

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, March 31, 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 31, 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, Commissioner Chris Sainato, County Administrator, Joseph Venasco, Rebecca Shaffer 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 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.

Commissioner Vogler asked everyone to keep the family of Jim Barry in their thoughts and prayers. Mr. Barry passed away and he was a former Ellwood City Borough Council member.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

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| A. Repository Properties: | None |
| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | None |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals: | None |
| D. Warrant Registers: | |

1. March 27, 2026
2. March 25, 2026
3. March 24, 2026
4. March 20, 2026

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:

1. March 24, 2026

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Gateway Engineers-Notification of Planned Application for NPDES/Chapter 105 Permit Bruce-Merrillees (Shenango Twp.)
2. SEDA COG-Environmental Review Record relative to the Lawrence County Housing Authority 2025 Annual Plan & Five Year Capital Fund Plan

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

3-0.

VI. REPORTS

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A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Sainato stated he represented the County at the Realtor One grand opening last week. They are purchasing the former Lanigan's Building. Over 100 realtors attended the event. He also attended the Club HOPE Banquet on Saturday and there were over 900 attendees. It was a special event, benefiting those with cancer and and survivors of the disease.

Commissioner Vogler stated the Courthouse will be closed on Friday, in observance of the Good Friday Holiday.

Commissioner Kennedy stated he also attended the Club HOPE event and it was something to see over 900 people at The Cathedral.

RESOLUTION

R-2026-48

WHEREAS, the Commissioners desire to enter into a professional quote/contract with Countryside Fence Company, with its principal place of business at 345 Ubry Lane, New Castle, PA 16101; and

WHEREAS, the quote/contract is for the repairs to the damaged vinyl fence at Quaker Falls; and

WHEREAS, the quote/contract has been reviewed by our County Solicitor and County Engineer, Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc., and;

WHEREAS, the price quote amount is \$1,684.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enter into a professional quote/contract with Countryside Fence Company for the repairs to the damaged vinyl fence at Quaker Falls.

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

Transfers (Administrative)

- a. Sheriff from Contingency to Training & Travel for \$3,500.00
- b. Sheriff from Contingency to Uniforms for \$4,000.00
- c. Controller from Contingency to Minor Equipment for \$700.00

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

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, April 7, 2026 @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

- B. The Courthouse will be closed on Friday, April 3, 2026 in observance of Good Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Wachter stated she tried to listen to the last recording of the Prison Board meeting on Youtube and there was no sound. Our IT Department is aware of this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, March 31, 2026 @ 10:20 AM. Motion carried 3-0.