



County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County
Administration Building
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18503

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am.

Judge Thomas Munley: Mr. Dan Lucas served 40 years in the Military, and served in WWII; once you put that uniform on, it changes you. I want to thank you for your service to the county, you are a true hero, and I am honored to be here with you today. Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley: it is an honor and a privilege for you to be here with us today- thank you for your service- Happy 102nd Birthday!

Present 3 - Patrick M. O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen A. Cummings

Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, that this be Dispense with the Reading and Approve as Prepared. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

Proclamation Presentation

[16-0226](#)

Presentation of a "Good Works" Certificate of Recognition to The Gathering Place

Presented

[16-0225](#)

Small Business Spotlight: GROW -Green Ridge Om & Wellness, Scranton

Presented

Kristen Martelli: licensed and certified massage therapist, medical, pediatric message and nutrition counselors, meditation and yoga. Opened in 2012, then we had a fire, and we moved downtown last September, and have tripled our business.

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

No comments

Departmental Overview: 911 Emergency Services

Director David Hahn: as a veteran it is truly an honor to be here for Mr. Lucas. As a department that is made up of two separate entities, Emergency Management and Emergency Services-we are each managed by a director over both, and a deputy director for each. 24/7 emergency services and 911 in the county, we dispatch all fire, police and ems in all municipalities in the county; also provide dispatch services from our mobile command vehicle. Once a year, we host an event called Heroes Day, in September, to honor our law-enforcement, fire, ems and military personnel. The event is on our grounds in Jessup, events and tours at the facility. Host a Camp Cadet program. Our 2-3 decade old radio system has been recently replaced, and we have built out tower sites for better radio service and coverage. We are the first county in the Commonwealth to have a "text to 911" system, becoming a leader in the technology. We re-wrote a COPS grant, which was going to expire for inactivity, and it was for \$500,000.

Lackawanna County Government Center Update

Chief of Staff Andy Wallace: three brief reports-one on the LCGC, Gateway Center update, and also I attended the recent CCAP Conference- a lot of the programs that we have here, are in first place in the commonwealth for what we offer; LCGC- work is progressing with all dept. heads, bi-weekly meetings continuing, Keith Williams and his group (handicapped committee) have toured the building, to make recommendations, Bill Warren has been hired, and is our special counsel for contracts with the architect and engineer, looking at hiring construction manager process, bond vs. conventional bank financing, I am in the process of pulling the financial information to gather to present to the board, EDM files will be moved by November; Gateway update- thank to the Director of Maintenance for the reconstruction of the Gateway, Controller's office is almost complete, sheetrock has been replaced, still need to paint, all the invoicing has begun, insurance department is filing the documents, air quality testing, great cooperation of all involved.

Resolutions

16-0232

Approving Current Payables

Attachments: [3H505J2T](#)

[3H505J2S](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

16-0227

Awarding CDBG for Dickson City

Attachments: [Dickson City Const. Agreement](#)

[Dickson City Coop Agreement](#)

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

Brenda Sacco: every year we receive a little over 1 million in CDBG funds- this is an agreement for Leeward and Dickson City.

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

[16-0228](#)

Awarding CDBG for Jermyn Borough

Attachments: [Jermyn Const. Agreement](#)
[Jermyn Coop Agreement](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

[16-0229](#)

Approving Area Agency on Aging Professional Service Agreements

Attachments: [AAA Contracts for 8-10-16 Agenda](#)
[AAA- Linda Crawshaw-Dietician FY 6-17](#)
[AAA-Information Age Tech Inc 6-30-16 to 6-30-17](#)
[AAA_Jones Kohanski Forensic Acct Contract FY 16-17](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

[16-0230](#)

Approving the Area Agency on Aging Plan

Attachments: [Part B Section 2-Signatures - 7-1-16](#)
[LCAAA 2016-2020 Four Year Plan Part A-FINAL 8-9-16](#)

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

Bill Browning: every 4 years, by regulation, we must submit a [plan to the State, outlining what are goals and objectives are.

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

[16-0233](#)

Approving an Agreement with Waste Management

Attachments: [Waste Management](#)

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

Kevin Mitchell: this has been a few months in the making- we investigated who

provides to our current locations, and make it all a one stop shop. We are going to increase our recycling services and still save money-\$18,910 a year in savings.

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

[16-0231](#)

Appointment to the Women's Commission

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, that this Appointment of Susan Notarianni, Scranton, to a Three (3) year term to begin immediately and expire on December 31, 2018, and be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 2 - Patrick O'Malley and Laureen Cummings

Abstain: 1 - Jerry Notarianni

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Stanley Hale, Scranton: Arts on the Square-this year it was rained out, have it another day. Thank you for continually supporting the arts.

Martina Sodine, Scranton Public Library: Chris Smither In Concert @ Lackawanna College Auditorium Tickets Oct 22 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Honing a synthesis of folk and blues for 50 years, Chris Smither is truly an American original. Reviewers and fans from around the world agree that Chris is a profound songwriter, a blistering guitarist, and, as he puts it, a 'one-man band to the bone!' See Chris Smither in concert at the Lackawanna College Auditorium on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$22. All proceeds will benefit the Scranton Public Library.

Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner Laureen Cummings: I would like to thank Commissioner O'Malley for bringing in our birthday man, Mr. Lucas, 102 years old and WWII Veteran. I had the opportunity to attend the CCAP Conference this week, and I am choosing to use my time to discuss an issue that is near and dear to my heart, which is the health care system that is coming to Pennsylvania. CCAP has basically sounded the alarm, which for those of you who don't know, this will affect everyone, not just those on Medicare or Medicaid. What does this mean to the elderly-to address the nursing homes, hospitals and personal care homes, who according to this instructor 43% will go out of business once this is implemented, and will not meet the three star rating that is going to be required under the IEP Board. I will be putting together a symposium of seminars within our county, because our Aging Office will be effected by this new billing who will try to bring people out of skilled care and bring them into the home setting. This is an extremely important issue- I hope the medical community and nursing home employees will attend, which I hope to implement next week. Thank you.

Commissioner Jerry Notarianni: no comments.

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley: Moscow street fair, great to know its back and running-a lot of great work has been happening up there-please make sure you

have the opportunity to attend; Arts on the Square vendors-thank you, it was a rainout, and its touch to beat mother nature with the downpour- it has gotten bigger every year; Mr. Lucas- our WWII veteran and his experiences, I can't even image what he had to go through- I want to thank him, and all of those veterans in the viewing audience; tomorrow-downtown movie is Zootopia, come down for a great opportunity to have a good time with your family; also, good luck to Judge Julia Munley.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Lauren Cummings, that this be Adjourned at 11:04am. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Lauren Cummings