

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting Room. **Office Manager Colleen Daughtry** called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Commissioner Chris Sainato, County Administrator Joseph Venasco, Jacquie Graziani, Mary Kelly, Scott Baldwin, Dennis W. McCurdy, Donald Andrews, Amy McKinney, Bill Bordonaro, Patty Kardambikis, and Frank Piccari**. 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 he 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.

**ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Vogler announced the passing of retired Lawrence County Judge McCracken. Commissioner Vogler spoke about Judge McCracken's many years of service to Lawrence County and his distinguished legal and judicial career. Commissioner Sainato also offered condolences and recalled Judge McCracken's involvement in numerous community organizations. The Commissioners directed the County Maintenance Department to lower the large County flag in memory of Judge McCracken and extended their sympathy to his family.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL**

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| A. Repository Properties:        | None                                                |
| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | New Castle Public Library HVAC Replacement Project. |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals:   | None                                                |
| D. Warrant Registers:            |                                                     |
| 1. July 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2026  |                                                     |
| 2. August 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2026 |                                                     |
| 3. August 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 |                                                     |

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Approval of Minutes:
1. July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said minutes. Motion carried 3-0

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Kilmer's Rolloff LLC – Notification through RA Engineering Group of the company's intention to submit documentation to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for coverage under General Permit WMG43 for the processing of construction and demolition waste for recycling at its Pulaski Township location.
2. Notification through Gibson-Thomas Engineering regarding a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Water Quality Management Permit application for installation of an industrial wastewater treatment plant at its Scott Township location.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to accept said written correspondence.  
Motion carried 3-0.

VI. REPORTS

REPORTS

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

Commissioner Sainato reported attending several community events throughout Lawrence County, including community activities in Wampum attending their car show, the revival of a local community festival in Bessemer, an Ellwood City library fundraising event, and another community day. He commented on the positive turnout and the importance of these events in bringing residents together.

Commissioner Vogler again reflected on the passing of Judge McCracken and their longtime friendship. He also shared a historical New Castle News article from January 3, 1900, featuring the three Lawrence County Commissioners serving at that time.

Commissioner Kennedy reported attending the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) conference and participating in committee meetings and discussions. He noted information regarding potential funding of up to approximately \$300,000 for a generator foundation. He also reported attending a first-anniversary event for a local company that has grown to approximately 20 employees and has performed work at the courthouse.

Commissioners Kennedy and Sainato discussed the value of CCAP conferences in developing relationships with commissioners throughout Pennsylvania and obtaining information and ideas that can benefit Lawrence County.

The Commissioners also congratulated former New Castle Mayor and City Administrator Chris Frye on accepting a new position in Middlesex Township, Butler County, and wished him continued success.

### Resolution R-2026-165

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County wishes to contract with Equifax Verification Services to provide verification services for the Lawrence County Domestic Relations Department; and

**WHEREAS**, a Social Service Verification Report provided through Equifax Verification Services ("Verification Report") will include, without limitation and as available, the consumer's: (i) employer name; (ii) employment status; (iii) employer address; (iv) employment dates; (v) position title; (vi) medical and dental insurance information; (vii) employer wage garnishment address; (viii) pay rate; (ix) up to three (3) years of year-to-date gross income details; and (x) up to three (3) years of pay period detail. Data provided may be from current or prior employers; and

**WHEREAS**, Equifax Verification Services is an independent contractor.

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

1. Lawrence County hereby approves the use of Equifax Verification Services by the Lawrence County Domestic Relations Department; and
2. The minimum charge shall be **\$5.60 per search** for a twelve (12) month period beginning **August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027.**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Resolution.

Motion carried 3-0.

### RESOLUTION R-2026- 166

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence would like to enter into an agreement with **Revize (Government Web Services)** for the Lawrence County website hosting; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the contract amount will be a total of **\$7,600.00 per year**. This will be a **five (5) year contract**, effective **August 1, 2026**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that the Commissioners approve the **Five-Year Web Services Agreement** for the Lawrence County website with **Revize** for an amount of **\$7,600.00 per year**.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolution.

Motion carried 3-0.

### RESOLUTION R-2026- 167

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence purchased the property at **111 South Cascade Street** for government services; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has been working with engineering firms for the design of the new building; and

**WHEREAS**, a right-of-way agreement is needed for uninterrupted service from the **Pennsylvania Power Company**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board of Commissioners will enter into a **right-of-way agreement with the Pennsylvania Power Company** for the property located at **111 South Cascade Street**.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Resolution.

Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION                      R-2026- 168**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence purchased the property at **111 South Cascade Street** for government services; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has been working with engineering firms for the design of the new building; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners will advertise bids on **August 12th and August 14th, 2026**, with bids due on **September 8, 2026**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board of Commissioners will advertise for bids for **"The Humphrey Center,"** with bids being due on **September 8, 2026**.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolution.

Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION                      R-2026- 169**

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services, desires to contract for certain services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 and the Department of Public Welfare fiscal regulations provide for the purchase of office equipment and services; and

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

1. The agreement listed in Item 2 shall be approved starting **July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027**.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

**GSK APEX ENTERPRISES, LLC**. – as detailed in the attachment designated **2026-2027**.  
Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that payments be made from the **MH/DS Fund**.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2026-170**

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services, desires to contract for certain services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 and the Department of Public Welfare fiscal regulations provide for the purchase of office equipment and services; and

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

1. The agreement listed in Item 2 shall be approved starting **July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027**.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

**PSYCH-MED ASSOCIATES** – as detailed in attachment designated **2026-2027**. Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, those payments be made from the **MH/DS Fund**.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2026-171**

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services, desires to contract for certain services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 and the Department of Public Welfare fiscal regulations provide for the purchase of office equipment and services; and

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

1. The agreement listed in Item 2 shall be approved starting **July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027**.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

**HUMAN SERVICES CENTER, INC.** – as detailed in attachment designated **2026-2027**. Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, those payments be made from the **MH/DS Fund**.

All three resolutions #169, #170, & 171 Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Transfers. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2026-172**

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 allows for the purchase of appropriate services; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services contracts for certain services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of County residents who are mentally disabled; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time it is necessary to make amendments to the original Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Mental Health and Developmental Services currently has a Base contract with **Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County** for the period from **July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026**.

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

1. It is specifically understood and agreed that the stated maximum of **\$95,000.00** for various services shall be adjusted to **\$96,000.00**. Revised budget page(s) is/are attached to support these changes. There is no language change to this contract.
2. All provisions of the agreement dated **July 1, 2025**, between the parties shall remain as heretofore established.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2026-173**

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 allows for the purchase of appropriate services; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services, contracts for certain services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of County residents who are mentally disabled; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time it is necessary to make amendments to the original Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Mental Health and Developmental Services currently has a Base contract with **Cray Youth and Family Services** for the period from **July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026**.

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

1. It is specifically understood and agreed that the stated maximum of **\$85,000.00** for various services shall be adjusted to **\$85,300.00**. Revised budget page(s) is/are attached to support these changes. There is no language change to this contract.
2. All provisions of the agreement dated **July 1, 2025**, between the parties shall remain as heretofore established.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2026-174**

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 allows for the purchase of appropriate services; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services, contracts for certain services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of County residents who are mentally disabled; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time it is necessary to make amendments to the original Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Mental Health and Developmental Services currently has a Base contract with **Guiding Changes** for the period from **July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026**.

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

1. It is specifically understood and agreed that the stated maximum of **\$125,000.00** for various services shall be adjusted to **\$145,000.00**. Revised budget page(s) is/are attached to support these changes. There is no language change to this contract.
2. All provisions of the agreement dated **July 1, 2025**, between the parties shall remain as heretofore established.

All three resolutions #172, #173, & 174 Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Transfers. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2026-175**

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code;

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

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider **Bethany Christian Services of Central Pennsylvania** shall be in effect for the period of **July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027**.
2. Costs are incurred only if the provider or service is being used by Lawrence County per the Agreement.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:  
**Bethany Christian Services of Central Pennsylvania**

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

**RESOLUTION R-2026-176**

**WHEREAS**, a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) exists between the Teamsters Local Union No. 261 and the County of Lawrence (County Commissioners) regarding jail personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, Former Officers 6191 and 6694 were terminated for cause on **October 15, 2025**; and

**WHEREAS**, said officers exercised their grievance rights to challenge the terminations; and

**WHEREAS**, both parties have agreed to the terms of a resolution of said grievances without the need for Arbitration; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the resolutions will convert said terminations to resignations as of **October 15, 2025**, and remit retroactive payment to the former employees in the amount of **\$25,000.00**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that authorization is given to execute settlement agreements with the **Teamsters Local Union No. 261** regarding Former Officers **6191 and 6694** aforementioned grievances.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2026-177**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1784 of the County Code, Supplemental Appropriations Transfer of Funds; Appropriation Limits, authorizes the Board of Commissioners, by resolution, to make supplemental appropriations for any lawful purpose from any funds on hand or estimated to be received within the fiscal year and not otherwise appropriated; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2026 Budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** to amend the 2026 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

**INCREASING** Transfer from DEA/TFO General Revenue Fund Account: **01391000.391146** by **\$40,000.00**; and

**INCREASING** DA Overtime General Expense Fund Account: **01419400.110400** by **\$40,000.00**

**Reason: DA Overtime Reimbursement**

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

**RESOLUTION R-2026-178**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1784 of the County Code, *Supplemental Appropriations Transfer of Funds; Appropriation Limits*, authorizes the Board of Commissioners, by resolution, to make supplemental appropriations for any lawful purpose from any funds on hand or estimated to be received within the fiscal year and not otherwise appropriated; and

**WHEREAS** it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2026 Budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** to amend the 2026 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

**INCREASING** Medicated Assisted Treatment General Revenue Fund Account: **01334095.334167** by **\$67,598.00**; and

**INCREASING** Supplies and Operating Expenses General Expense Fund Account: **01423000.201000** by **\$67,598.00**

**Reason: Medicated Assisted Sub Abuse Treatment Grant**

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

#### **RESOLUTION R-2026-179**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1784 of the County Code, *Supplemental Appropriations; Transfer of Funds; Appropriation Limits*, authorizes the Board of Commissioners, by resolution, to make supplemental appropriations for any lawful purpose from funds on hand or estimated to be received within the fiscal year and not otherwise appropriated; and

**WHEREAS** it is the intent of the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing Fiscal Year 2026 Budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that the 2026 Lawrence County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**INCREASING** Act 48 Revenue Fund Account No. **63341000.331122** by **\$30,000.00**; and

**INCREASING** Act 48 Prior Year Balance Fund Account No. **63390000.342000** by **\$11,000.00**; and

**INCREASING** Payments to Redevelopment Authority Expense Fund Account No. **63411100.802900** by **\$41,000.00**.

**Reason: Act 48 funds for demolition and rehabilitation.**

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

#### **Transfers (Administrative)**

A. Court Administration – transfer **\$1,300.00** from Contingency to Land, Building and Rent.

B. Voter Services – transfer **\$15,797.00** from Materials and Supplies to Office Major Equipment.

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

#### **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 Lawrence County Retirement Board will hold its quarterly public meeting immediately following adjournment of the Commissioners' Meeting.

B. The Lawrence County Planning Commission will hold its monthly meeting at noon at the Plain Grove Township Municipal Building.

C. The next Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 18th, 2026, at 10:00 AM.**

D. The Commissioners announced a vacancy at the **Lawrence County Redevelopment Authority** due to a member moving out of Lawrence County. The position is voluntary and uncompensated. The vacancy will be announced at two public meetings in accordance with County ordinance. Interested individuals may submit a letter of interest or appear at a Commissioners' meeting.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 11:09 AM. Motion carried 3-0.