

LAWRENCE COUNTY PRISON BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF February 18, 2026

The Lawrence County Prison Board Meeting Wednesday, February 18, 2026, was called to order by **District Attorney Joshua Lamancusa**, at 12:00 pm at the Lawrence County Commissioners Conference Room. Vanessa Bayless called the roll of those in attendance: **Controller David Prestopine, Sheriff Vincent Martwinski, Commissioner Chris Sainato, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Warden Michael Mahlmeister, Deputy Warden Howard Simmons, President Judge J. Craig Cox, Deputy Warden Loretta Spielvogel, Mr. Jason Triplett and Mrs. Dawn Salsberry**. The meeting was recorded and notice of the use of audio recording equipment was disclosed to those present. Those wishing to comment during the proceedings were advised that each shall be allotted five minutes. District Attorney Lamancusa made note that Commissioner Vogler was absent from today's meeting.

VISITOR COMMENTS

None

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by President Judge Cox and seconded by Commissioner Sainato to approve the minutes of January 21, 2026. Motion carried 6-0.

POPULATION REPORT/PERSONNEL/REVENUE REPORT

Warden Mahlmeister gave the population report with there being a total of 138 inmates, 5 are juveniles and 13 are females. There are 14 inmates from Lawrence County at other facilities, and another 8 inmates being housed in the county are from other counties. Revenue for juvenile detainees is \$361,800 to date.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Commissioner Sainato, seconded by Controller Prestopine, to approve the payment of the bills. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion about the progress of the elevator, to which Deputy Simmons indicated that they are waiting for the company to receive the parts, most likely 4-5 weeks. The continuity of operations at the jail are still moving forward. District Attorney Lamancusa asked about what Diagnostic Direct was paid for. Controller Prestopine answered nitrile gloves/supplies. District Attorney Lamancusa asked the Warden moving forward to pass along the Revenue Report to the Prison Board members for their review prior to the meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

District Attorney Lamancusa asked when is the State Inspection. Deputy Warden answered August 18, 2026. District Attorney Lamancusa reviewed numerous points

regarding the efficiency and operations at the jail. They are as follows:

1. Budgetary-the Jail is budgeted for 42 correction officers for the year, which will vary. District Attorney Lamancusa asked the Warden for a report on the structure/chain of command/duties/equipment/physical needs and the Jail has been very forthcoming. District Attorney Lamancusa stated review needs to be done on the chain of command at the Jail and do we need as many positions in the chain of command that currently is. The MAT Program is required, however funding will eventually expire. District Attorney Lamancusa asked the Warden for the names and duties of those employees that are working with the MAT Program and mental health inmates.
2. Housing Structure-there are 5 pods. Discussion has been held on whether or not federal inmates can be housed as a source of revenue. At this time, it would not work for the Jail, however this is something that can be looked at in the future. Also, housing more females is a revenue possibility. Regarding juveniles, we are currently under contract with 7 counties. District Attorney Lamancusa asked the Warden for a proposal on moving forward with counties in the western third of Pennsylvania to expand and create revenue. He feels the Warden can reach out to the western third of Pennsylvania counties to mirror the contracts for females.
3. LiveScan-the machine is up and running, however there are things that need done by staff. Deputy Warden Simmons stated that within the next 30 days he will have an update on the machine/usage. District Attorney Lamancusa requested that \$150.00 is charged for the assessment fee. The Warden will work on an administrative order to present to President Judge Cox. Regarding the LiveScan, District Attorney Lamancusa had a request from Pennsylvania State Police on whether or not their own officers can livescan the inmates they bring into the Jail. Does it help or hurt the jail? Discussion can be held at the next meeting.
4. District Attorney Lamancusa read correspondence from Warden Mahlmeister into the record requesting certain hours for the Magistrates Offices to schedule time with the inmates. On a daily basis, the jail receives calls with very little to no time in preparing for the inmates to be present at a video call/hearing/visit. It is a huge inconvenience to the jail, as they may be processing medical time, meal time, etc. with the inmates. A formal proposal from the Warden will be submitted to President Judge Cox.
5. Polycom System-discussion was held on the system and how the jail can better utilize it. Sheriff Martwinski updated the Prison Board on the discussion he has had with the Beaver County Sheriff and will present their plan to Warden Mahlmeister for his review.
6. District Attorney Lamancusa stated he completed CJIS training and would like a report from the Warden on jail staff of who has access to information/protocols. He wants to make sure the correct employees have access to the correct information.

7. District Attorney Lamancusa received a call from Chief of Police at UPMC Jameson regarding inmates that are brought to the hospital. Discussion was held between the two on the best option of who/how keeps custody of the inmates. Currently, the Sheriff's office has to maintain custody. If the inmate has a mental health issue, the hospital has custody of the inmate. Discussion was held on whether it would be less expensive to hire a 3rd shift medical service at the jail for a monthly cost of \$13,471.00. District Attorney asked Warden Mahlmeister to do a cost analysis for conversation at the next meeting.

VISITOR COMMENTS

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Controller Prestopine, seconded by Sheriff Martwinski to adjourn the Lawrence County Prison Board meeting dated Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 12:43 PM. Motion carried

6-0.

Vincent Martwinski, Secretary