



Lawrence County
**NONPROFIT/TOURISM/ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 | **Time:** 4:30-5:25 p.m.

PRESENT: County Executive David Morgan. **Commissioners:** Randy Brewer, Rick Skillington, Shane Eaton, Chris Sutherland, John Bradley, Barry Luffman, Phillip Heatherly, Scott Franks, and Dave Ray. **Director of Accounts & Budgets** Brandi Williams.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Randy Brewer, Vice-chair Rick Skillington, Shane Eaton, Chris Sutherland, and John Bradley.

- **Commissioner Brewer** called the meeting to order.
- The committee discussed the Nonprofit funding requests.

Approve Funding for All Nonprofits at the Same Amounts Requested in their 2024-25 Applications for the 2025-26 Budget Year.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Eaton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- The committee discussed considering increased nonprofit funding requests.

Approve Funding for All Nonprofits at the Same Amounts Requested in their 2024-25 Applications for the 2025-26 Budget Year and Reconsider Increases.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Sutherland.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** mentioned that County Fire & Rescue's funding request must be approved by this Committee.
- **Williams:** Agreed and clarified the recommended \$663,216.00 to come out of surplus from the FY 24-25 budget and \$412,500.00 to come out of FY 25-26 budget. Total request \$1,075,716.00.

Approve and recommend a total contribution of \$1,075,716.00 to County Fire & Rescue to the Budget Committee, with \$663,216.00 to come from surplus in the FY 2024-25 budget and \$412,500.00 from the FY 2025-26 budget.

Motion: Eaton. **Second:** Skillington.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted that the Loretto Senior Center is requesting an increase of \$7,000.00.
- The committee discussed the request.

Approve an \$8,000.00 Contribution to the Loretto Senior Center.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Bradley.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted that the Lawrence County Senior Center is requesting an increase of \$5,000.00.
- The committee discussed the facility and the need to address the covered walkway.

Refer and Recommend that the Facilities Committee Review a \$5,000.00 Contribution to Address the Covered Walkway.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Eaton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

Approve a \$10,000.00 Contribution to the Lawrence County Senior Center.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Eaton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted Saint Joseph Senior Center is Requesting \$6,000.00.
- The committee discussed the request.

Approve a \$6,000.00 Contribution to Saint Joseph Senior Center.

Motion: Sutherland. **Second:** Eaton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted the Reserve Deputies are requesting \$2,500.00.
- The committee discussed the Reserve Deputies request.

Approve a \$2,500.00 Contribution to the Reserved Deputies.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Sutherland.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted the Center of Hope is requesting \$10,000.00.
- The committee discussed Center of Hope's request.

Approve Giving No (\$0.00) Contribution to Center of Hope.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Eaton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- Commissioner Brewer noted (DCO) Decisions, Choices, and Options is Requesting \$3,000.00.
- The committee discussed the request.

Approve Giving No (\$0.00) Contribution to DCO.

Motion: Eaton. **Second:** Bradley.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted Sandcastle Library is requesting \$5,000.00.
- The committee discussed the request.

Approve a \$5,000.00 Contribution to Sandcastle Library.

Motion: Eaton. **Second:** Bradley.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted God's Storehouse is requesting \$50,000.00.
- The committee discussed the request.

Refer and recommend that the Facilities Committee review the \$50,000.00 funding request from God's Storehouse.

Motion: Eaton. **Second:** Skillington.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

Approve a \$5,000.00 Contribution to God's Storehouse.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Sutherland.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted A Cora Christmas is requesting \$3,000.00.
- The committee discussed the request.

Approve Giving No (\$0.00) Contribution to A Cora Christmas.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Eaton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted Mom's of Lawrence County Inc. is requesting \$15,000.
- The committee discussed the request.

Approve a \$10,000.00 Contribution to Mom's of Lawrence County Inc.

Motion: Eaton. **Second:** Bradley.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted Buffalo River Services is requesting \$10,000.00.
- The committee discussed the request.

Approve a \$5,000.00 Contribution to Buffalo River Services.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Eaton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted the County Executive Discretionary is requesting \$25,000.00.
- The committee discussed the request.

Approve a \$25,000.00 Contribution to the County Executive Discretionary Fund.

Motion: Sutherland. **Second:** Bradley.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted Loretto Lift Up is requesting \$4,000.00.

- The committee discussed the request.

Approve a \$4,000.00 Contribution to Loretto Lift Up.

Motion: Eaton. **Second:** Sutherland.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted the West Gaines School Community Center is requesting \$55,000.00
- The committee discussed the request.

Approve a \$500.00 Contribution to the West Gaines School Community Center.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Bradley.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

- **Commissioner Brewer** noted the Friends of Lawrence County Animals (FOLCA) is requesting \$35,000.00.
- The committee discussed the request. Their request was increased by \$10,000.00 compared to previous year.

Approve a \$25,000.00 Contribution to the Friends of Lawrence County Animals.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** None made. Motion failed.

Approve a \$35,000.00 Contribution to the Friends of Lawrence County Animals.

Motion: Eaton. **Second:** Bradley.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Eaton - Yes. **Bradley** - Yes. **Skillington** - No. **Sutherland** - Yes. **Brewer** - Yes.

Motion passed 4/1.

Adjournment.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Eaton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

Minutes Taken By: Commissioner Dave Ray

Minutes Edited & Submitted By: Christian Tyree