. Three tax parcels, request a reduction in Assessment. Abatement of taxes from 2013 and back. A new building would be erected, 22 apartment units, targeting veterans.

Commissioner Corey O'Brien: that must be addressed by the Board of Appeals/Assessment Board. The outstanding expenses owed to the County must be paid.

Commissioner Jim Wansacz: Big economic impact, how many would be employed?

Controller Gary DiBileo: How much of taxes to be abated?

Commissioner Corey O'Brien: reviewing the letter, it states \$167,917.09, plus penalty and interest. Three parcels-the School District and the Municipality have already approved the abatement. Tax generating property moving forward.

Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley: Sam Rosen, a Holocaust survivor, 92 years old, entire family dies during WWII and in 1953 he moved to Scranton after escaping Europe. Happy St. Patty's day-safe parade day.

Commissioner Corey O'Brien: Happy St. Patrick's Day; congratulations to the Dunmore lady bucks who represent their communities so well.

Commissioner Jim Wansacz: St. Pats Day Parade; Library Arts and Crafts going on that day, also events at the Cultural Center. Girl Scouts- thanks for coming today- potential leaders in our community. Baseball opening day- April 10th. Rob Crain promised a 60 degree weather day and you can win a free tickets if its not.

[14-0047](#)

Motion to ratify the approval of the City of Carbondale, and the Carbondale School District, in its Abatement of Taxes, (for the following three parcels: Lincoln Street and Roosevelt Alley, Carbondale, PIN: 0456901001403; 57 N. Main Street, Carbondale, PIN:04577020002; and 51-53-55 N. Main Street, Carbondale, PIN:04577020003) in addition to Approve the Abatement at the County level, as the local taxing authorities have taken such action; so long as all expenses associated with the properties are paid in full to Lackawanna County.

Attachments: [Peach Hill Abatement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, 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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, seconded by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, that this meeting be Adjourned at 10:50am. The motion carried by the following vote.

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