



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Administration Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

Call to Order

Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

Moment of silence requested for the passing of Representative John Wansacz.

Present 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick M. O'Malley

Absent 1 - Jim Wansacz

Reading and Approval of Minutes

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

Aye: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

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

Proclamation Presentations

[14-0216](#)

Proclamation declaring November 2014 as "National Hospice & Palliative Care Month" in Lackawanna County.

Presented

[14-0217](#)

Presentation of a "Good Works in Lackawanna County" Certificate of Recognition to the volunteers involved in building an accessible walkway at Corporal Dickson's home.

Presented

Ordinances - First Reading

[14-0208](#)

Ordinance #237

First Reading

General Obligation Note

Attachments: [note_lackawanna_county_fed_taxable_note_2015](#)

[notice_preenactment_lackawanna_county_2015](#)

Introduction of First Reading**Ordinances - Second Reading**[14-0207](#)**Ordinance #236****Second Reading**

Annual Budget for the County of Lackawanna for the year 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, that this Ordinance be Adopted on Second Reading. The motion carried by the following vote.

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley: Thank you to all the department heads for keeping to their budget, and especially CFO Tom Durkin and Director of Finance Steve Barcoski for next year's budget- no tax increase, no layoffs, and a surplus.

Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien: (abbreviated) In response to certain allegations that it's difficult to obtain county records, we have placed everything on-line, since 2008- in 2008 when I arrived, there wasn't a county contract available online-ever. The Controller's office didn't have any, we didn't have any hear-we had to contact the vendors and have them furnish a current contract, otherwise they weren't getting paid. Also, there was no such thing as RFQ's done, in fact, it was our administration that put in the Qualification Based Selection process, to not just go out to hire, now there is a process by which people are engaged; a committee if formed to review the submissions, and if the Commissioners disagree, they have to submit it in writing to the committee-strong safeguards. All ordinances, legislation, county meetings, board meetings, baseball documents, county audits and budgets. All deeds are online, county assessments, civil and family court documents, genealogy research-our access and free access is something that most don't have. Unemployment rate-we are going to continue to invest in the job creation and job incentive programs. The mean wage in Lackawanna County has increased, from last September, by 11%. Available jobs have increased by 27.4%, since last year at this time. Unemployment rate is at a 20 year low. There are 10,225 jobs in this county that are unfilled. Right now. There are 6,300 people unemployed in the county-totally unacceptable. Please check out the PA Department of Labor and Industry's website, which is where we got all the numbers from.

Aye: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

Resolutions[14-0218](#)

Approving Current Payables

Attachments: [3H502JLU.pdf0](#)

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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: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

[14-0210](#)

Requesting an Alternative and Clean Energy Program Grant

Attachments: [Appendix 1 Exhibit 10 \(3\)](#)

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: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

[14-0213](#)

Accepting the Quote from KRONOS Incorporated

Attachments: [KRONOS MAINT AGREEMENT](#)

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: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

[14-0212](#)

Entering into a Second Amendment to a Lease Agreement

Attachments: [County](#)

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: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

[14-0219](#)

Approving Provider Contracts for the Human Services Homeless Assistance Program

Attachments: [HAP-CMcC CONTRACT 14-15](#)

[HAP-CSS CONTRACT 14-15](#)

[HAP-UNC CONTRACT 14-15](#)

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: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

[14-0220](#)

Approving Provider Agreements for the Human Services Development Fund

Attachments: [HSDf-ALLIED CONTRACT 14-15](#)
[HSDf-JEWISH FAM CONTRACT 14-15](#)
[HSDf-MOW CONTRACT 14-15](#)
[HSDf-TELESPOND CONTRACT 14-15](#)
[HSDf-VAC CONTRACT 14-15](#)

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: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

[14-0221](#)

Approving an Agreement between the Department of Human Services and United Neighborhood Centers

Attachments: [UNC- SuperNOFA Agree-14-15](#)

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: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

[14-0209](#)

Approving the ACT 137 Funds

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: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

[14-0215](#)

Appointment to the Taylor Borough Oak Street Tax Increment Financing Committee

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: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

[14-0222](#)

Entering into a Letter of Engagement

Attachments: [rkl professional services sole source](#)

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

Aye: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

[14-0214](#)

Appointments to the Lackawanna County Library Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, that this Appointment be Approved. The

motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

Motions

14-0211

Motion to award the Construction of the Hitchcock Road Bridge to the lowest responsible bidder, Sikora Brothers Paving Inc., for a price not to exceed \$391,000.00.

Attachments: [2014.10.30 Hitchcock Rd Bid Tab](#)

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: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Martina Sodine, Scranton Public Library- First Friday, December 5th, from 7-9pm, teen dance event at the Scranton Library; appropriate for grades 7th -12th, dress up as your favorite book or movie character.

Pat Williams, Clarks Summit Council: proud to live in Lackawanna County; thank you for the grant money donated for the Countryside Conservancy Trail- there are no trails in the Abington's, great improvement. The County Veterans office has the most helpful staff I have encountered. Coordinated Transportation services; complimentary of certain county employees; commissioner form of government; PNC field legislative breakfast.

Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley: Dunmore and Old Forge district champs; Santa parade this Saturday; please attend your neighborhood church dinners and firehouse raffles, participate and support your community. Have a happy and safe thanksgiving!

Commissioner Corey O'Brien: happy thanksgiving! Thanks to the community relations department keeping the community informed. Condolences to the Wansacz family. Thank you to all the volunteers who help to make thanksgiving special for every family.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Corey D. O'Brien, that this meeting be Adjourned at 11:26am. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 2 - Corey D. O'Brien and Patrick O'Malley