

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES OF Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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, March 10, 2026, 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 Dan Kennedy, County Administrator, Joseph Venasco, Rebecca Shaffer, Amy McKinney, Deputy Warden Loretta Spielvogel and no one 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 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 Sainato is out of the office today.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

ACCEPTED

RESOLUTION

R-2026-31

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Lauri George placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Martin Street, Parcel ID No. 03-081000; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Martin Street, with a Parcel ID No. 03-081000; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Lauri George in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Martin Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 03-081000, City of New Castle.

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

B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None

C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None

D. Warrant Registers:

1. March 3, 2026

2. March 5, 2026

3. March 6, 2026

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

### MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

#### A. Approval of Minutes:

1. March 3, 2026

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

#### B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc.-Act 14-Single Residence Sewage Treatment Plant to replace the malfunctioning septic system serving the existing home on the property located at 1002 Kings Chapel Road (Neshannock Twp.)
2. Amy J. Wagner-Act 14-Re-issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for sewage Permit No. PA0238457-562 Wilson Mill Rd (Wilmington Twp.)
3. Robert Houk-Act 14-RE-issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for sewage-6286 N. Edinburg Rd (Mahoning Twp.)
4. RAR Engineering Group, Inc.-Act 14-National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit-1605 Old Route 18 (New Beaver Borough)

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

#### VI. REPORTS

##### REPORTS

A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Kennedy stated he was in Virginia last week, representing the County visiting a data center.

Commissioner Vogler thanked Commissioner Kennedy for representing the County in Virginia. He stated attendance was at the League of Municipalities meeting and well attended. Election Board met this morning to finalize the polling location for Shenango Township, Precinct 3 and it is at the South New Castle Volunteer Fire Department. There is a Planning Commission Meeting tomorrow at 12:00 Noon at Pearson Park.

##### NEW BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTION R-2026-32

**WHEREAS**, the Allegheny County Jail has the capability to house detainees from Lawrence County on a temporary basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Jail is desirous of obtaining temporary space on an as-needed basis for housing its detainees; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County shall pay \$177.81 per detainee per day to Allegheny County to house such detainees; and

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

1. The Lawrence County Jail wishes to enter into the attached agreement with Allegheny County to house detainees; and
2. Lawrence County shall pay \$177.81 per detainee, per day to Allegheny County to house such detainees; and
3. This agreement shall be retroactive to February 27, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2026-33**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE  
PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Lawrence County will be undertaking a project to complete a Phase II Master Site Plan at Quaker Falls Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development makes available grants-in-aid to such projects through the Municipal Assistance Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Lawrence County hereby authorizes submission of an application to the Municipal Assistance Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Commissioners of Lawrence County hereby commit an amount not to exceed thirty-six thousand (\$36,000.00) from our DCNR C2P2 grant award, contingent upon the award of the DCED Municipal Assistance Program.

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

**Resolution R-2026-34**

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence would like to enter into an agreement with Micheal Baker International for ArcGIS Migration, and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the proposal submitted by Micheal Baker and agrees to all the general terms and conditions;

WHEREAS, the contract amount will not exceed \$41,906.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners approve the contract for the ArcGIS Migration with Micheal Baker International for an amount not to exceed \$41,906.00

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

### Resolution R-2026-35

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development would like to renew the annual maintenance for County owned parks and boat launches, and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development reviewed the proposal from Beyond Corp., LLC and requests to award contract to Beyond Corp., LLC, P.O. Box 138, Edinburg, PA 16116 and;

**WHEREAS**, the contract amount includes the following:

- a. Monthly mowing for 2026 beginning in April and ending in October.
  - i. Tentative schedule is:
    1. April 1 time – get area prepared for season
    2. May 2 times a month (or as needed)
    3. June 2 times a month (or as needed)
    4. July 2 times a month
    5. August 1 time
    6. September 1 time
    7. October 1 time
- b. The above schedule is subject to change.

**WHEREAS**, the contract amount will not exceed \$68,360.00 as described in Beyond Corp., LLC attached contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commissioners approve the contract for the Annual Maintenance of all county owned parks and boat launches with Beyond Corp., LLC, P.O. Box 138, Edinburg, PA 16116 for an amount not to exceed \$68,360.00.

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

### RESOLUTION R-2026-36

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence, Department of Planning and Community Development administers the Community Development Block Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, under the County of Lawrence's FY2024 Community Development Block Grant program a portion of their CDBG funds is designated to Mahoning Township Street Improvement Project – Rich Avenue to benefit low- and moderate-income persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence, Department of Planning and Community Development is requesting bids from contractors to complete the above-mentioned project; and

**WHEREAS**, the County will advertise for bids on March 12th and March 19th with bids being due on April 6, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners that the Board of Commissioners will be advertising for bids for "Mahoning Township Street Improvement Project-Rich Avenue", with bids being due on April 6, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2026-37**

**WHEREAS**, there being unsold parcels at Lawrence County Treasurer Sale Number 2436 May 1, 1940, Number 2542 May 1, 1940, Number 2290 May 1, 1940 and Number 2528 May 1, 1940; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enacted Ordinance No. 19 of 2003, creating the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County (RALC); and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enacted Ordinance No. 3 of 2020, dissolving the Lawrence County Land Bank (LCLB) designating the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County (RALC) to act as a land bank will confer the powers and duties of a land bank on the Redevelopment Authority (RALC) and the benefits of a land bank for the COUNTY OF LAWRENCE; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County has an Exempt Property Purchase Program that allows qualified applicants to acquire vacant lots owned by the Redevelopment Authority for a structured fee based on their approved application; and

**WHEREAS**, the below applicant(s) has completed an application under the Exempt Property Purchase Program for the following properties, and all requirements have been met;

02-313600  
02-314800

SUMNER AVENUE  
EUCLID AVENUE

RACHEL A. GARATACHEA  
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**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners shall convey and transfer the above-mentioned properties to the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2026-38**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution R-2026-29 was approved on March 3, 2026 to add new members to the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution R-2026-29 shall be amended to add the Opioid Board Secretary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Opioid Board Secretary shall be Vanessa Bayless; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that the Lawrence County Commissioners are authorized to amend and update Resolution R-2026-29 to reflect the above listed member(s) of the Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Committee.

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

### Transfers (Administrative)

- a. Coroner from Major Equipment to Act 182-Vehicles for \$34,000.00
- b. Assessment from Salary of Staff to Maintenance & Repairs for \$33,000.00
- c. Public Safety from Professional Services to Service Contracts Maintenance for \$11,0000.00
- d. Public Safety from Office Supplies to Service Contracts/Maintenance for \$11,000.00
- e. Courts from Maintenance & Repairs to Office Minor for \$26,500.00

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Transfers. Motion carried 2-0.

### ORDINANCES

- 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, March 24, 2026 @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will not be a Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, as the Commissioners will be at the CCAP Conference.
- C. There will be a Prison Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 @ 12 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 10:35 AM. Motion carried 2-0.