

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

The Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting of Tuesday, May 13, 2025, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Chris Sainato, Amy McKinney, Michelle Gula, Linda Abraham, Amy DiMuccio, Joshua Lamancusa, Perry Quahliero, Lisa Haddad, Dorothy Burchett, Robert Burchett and Debbie Wachter from the New Castle News**. It was stated for the record that the meeting is being taped. Those wishing to speak shall be given five minutes. If they need more time, they are to see the Deputy Chief Clerk at another time, and she will arrange for them to meet with the Commissioners. Those speaking are to state for the record their names, addresses and the nature of their business.

Commissioner Kennedy is out of the office for a funeral.

**ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**FISCAL AND CONTRACTUAL**

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| A. Repository Properties:        | None |
| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | None |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals:   |      |
| D. Warrant Registers:            |      |
| 1. April 29, 2025                |      |
| 2. April 30, 2025                |      |
| 3. May 1, 2025                   |      |
| 4. May 6, 2025                   |      |
| 5. May 9, 2025                   |      |

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 2-0.

**MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Approval of Minutes:
1. April 29, 2025

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve and file said minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission is installing a fiber optic cable, (2) tracks of the Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad in Ellwood City Borough.
2. R.A.R Engineering Group is replacing three blowers for the waste water treatment plant for the aeration system and provide heat for the plant's main

- equipment in the City of New Castle.
3. R.A.R Engineering Group is rebuilding two gas engines for the power source of the aeration system at the wastewater treatment plant in the City of New Castle.
  4. Frank B. Taylor Engineering is doing storm sewer improvements at Eden Dale Lane and SR 158 in Wilmington Township.
  5. Heidelberg Materials Northeast LLC-Blast Notification for the McQuiston Large Non-Coal Surface Mine in North Beaver and Mahoning Twps.
  6. Wilmington Area School District-Wilmington Twp.-Cultivating a Sustainable Future-Support Letter from the Planning Office

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to file written communication(s). Motion carried 2-0.

### **REPORTS**

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| A. Staff Reports:       | None  |
| B. Commissioner Reports | CS,DV |

Commissioner Sainato stated he visited the Vatican when he was in Italy when the new Pope was announced and it was a once in a lifetime experience.

Commissioner Vogler stated he and Commissioner Kennedy attended the Envirothon in Shenango Township last week. They also attended Law Day on May 1<sup>st</sup>. A week ago, Comcast opened in Union Township. There was a ceremony last week to plant the Liberty Tree in honor of America250. Today there is a ribbon cutting ceremony for Jersey Mike's grand opening in Union Township. The Planning Commission will hold it's public monthly meeting tomorrow in Wilmington Township. On Thursday, Mercer County is holding a ceremony to honor Gregg Dogan of West Central Job Partnership. Next Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special Election Board meeting at 10AM. There will not be a Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, as that is Election Day. The Commissioners will be attending an SPC meeting in Armstrong County for a planning session.

### **NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS** **RESOLUTION R-2025 -93**

Be it RESOLVED, that the County Commissioners of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania hereby requests a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of \$250,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for **Stavich Bicycle Trail Rehabilitation Project Phase II.**

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lawrence County Commissioners do hereby designate Daniel J. Vogler, Chairman, and Dan Kennedy, Commissioner as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Lawrence County Commissioners and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Lawrence County hereby commits to providing the required fifteen (15%) match in County resources, contingent upon the award of the GTRP grant.

I, Joe Venasco, duly qualified Clerk Administrator/ Chief Clerk for the County of Lawrence, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Lawrence County Commissioners at a regular meeting held May 13, 2025 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the County of Lawrence and remains in effect as of this date.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2025-94**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners is permitted to assist in funding transportation projects completed by local municipalities that are eligible under the liquid fuel requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners makes such transportation funding available to municipalities with the transportation funding received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the form of Liquid Fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners made and formalized an official grant process for municipal transportation assistance and all twenty-seven municipalities were eligible to apply to the County by April 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, a total of \$400,000.00 will be funded with the County Liquid Fuels allocation; and

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**; that the attached projects were submitted and have been deemed eligible for funding under the requirements of Liquid Fuels and Fees for Local Use Fund.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2025-95**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence is using a Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Keystone Communities Program;

**WHEREAS**, the funds are to be used for the Ellwood City Façade Program;

**WHEREAS**, eligible applicants can apply and receive up to \$5,000 dollars towards Façade improvement;

**WHEREAS**, the County has received an application from the attached qualifying applicant and the Façade Steering Committee has reviewed and approved the applications for funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Lawrence County Board Commissioners that the Commissioners hereby enters into an agreement with the attached applicant for the Ellwood City Façade Grant.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2025-96**

**WHEREAS**, the County on behalf of District Justice Russo, 3470 Wilmington Road, Suite 100, New Castle, PA 16105 entered into a lease agreement with First Data Corporation for Clover Software to provide equipment and maintenance for the credit card machine located at District Justice Russo's office; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute an amendment for additional pricing, services or equipment with First Data Corporation for Clover Software for District Justice Russo; and

2. The Chairman Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute all documents pertaining to the attached Amendment Agreement.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **R E S O L U T I O N R-2025-97**

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Courts are in need of a maintenance agreement for recording devices; and

**WHEREAS**, SBM Electronics, 623 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15202, submitted a quote to provide recording device maintenance services; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of said maintenance agreement shall be one (1) year, effective June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that SBM Electronics will perform planned and/or necessary equipment maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$6,175.00, for the period of June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2025-98**

**WHEREAS**, the County has entered into a lease agreement with De Lage Landen to provide copiers for the County Detectives Office; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute a sixty (60) month lease agreement with De Lage Landen for the office of the County Detectives; and
2. The Chairman Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute all documents pertained to the attached Lease Agreement; and
3. See attached lease agreements

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2025-99**

**WHEREAS**, the County has entered into a lease agreement with De Lage Landen to provide copiers for the Sheriff's Office; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute a sixty (60) month lease agreement with De Lage Landen for the office of the Sheriff's Office; and

2. The Chairman Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute all documents pertained to the attached Lease Agreement; and
3. See attached lease agreements

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

### **RESOLUTION R-2025-100**

**WHEREAS**, the County has entered into a lease agreement with De Lage Landen to provide copiers for the Juvenile Probation Office; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute a sixty (60) month lease agreement with De Lage Landen for the office of the Juvenile Probation Office; and
2. The Chairman Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute all documents pertained to the attached Lease Agreement; and
3. See attached lease agreements

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

### **TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)**

- a. Jail from contingency to gas for \$5,000.00
- b. IT from maintenance & repair to materials & supplies for \$5,000.00
- c. Voters from contracted services to equipment lease/rental for \$252.24
- d. Voters from contracted services to material & supplies for \$25,000.00

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve administrative transfers. Motion carried 2-0.

### **RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE**

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| A. Resolutions on the table:              | None |
| B. Resolutions to be taken off the table: | None |
| C. Motion to amend the agenda:            |      |

### **ORDINANCES**

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| A. Discussion:       | None |
| B. On the Table:     | None |
| C. For Introduction: | None |
| D. For Final Action: | None |

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 @ 10:00 am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

B. The Commissioners' meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025 has been **CANCELLED** due to that being Election Day.

C. There will be a Lawrence County Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 @ 12:00 Noon @ the Wilmington Township Community Building, 669 Wilson Mill Rd., Wilmington Twp.

D. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025 in observance of Memorial Day.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dorothy Burchett asked if there have been any "emergencies" where the Election Board has had to open to the call of the Chair? Commissioner Vogler and Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless, do not ever recall a emergency meeting. The only thing that could be labeled an "emergency" was when the State recounts had to be done. She further asked Commissioner Sainato if he knows how to speak/understand the Italian language? He stated he does not know how to speak Italian.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 11:00 am.