



# 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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Monday, August 12, 2019

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

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#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04am.

**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, to 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 Presentations

[19-0193](#)

Proclamation declaring August 12, 2019 as "Carbondale Library Day" in Lackawanna County, for their 145th Anniversary.

**Presented**

[19-0194](#)

Small Business Spotlight: Cedar Bike, Scranton

**Presented**

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

No comments

#### Ordinances - Second Reading

[19-0185](#)

**Ordinance #260**

Dickson City Eminent Domain

**Attachments:** [Appendix A Ordinance \(Dickson City\)](#)

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

**Aye:** 2 - Patrick O'Malley and Jerry Notarianni

**Nay:** 1 - Laureen Cummings

### **Resolutions**

#### **19-0192**

Approving Current Payables

**Attachments:**     [3H50AM96](#)  
                                 [3H50AM95](#)

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

**Controller Gary DiBileo-** all in order and audited. One check about the AG office prison probe. Three UNC checks, from the OYFS office and not the Econ Dev office, which I know the Commissioner was concerned about.

**Commissioner Laureen Cummings-** Neighborworks? We pay for the hotel rooms for some emergency housing people, so the public knows. And we reimburse them. Neighborworks NEPA has a \$20,000 invoice. I didn't know we gave to Marleys Misson, Catholic Social Services.

**Aye:** 2 - Patrick O'Malley and Jerry Notarianni

**Abstain:** 1 - Laureen Cummings

#### **19-0186**

Awarding Arts & Culture Mini-Grants

**Attachments:**     [2019 Clarks Green Mini Grant](#)  
                                 [2019 Archbald Boro mini grant](#)  
                                 [2019 Waverly Twp. mini grant](#)

**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

#### **19-0187**

Approving Office of Youth and Family Services Provider and Professional Contracts

**Attachments:**     [OYFS CONTRACTS FY 2019-2020](#)

**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

#### **19-0188**

Entering into a First Amendment to CodeRED Agreement

**Attachments:**     [First Amendment Lackawanna Cou 7 22 2019 8 37 40 AM \(1\)](#)  
[Code Red Contract](#)

**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

[19-0189](#)

Entering into an Adult Probation Grant-in-Aid Agreement

**Attachments:**     [Adult Probation Grant in Aid 19-20](#)

**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

[19-0190](#)

Temporary Easement Conveying Land to the Commonwealth for Bridge Improvements

**Attachments:**     [PennDOT Settlement Statement NP Trail](#)

**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

[19-0191](#)

Authorizing an Amended RACP Grant Application

**Attachments:**     [signed Amended RACP](#)

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

**Aye:** 2 - Patrick O'Malley and Jerry Notarianni

**Nay:** 1 - Laureen Cummings

[19-0195](#)

Appointments to the Lackawanna County Convention and Visitors Bureau

**A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, that this Appointment of MaryAnn Savakinus, 82 Lincoln Ave., Carbondale, PA 18407, and Daniel Santaniello, 307 Relda Road, Roaring Brook TWP, PA 18444 be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.**

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

[19-0196](#)

Appointment to the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority

**A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by**

Commissioner Laureen Cummings, that this Appointment of Ella S. Rayburn, 934 North Webster Ave, Scranton PA 18510, be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

### Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Joan Hodawanitz, Scranton- City of Scranton is a downer- with the mayor, and the school district. The proclamations are great way to start the meeting- and these people do deserve recognition. RFP for the bank towers building- is this due to the lawsuit, by not giving enough time, notification of moving out? Costs of moving? Costs of legals for the prison investigation?

Controller Gary DiBileo- over \$800,000 for the prison investigation.

Billy McCarthy- Saturday August 17th, Second Chance Festival, Nay Aug Park- can hopefully raise over \$30,000, for the inmates, for housing, grant to pay for their first 2 months of housing, and participate in a program. We have had an overwhelming support from the community, and the commissioners, prison board, courts, and local law firms and banks; we have a 5k, and walk, and the food is donated by Stirna's.

Bob Bolus, Scranton- Joe Joyce, tax collector and solicitor cannot be impartial. School board meeting. Good sidewalks around the square. Still want pillows at the prison. I am running for Mayor in the City of Scranton.

### Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner Laureen Cummings- we are not the city- we have nothing to do with the city of Scranton. I got calls and texts about running for mayor. We are not in charge of them, the school district; we can give our opinions, but there is nothing more we can do, we cannot change policy, and for some reason, people think we can.

I was out at CCAP last week, opioid and women's issues- where babies are being born addicted, 3,000 in PA alone. Looking to increase our protocols before I leave office. I presented a resolution at CCAP, to allow municipalities and counties to opt out of marijuana laws, like "dry" counties. People leaving prison- drug court graduation- they are our new heroes, teach people how to get through it.

Drag queen readings-I would appreciate it being brought to our attention before it came here, I would oppose it adamantly.

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley- Scranton School District, the City, and Lackawanna County Gov- we do help them in all diff matters as a government, but are we over them and all they do? No. do they come to us for help, yes. One thing, we have started a land bank with them. But we don't have anything to do with the roads in the city. We have helped the SD with mini-grants that have gone beyond their capacity. We are here to help, but we do not control what they do.

The globe store, we are waiting for reimbursements still coming in; it will not

be near 20 million; we consolidated from 13 locations down to 5.

Small business was Comm. Cummings ideas- great idea for the community, and the veterans pledges, and the first responders, they are our first line of defense.

Vic Fangio, coach of Denver broncos, Dunmore kid.

Blood drive-September 13th at the Globe; Senior Health Fair September 20th;

ADA Day-August 16th at McDade Park; September 7th- cross country race. Have a happy and safe rest of the summer!

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, that this be Adjourned at 11:31am. The motion carried by the following vote.

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