



LUZERNE COUNTY
COUNTY MANAGER
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ESTABLISHED 1786

Luzerne County
Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission
Public Meeting- June 19, 2023
Council Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members were present: Thomas Mosca, Chair, Diane Dreier, Romilda Crocamo, County Manager, Walter Griffith, Controller, Sam Sanguedolce, District Attorney

Also Present: Jennifer Thomas, Daniel Nawrocki, Esq., James Bobeck, Esq.

Motion to amend the agenda to add item 4A which is for consideration and approval of Nawrocki Law invoice 23157.

Moved by: Walter Griffith

Seconded by: Diane Dreier

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2023 meeting.

Moved by: Walter Griffith

Seconded by: Diane Dreier

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve Attorney Dan Nawrocki's contract for an additional one year as per Section III of his contract.

Moved by: Diane Dreier

Seconded by: Sam Sanguedolce

Mr. Griffith stated that the line item number listed on the contract cover sheet was incorrect. He stated that there was no funding available to pay for this contract.

Romilda Crocamo stated that the Office of Law did not have money in their budget to pay for this contract.

Chair Mosca withdrew the motion.

Motion to approve the one- year extension of Attorney Daniel Nawrocki’s contract subject to the identification and appropriation of funding.

Moved by: Diane Dreier

Seconded by: Sam Sanguedolce

Walter Griffith requested an amendment to the motion to add a timeline of 30 days to provide the additional funding.

Discussion was held on having a time limit added to the proposed motion.

Motion fails

Vote:

4 Ayes (Mosca, Crocamo, Dreier, Sanguedolce)

1 Nay (Griffith)

Motion to approve invoice 23157 in the amount of \$427.50 payable to Nawrocki Law.

Moved by: Sam Sanguedolce

Seconded by: Diane Dreier

Vote: 4 Ayes (Mosca, Crocamo, Sanguedolce, Dreier)

1 Nay (Griffith)

At 2:20 PM the Board went into an executive session.

At 2:40 PM the Board returned from the executive session

Chair Mosca stated the ACE Enforcement Attorney provided his report in the executive session.

ACE Enforcement Attorney Report

Attorney Nawrocki stated complaint 2023-N1 was legally sufficient, an inquiry was held and it was found there was no reasonable basis to believe that the ACE Code was violated. Notices were sent out that the complaint was closed.

Attorney Nawrocki stated that Attorney Qiana Leham had 2 complaints.

Complaint 2023-L1 was legally sufficient, an inquiry was held and it was found there was no reasonable basis to believe that the ACE Code was violated. Notices were sent out that the complaint was closed.

Complaint 2023-L2 is currently being investigated. The inquiry is ongoing.

Discussion regarding public disclosures of ACE complaints.

Mr. Mosca discouraged people from making their complaints public.

Mr. Sanguedolce stated the code was not being used to shield employees from unethical behavior, it was being used as a sword to attack County employees.

Mr. Griffith stated the code has not been amended since 2014. He stated Council needed to do their due diligence to clean up some of the mistakes and problems the Board has identified.

Ms. Crocamo provided comment on Section 105 of the code. She stated that the Board needed to provide their feedback to County Council.

Additional discussion was held on the Board being unable to initially review the complaints and decide whether the complaint had merit before it was turned over to an attorney to investigate.

Discussion on next meeting date.

July 13th at 3PM

Public Comment

None

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Walter Griffith

Seconded by: Diane Dreier

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas

Recording Secretary