



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Administration Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

Call to Order

Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 1010am.

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 Jim Wansacz, 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 Presentation

[13-0239](#)

Presentation of a "Good Works in Lackawanna County" Certificate of Recognition to Don Broderick, Executive Director of the ARC of Northeastern Pennsylvania of Lackawanna County.

Resolutions

[13-0240](#)

Approving Current Payables

Attachments: [Payment Register](#)
[EFT](#)

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

[13-0233](#)

Authorizing CDBG Modifications

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

[13-0234](#)

Approving CDBG Revisions

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

[13-0235](#)

Awarding CDBG Construction Contracts for the Jefferson Township Municipal Building

Attachments: [Jefferson Twp Bid Tab](#)
[Jefferson Coop Res](#)
[JeffersonTwpBlddgCoopAg](#)
[Cosgroves Jefferson Boro Elev](#)
[Cosgroves Plumb Jefferson Boro Elev](#)
[Everon Jefferson Boro Elev](#)
[Pettinato Jefferson Boro Elev](#)

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

[13-0236](#)

Awarding CDBG Construction Contracts for the Mayfield Borough Building

Attachments: [Mayfield Borough Bid Tab](#)
[Mayfield Coop Res](#)
[MayfieldBoroBlddgCoopAg](#)
[Everon Mayfield Boro Elev](#)
[Ganz Mayfield Boro Elev](#)

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

[13-0238](#)

Authorizing the Submission of an Application for the Community Development Block Grant Non-entitlement Municipalities

- Attachments:** [Olyphant](#)
 [Scott](#)
 [Clark's Summit](#)
 [Jessup](#)
 [Dickson City](#)
 [Throop](#)
 [Dunmore](#)
 [Archbald](#)
 [Blakely](#)
 [Taylor](#)
 [OldForge](#)

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

13-0237

Authorizing the sale of land located in Elmhurst Township

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

13-0241

Appointment to the Lackawanna County Stadium Authority

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

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

13-0242

Appointment to the Lackawanna River Basin Sewer Authority

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

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

13-0243

Appointment to the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission

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

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

13-0244

Appointment to the Lackawanna County Assessment Board

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

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

[13-0245](#)

Appointments to the Workforce Investment Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, that this Appointment be Approved. 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

Controller Gary DiBileo-Excellent appointments to the Boards and Authorities but there is a lack of information readily available on the county website-no Board members names, the lengths of terms, contact information, minutes from the meetings.

Commissioner Jim Wansacz- This is something that we are currently working on, with our I.T. Department, who is compiling the information together.

Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley-Congratulations to Bill King from the Steamtown Marathon Committee, and congratulations to all of those who ran the marathon-great day for Lackawanna County and St. Josephs Center.

Commissioner Jim Wansacz- Thanks to the municipalities who hosted all our Budget Hearings. Lackawanna ARC, Halloween Dance October 31st, and a Fall Dance at the University of Scranton on November 14th. Marathon-great day, and boost to the area. The McDade Park playhouse is now open.

Commissioner Corey O'Brien- Government Study Commission; checks and balances. The current form of government, which has existed for over 135 years, has brought baseball to the area, parks and recreation for those in the community, Montage Ski resort, coal mine tour, etc. The darkest days of the County are behind us. Checks and Balances in the financial system, we have Revenue and Finance, then the Controller's office, then the Treasurer's office. Proposed part-time county council members wouldn't even know where to look, the proper channels to go through, to get information. Government takeover has nothing to do with County Governance. People in the county want family sustaining jobs, safe neighborhood for their children, and a great education; trying to recover from the Great Recession and the employment gap. The Government Study Commission will create more jobs-political jobs-and they will double the amount of elected officials in Lackawanna County. What if the appointed County Executive was corrupt? The people held public individuals accountable, and they faced the justice system. The proposed new form would reduce the checks and balances: access to information and working full time are a check/balance on the system, the

Controller and the Treasurer, District Attorney, Court System, and State Auditors. Board meetings are televised and online, budget hearings are conducted over a few nights all over the County. Full access to County records online-RFQ/RFP/Bids are the process for professional services and purchasing products, also the Right to Know law which was instituted back in 2009. The public themselves are a check/balance-Cordaro and Munchak weren't reelected which is the biggest check/balance of them all. It will cost \$300,000.00 to change the form of Government to the proposed by the Commission.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Jim Wansacz, that this meeting be Adjourned at 11:05am. The motion carried by the following vote.

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