



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Government Center
123 Wyoming Ave
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

10:00 AM

Commissioners' Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10am.

Present 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

Reading and Approval of Minutes

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

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

No comments

Proclamation Presentation

[24-0090](#)

Proclamation declaring April 7th -13th, 2024 as "National Library Week" in Lackawanna County, with a spotlight on April 8th as the "Right to Read" Day.

Presented

Resolutions

[24-0091](#)

Approving Current Payables

Attachments: [Res 24-0091.pdf](#)
[3H50JEU7.pdf](#)
[3H50JEU5.pdf](#)
[signed Accounts Payables.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0074](#)

Approving the Radiological Emergency Response Grant

Attachments: [RERF Radological Response Fund Grant FY 2024.pdf](#)
 [911Legislative Cover Sheet.docx](#)
 [Res 24-0074.pdf](#)
 [signed 911 Radiological Emergency Response Grant.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0075](#)

Entering into an Agreement with Johnson Controls

Attachments: [911Legislative Cover-Johnson.pdf](#)
 [LackawannaCounty911CenterPSARenewal2024-CPQ-561326.pdf](#)
 [Res 24-0075.pdf](#)
 [signed 911 Johnson Controls.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0076](#)

Entering into an Agreement with Siemens

Attachments: [Lackawanna County Siemens Service Agreement Proposal 2024 - Prison.pdf](#)
 [Lackawanna County Siemens Service Agreement Proposal 2024 REV 1 - Courthouse Revised.pdf](#)
 [Legislative Cover Sheet 03 27 2024 2.docx](#)
 [Siemens Memorandum.doc](#)
 [Res 24-0076.pdf](#)
 [signed Siemens HVAC.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0077](#)

Awarding the Strategic Management Planning Program

Attachments: [PFM Five-Year Financial Plan Cost Proposal.pdf](#)
[PFM Five-Year Financial Plan Technical Proposal.pdf](#)
[StMP Memorandum.doc](#)
[Strategic Management Planning Legislative Cover Sheet 03 27 2024.docx](#)
[Res 24-0077.pdf](#)
[signed PFM Group Strategic Management Planning.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0078](#)

Entering into an Agreement with Pictometry

Attachments: [Pictometry.pdf](#)
[Res 24-0078.pdf](#)
[signed Pictometry Agreement.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0079](#)

Accepting the Proposal from GeographIT

Attachments: [GeographIT.pdf](#)
[Res 24-0079.pdf](#)
[signed GeographIT GIS Agreement.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0080](#)

Approving the Agreement with Environmental Planning and Design

Attachments: [Legislative Cover Sheet April 3, 2024 Commiss Meeting.docx](#)
[NorLack Allocation Costs 4+Cdale.pdf](#)
[NorLack IGA FINAL 10_17_23.pdf](#)
[EPD NorLACK Agreement 3-13-24.pdf](#)
[Res 24-0080.pdf](#)
[signed NorLack Environmental Planning.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Matt McGloin, seconded by Commissioner Chris Chermak, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion

carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0081](#)

Establishing a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program

Attachments: [C-PACE Statement of Levy and Lien of Assessment Agreement - 2024.docx](#)
[Lackawanna C-PACE Cooperation Agreement SEF signed 20240321.pdf](#)
[Legislative Cover Sheet - C-PACE.docx](#)
[Updated-PA C_PACE Program Guidelines Final 20220916_w amendment.docx](#)
[Res 24-0081.pdf](#)
[signed C-PACE Program.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0092](#)

Entering into a Cooperation Agreement with Dickson City Borough

Attachments: [Pancoast agreement 2024-03-28 165004.pdf](#)
[Resolution 2024-03-28 165120.pdf](#)
[Stafursky Pancoast Street Contracting Documents.pdf](#)
[Res 24-0092.pdf](#)
[signed Cooperation Agreement Dickson City Stafursky.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0082](#)

Approving a Professional Service Agreement for AAA

Attachments: [AAA Work Session - March 27, 2024.doc](#)
[Legislative Cover Sheet-Aging-CAREWIDE CONTRACT .docx](#)
[AAA Carewide Contract.docx](#)
[Res 24-0082.pdf](#)
[signed AAA Carewide Agreement.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0083](#)

Approving AAA Contract Amendments

Attachments: [Legislative Cover Sheet-Aging-COLTS Amendment.docx](#)
[Legislative Cover Sheet-Aging-Telespond.docx](#)
[AAA Work Session - March 27, 2024.doc](#)
[Res 24-0083.pdf](#)
[signed AAA Amendments COLTS Telespond.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0084](#)

Granting the Scranton Tomorrow Funding Request

Attachments: [2024.03.27 Scranton Tomorrow Sponsorship.pdf](#)
[Res 24-0084.pdf](#)
[signed Scranton Tomorrow Funding Request .pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Matt McGloin, seconded by Commissioner Bill Gaughan, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0085](#)

Entering into a Co-Promotion Agreement

Attachments: [2024.03.27 Audacy Co-Partnership Agreement.pdf](#)
[Res 24-0085.pdf](#)
[signed Audacy CoPromotion Agreement Scranton Tomorrow.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0086](#)

Entering into an Agreement with Community Development Properties

Attachments: [2024.03.27 CDPS Agreement.pdf](#)
[Res 24-0086.pdf](#)
[signed Garage Agreement Community Development Properties.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0087](#)

Accepting a Traffic Plan Proposal

Attachments: [2024.03.27 United Traffic Contract.pdf](#)
 [Res 24-0087.pdf](#)
 [signed Traffic Plan Proposal Mural United Traffic Control.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0088](#)

Entering into an Agreement with Johnson College

Attachments: [Legislative Cover Sheet - Johnson College STEM Project.docx](#)
 [Johnson College Financial Agreement - Signed by JC 3-2024.pdf](#)
 [Res 24-0088.pdf](#)
 [signed WDB Johnson College.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[24-0089](#)

Ratifying an Engagement Letter

Attachments: [20240322113929225.pdf](#)
 [Res 24-0089.pdf](#)
 [signed Engagement Letter BakerTilly.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Joan Hodawanitz, Scranton: I just want to add to Sandy Longo's comments about the value of libraries in our community, I think everybody is aware of the role that libraries play in supporting literacy among children which is especially important now that we're trying to recover from the effects of the pandemic but there's another aspect I'd like to highlight- this morning and we're all aware of recent events involving gang activity in the County, particularly in Scranton. I haven't heard much in the recent weeks and it's gone on the back burner and until the next event occurs but I want you to understand that the county libraries, all seven of them and the children's Library which is a county asset, play an invaluable role in anti-gang activities and initiatives; for example Scott Thomas, CEO of the Scranton Public Library is a member of Scranton's Youth Engagement Council, specific function is deterring and detecting gang activity.
The Children's Library every Thursday night they have events and activities for teens between the ages of 12 and 18 in fact the children's libraries have has

activities for infants all the way up to the to 18 years old.

What is the status of Staffing of the Office of Youth Services- have we gotten that up to par yet?

Happy Birthday to Carbondale Public Library 150 years of service to its community.

Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner McGloin: gentlemen thank you so much again for being here with us today and thank you for your service.

So, a lot of you know the opening day at the stadium last night was postponed due to the weather, hoping to get to tonight's Rail Riders baseball game because I think it has a chance to be a very memorable event, as we'll be throwing out the first pitch.

We have the chance to attend the debut of the of the Hall at Johnson College right after we adjourn our meeting today, look forward to witnessing the unveiling of this this new construction building and no doubt it'll provide great opportunities for students and for our community.

Lastly this Friday I'm excited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony of Art House which is right on the corner of Penn Ave- I want to extend my gratitude the John Basalyga, for his dedicated efforts in enhancing our beautiful city-as we know movie theaters and movie houses hold a long-standing tradition in Scranton and I believe the opening of the Art House presents a wonderful opportunity for people to rediscover the charm of downtown entertainment; the renovated theater's stunning aesthetics with its bright and inviting lights are sure to captivate visitors- I believe that this is truly a site that can't be missed; after all this is the Electric City.

Commissioner Chermak: I want to thank our veterans as well for attending today and thank you for your service. We appreciate you being here.

I also was going to comment on baseball too however I am not going to compete with a professional quarterback and throwing in a first pitch- we'll see about. Hopefully we have a great season- it's not starting out too well but the weather's got to improve.

You can see through our Agenda today there's a lot going on-you know the library system we have one of the best Library Systems around they do a tremendous job the programs that they offer it's second to none, and then the stuff that goes on with AAA and what our new director is doing now with Economic Development-there's just so many things going on here in this County and so many programs and so many things that we're going to assist with; and try to build businesses here and just attract more people.

Commissioner Gaughan: I'm glad to report that the 2023 Audit has finally been completed; we plan on holding a public meeting with the auditor Zekencosky Axelrod and our revenue and finance department so that they can explain the audit and our financial standing in detail; this is a best practice that to my knowledge has not been done in Lackawanna County but we plan on making sure that it's a yearly occurrence. I want to thank all of the staff at the Lackawanna County Coal Mine Tour opening day was April 1st and I was up there with my cousins Margaret Holmes and Carmel Ferguson who were visiting from County Mayo Ireland- they had a wonderful experience and they were really impressed the staff was very professional and it was extremely busy which was great to see.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Matt McGloin, seconded by Commissioner Chris Chermak, that this be Adjourned at 10:59am. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin