



County of Lackawanna

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

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am.

Commissioner Notarianni- a moment of silence for our colleague Anthony Walters who passed away.

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 Debi Domenick, to Dispense with the Reading and Approve as Prepared. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

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

No comments

Ordinances - First Reading

[20-0030](#)

General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2020

Attachments: [General Obligation Bonds Series A 2020 ordinance lackawanna county parameters 2020A](#)

Introduction of First Reading

CFO Tom Durkin- save 4.5 million over the life of the debt.

Mike Vind, Financial Solutions- rates continue to drop on tax exempt market. Estimated net savings on annual basis, a little over 4.5 million over life of the issue- not extending the debt, just lower the interest rate.

Resolutions

[20-0043](#)

Approving Current Payables

Attachments: [3H50BG7I](#)
 [3H50BG7G](#)

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

20-0019

Entering into an Engagement Letter for Audit Services

Attachments: [County of Lackawanna AUD 12.31.2019BT410PS](#)

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

20-0020

Accepting the Quote from Intrado Systems

Attachments: [Lackawanna-County-PA-46716v1-Direct-Sale-Maintenance-Renewal](#)

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

20-0021

Entering into an Agreement with GovPayNet

Attachments: [Courts- GovPay](#)

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

20-0022

Approving a Plan of Financing by the Health and Welfare Authority to Undertake a Project for the Howard Gardner Charter School

Attachments: [Health and Welfare Authority Howard Gardner](#)

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

20-0023

Designation of Agent for the 2020 Lackawanna County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Attachments: [20200131085304343](#)

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

[20-0024](#)

Authorizing Community Development Block Grant Revisions

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

[20-0025](#)

Entering into a Cooperation Agreement with Glenburn Township

Attachments: [Glenburn Coop Agreement](#)
 [Pioneer Glenburn](#)

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

[20-0028](#)

Entering into a Settlement Agreement

Attachments: [Jan 2020 Settlement ADA](#)

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

[20-0029](#)

Entering into a Project Management Agreement

Attachments: [WyomingAvePMA](#)

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

[20-0026](#)

Entering into an Agreement with Pathstone Corporation

Attachments: [Resolution, Contract, and Payment Schedule for Commissioners](#)
 [Signature - Youth Re-Entry - Pathstone Corporation](#)

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

[20-0027](#)

Entering into an Agreement with the Lackawanna College

Attachments: [Resolution, Contract, and Payment Schedule for Commissioners](#)
[Signature - BEP - Lackawanna College](#)

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

[20-0031](#)

Entering into an Agreement with the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit

Attachments: [Resolution, Contract, and Payment Schedule for Commissioners](#)
[Signature - BEP - NEIU](#)

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

[20-0032](#)

Entering into an Agreement with the Northeastern PA Industrial Resource Center

Attachments: [Revised Contract-Payment Schedule - NEPIRC 1-31-2020](#)

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

[20-0033](#)

Entering into an Agreement with the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce

Attachments: [Revised Contract-Payment Schedule - Chamber of Commerce](#)
[1-31-2020](#)

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

[20-0034](#)

Entering into an Agreement with the Scranton Cultural Center

Attachments: [Resolution, Contract, and Payment Schedule for Commissioners](#)
[Signature - TANF - Scranton Cultural Center](#)

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

[20-0035](#)

Entering into an Agreement with the United Neighborhood Centers

Attachments: [Resolution, Contract, and Payment Schedule for Commissioners
Signature - TANF - UNC](#)

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

[20-0036](#)

Entering into an Agreement with Johnson College

Attachments: [Resolution, Contract, and Payment Schedule for Commissioners
Signature - TANF - Johnson College](#)

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

[20-0037](#)

Approving the Emergency Management Performance Grant

Attachments: [EMPG Grant Appl 2020](#)

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

[20-0038](#)

Approving the Radiation Emergency Response Grant

Attachments: [RERF Grant Appl 2020-21](#)

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

[20-0039](#)

Approving the Hazardous Materials Response Fund Grant

Attachments: [HMRF Grant Application 2020-21](#)

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

[20-0040](#)

Entering into an Agreement with Nexus Alcohol Monitoring Systems

Attachments: [Lackawanna County Children and Youth Services-and Nexus-Alcohol
Monitoring Systems Contract-01-29-2020](#)

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

[20-0041](#)

Conveying a Quit Claim Deed

Attachments: [SKM_30820012816140](#)

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

[20-0042](#)

Appointments to the Multi-Purpose Stadium Improvements Board

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

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Tom Myles, Honesdale railroad owner- been in rail business since 1963. Been working since 2015 to review and develop and plan to improve various functions in Scranton, for a cohesive plan. Looking for a meeting.

Joan Hodawanitz, Scranton- legal fees-

Controller Gary DiBileo- yes one invoice for 780 now over \$887,781.09

Joan- major unresolved issues going forward that will cost money? Like the elevators...

Commissioner Jerry Notarianni-issue with the heat and the cooling system- one elevator still not working.

Commissioner Debi Domenick-the part will be in mid-February, for the one elevator.

Joan- anything unresolved?

Commissioner Jerry Notarianni-replacing parts of the floor- storage and water in the basement

Joan- Charl-Mont- has he entered into a payment plan on that lease?

Commissioner Jerry Notarianni-Conversations with others on that space.

Joan-the coronavirus- can you deal with a major health issue or threat?

Rich Barbolish- as late as this morning we have reviewed plans with the department of health. Protocols are in place for dispatchers. The Dept of Health has updated their plan, and map, so we can keep them updated.

Laureen Cummings, Old Forge- here to remind the taxpayers there was an irresponsible and unwarranted tax increase bestowed upon the taxpayers. Which was done by Commissioner Notarianni and seconded by Commissioner Chermak. Thank you to Commissioner Domenick by being the most responsible for voting no; you still have time to go through your 2020 budget. I know there are many innovative ways to bring funding into the county. For anyone to vote for that two weeks into the administration is completely irresponsible. Right to know information requested for The Globe, and none of these numbers match. Gary- I would like a meeting with you, to find out what these numbers are. I highly doubt that Cadden moving charged us 3 million to move...I.T. at over 1 million?

17 million dollar loan- costs estimated at 12 million- so a 5 million overage, that was covered. What's over that 17 million? We did receive funding which should have counter acted, the sale of the building, also money from the State. I would appreciate the commissioners looking into saving money instead of the 11.3% tax increases.

Are we receiving the \$2500 a day from contractors in liquidated damages? What that means, the contractors are supposed to be done with their work, and if they weren't they were supposed to start paying us. Accurate numbers, thank you to Traci for the right to know information, it was a 3 million cost. I do need the accurate numbers. Tax increase not necessary, and hold these people accountable.

Charles Brewer, Greenfield Twp- tax increase was devastating, astronomical-terrible thing that was done consider repealing it. Stop the damage and you should consider resigning. It was a disgrace to the people of Lackawanna County, and to the Republican Party.

Commissioner Chris Chermak- I would love to respond to that. The decision I made was a decision by a commissioner, not by a politician. I started my journey to get to this point because I was sick and tired of the dysfunction going on at this table. Wherever the numbers are coming from that you are looking at- you left me with this mess, you left us all with this mess. I don't understand what you don't understand. I figured it out in one day that we had a problem, and took two and a half weeks to try and figure out where I am wrong- sitting with the experts and volunteers that know how to look at these things, and no one could give us a straight answer and tell us that there was another option. We made a decision based on facts, numbers all over the place, and tremendous amount of waste going on around here. Can't explain what previous administrations have done- 14 years since full pension fund. 6 million deficit in 2020. I stand by my decision, and we make decisions based on facts and I will not resign.

Ralph Antidormi, Madison township- what is the multi-purpose stadium improvement board

Commissioner Jerry Notarianni- two representatives on it, it's between us and the stadium board, to continue to make the stadium work.

Ralph- Scranton got screwed up a long time ago. We spend all this money for these programs; you have a surplus, but you guys were blessed with a mess. Good thing you guys have a pension, not everyone does- cut costs.

Charles Brewer- I don't believe you, a lot of haphazard decisions made. I have talked to people out on the street. You should resign.

Commissioners' Other Business

No comments

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Debi Domenick, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Notarianni, that this be Adjourned at 11:12am. The motion carried by the following vote.

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