



# County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County  
Government Center  
at The Globe  
123 Wyoming Ave  
Scranton, Pennsylvania  
18503

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Commissioners

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Wednesday, January 4, 2023

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

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#### Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM.

**Present** 3 - Chris Chermak, Debi Domenick and Jerry Notarianni

#### Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Chris Chermak, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Notarianni, to Dispense with the Reading and Approve as Prepared. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 2 - Chris Chermak and Jerry Notarianni

**No response:** 1 - Debi Domenick

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

None.

#### Introduction to the FCC Broadband Map

#### Resolutions

##### [23-0009](#)

Approving Current Payables

**Attachments:** [3H50H18U.pdf](#)

[3H50H18S.pdf](#)

[Res 23-0009.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Debi Domenick, seconded by Commissioner Chris Chermak, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Debi Domenick and Jerry Notarianni

##### [23-0005](#)

Approving an Adult Probation Grant to PCCD

**Attachments:** [40011 Continuing County Adult probation & Parole Grants.pdf](#)

[Res 23-0005.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Chris Chermak, seconded by

Commissioner Debi Domenick, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Debi Domenick and Jerry Notarianni

[23-0006](#)

Approving an Opioid Grant to PCCD

**Attachments:** [39988\\_Improving Justice System Response to OUD 2022-12-27\\_150422.pdf](#)  
[Res 23-0006.pdf](#)

**Commissioner Domenick:** Asked how many days AA was coming into the prison and suggested NA meetings to be added as well. Commissioner said she would contact Clear Brook and refer them to Mariliz Loftus.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Debi Domenick, seconded by Commissioner Chris Chermak, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Debi Domenick and Jerry Notarianni

[23-0007](#)

Approving the District Attorney's Memorandum of Agreement

**Attachments:** [DA Scranton Housing Authority.pdf](#)  
[Res 23-0007.pdf](#)

**Commissioner Domenick:** Asked if the D.A.'s office had one specific ADA assigned and if the grant covered 100% of his salary.

**Brian Finnerty:** There is one assigned and grant covers 100% of salary.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Chris Chermak, seconded by Commissioner Debi Domenick, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Debi Domenick and Jerry Notarianni

[23-0008](#)

Entering into a Maintenance and Service Agreement

**Attachments:** [Lackawanna County 2023 PA SAVIN Contract.pdf](#)  
[Res 23-0008.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Debi Domenick, seconded by Commissioner Chris Chermak, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Debi Domenick and Jerry Notarianni

[23-0013](#)

Establishing the County Real Estate Tax Discount Period

**Attachments:** [Res 23-0013.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Chris Chermak, seconded by Commissioner Debi Domenick, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion**

carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Debi Domenick and Jerry Notarianni

[23-0010](#)

Appointments to the Lackawanna County Fair and Recreation Authority

**Attachments:** [Appt 23-0010.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Debi Domenick, seconded by Commissioner Chris Chermak, that this Appointment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Debi Domenick and Jerry Notarianni

[23-0011](#)

Appointments to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board

**Attachments:** [Appt 23-0011.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Chris Chermak, seconded by Commissioner Debi Domenick, that this Appointment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Debi Domenick and Jerry Notarianni

[23-0012](#)

Appointments to the Lackawanna County Assessment Board

**Attachments:** [Appt 23-0012.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Debi Domenick, seconded by Commissioner Chris Chermak, that this Appointment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Debi Domenick and Jerry Notarianni

### Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

**Joan Hodowanitz, Scranton:** Made a recommendation that the Scranton Times do an article about the broadband map and will speak to Mary Garm from the library about all 7 county libraries to assist in this effort.

**Lauren Cummings, Old Forge:** Asked again why county taking out the 15 million dollar TAN loan when we have a surplus. Also requested answers to the questions about why we needed to buy another building and why

reassessment isn't in the budget and the amounts that were paid towards the new building.

**Alec Walker Serrano, Scranton:** Suggested that the county apply for the Whole Home Repair Grant Program.

**Brenda Sacco, Director of Economic Development:** Stated that a resolution was passed last meeting that the county is going to apply for that grant program.

**Dave Bulzoni, CFO:** Stated that he explained the reasons behind the TAN note the last meeting. The county has looked into ARPA dollars in order to fund the reassessment and the new building project and that it's ongoing.

**Bill Browning, Director of Human Services:** Stated that the Department of Health is in the budget under the Department of Health/ Human Services page 37. The funds are from various grants including ARPA dollars and retained earning from throughout the department of human services. Once the county is certified the county will be getting money from the state to offset the expenses. Stated that we are bringing professionals in from all over the county to staff the health department.

**Commissioner Notarianni:** Stated that during COVID the state department of health didn't work in a timely fashion so we had to team up with the pharmacies to get the vaccinations done.

#### **Commissioners' Other Business**

**Commissioner Chermak:** Looking forward to a healthy a prosperous new year.

**Commissioner Notarianni:** Have a Happy New Year!

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Chris Chermak, seconded by Commissioner Debi Domenick, that this meeting be Adjourned at 10:38 AM. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Debi Domenick and Jerry Notarianni