

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, October 28, 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, October 28, 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, County Administrator, Joseph Venasco, Jerry Zona, Megan Gahring, Rebecca Shaffer, 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 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.

Mr. Vogler stated Commissioner Kennedy is out of the office today at a meeting outside of the building.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

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. October 20, 2025
2. October 22, 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. October 21, 2025

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. AMG Chrome LLC is submitting to the PADEP Air Quality Division a Plan Approval Application for the construction of air emission sources located on Frenz Drive, New Castle, PA (Union Twp.)
2. Amerikohl Aggregates, Inc.-Blast Notice at Moscipan North Quarry (Shenango Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to file said written correspondence. Motion carried 2-0.

VI. REPORTS

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports:

B. Commissioner Reports:

Mr. Sainato stated he attended PA 250 Anniversary at Cheeseman's Fright Farm on Saturday. Then went downtown @ The Confluence for an event showcasing all nonprofit organizations in the County. Jesse Putnam & Jerry zona were there representing the county. He stopped at the YMCA where Trunk or Treat was being held. He also participated in the Ellwood City Halloween Parade and went to Wampum for the Ritchie Allen dedication. Yesterday, he went to Mt. Pleasant for a glass recycling plant tour with Jerry and Megan and was impressed with the process. Yesterday afternoon he and Commissioner Kennedy went to SPC for meetings.

Mr. Vogler stated the Fright Farm was very well attended. The dedication for Dick Allen has his mural on Main & Church Streets. Thanks to New Castle News for coverage of the dedication. Next Monday, Nov. 3rd @ 9AM Special Election Board Meeting, Nov. 4th there is not a Commissioners' Meeting due to Election Day. The Courthouse is closed on Nov. 11th in observance of Veterans' Day. The Commissioners will have a special Commissioners' Meeting on Nov. 12th, followed by the quarterly Retirement Board Meeting. On Nov. 18th the Commissioners will have a meeting, however on Nov. 25th, there will not be a Commissioners' Meeting due to the Commissioners attending the CCAP Conference.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2025-358

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Lawrence County to apply for an Act 101, Section 904 Municipal Recycling Performance grant.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection has provided for funds available under the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of July 28, 1988, and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence has embarked on a program to comply with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection mandate to complete a county municipal solid waste management plan, and

WHEREAS, the County has begun the county recycling program, and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has funding available to reward municipalities on their recycling performance, and

WHEREAS, the County intends to make an application to receive Act 101, Section 904 performance grant funds from the Department of Environmental Protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an application for funding an Act 101, Section 904 Recycling grant be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the materials collected during 2024.

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

RESOLUTION 2025-359

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Lawrence County to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mercer County and Carry All Products (CAP) Glass for the transportation, processing, and marketing of glass collected from the County's Glass Recycling Program.

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to formalize their partnership and mutual goal for recovering glass containers within Lawrence and Mercer County for recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Counties have constructed a glass consolidation area at the Hermitage City Garage located at 5250 Virginia Road, Hermitage, PA 16148; and

WHEREAS, CAP wishes to secure container glass from residential and commercial sources utilizing the Counties collection infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to enter into this MOU for the purpose of establishing the terms and conditions for CAP to recover glass aggregated at the consolidation area in Hermitage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Lawrence County enters into the MOU with Mercer County and CAP Glass, and that Dan Vogler, Chairman, be authorized to sign such MOU.

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

**LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 360
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LAWRENCE,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE
SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE LOCAL
SHARE ACCOUNT – STATEWIDE PROGRAM THROUGH THE
COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY**

Be it RESOLVED, that Lawrence County hereby requests a Local Share Account Statewide Program grant for \$661,685.00 from the Local Share Account to be used for the Stavich Bike Trail Rehabilitation Project.

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

I, Joe Vensasco, duly qualified County Administrator of Lawrence County, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Lawrence County Commissioners at a regular scheduled meeting held on October 28, 2025 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of Lawrence County and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of Lawrence County, this 28th day of October 2025.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-361

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized a Letter of Intent to purchase St. Joseph the Worker Church and Campus, located at 1111 S. Cascade Street, New Castle, Lawrence County, PA 16101 on October 7, 2025 by Resolution R-2025-319; and

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Catholic Diocese accepted the aforementioned Letter of Intent and has provided the County with an Agreement of Sale; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to enter into an Agreement of Sale by and between Most Reverend Mark A. Eckman, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, Successor Trustee for the Holy Spirit Parish Charitable Trust and Lawrence County, Pennsylvania Government; and

WHEREAS, terms are attached in the Agreement of Sale and purchase shall be for \$600,000.00 for the former St. Joseph the Worker Church and Campus from the Pittsburgh Catholic Diocese; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Board enter into an Agreement of Sale for the purchase of St. Joseph the Worker Church and Campus for \$600,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-362

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 FY2025 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2025 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING Misc. EMA Revenue Fund Account: 01390000.341300 by \$1,970.76; and

INCREASING Travel & Training EMA Expense Funda Account: 01421500.508000 by \$1,970.76

Reason: 2025 Homeland Security Conference Reimbursement

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-363

WHEREAS, budgets cannot always anticipate every extraordinary, ordinary, or contingency situation which arises throughout the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County code permits the Commissioners by resolution to authorize budget transfers from any encumbered balance; and

WHEREAS, the need to provide additional appropriations to certain accounts now exists; and

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to the appropriate administrative officials to transfer a total of \$388.90 as further detailed in the attachment(s) designated T-2025-16.

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

Transfers (Administrative)

- a. Recycling from Contingency to Land/Building Rental for \$300.00
- b. Public Defender from Contingency to Land/Building Rental for \$3.00
- c. Tax Claim from Contracted Consulting to Telephone for \$500.00

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

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 next Commissioners' Meeting will be a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 @ 8:30AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

B. There will be a Special Election Board Meeting on Monday, November 3, 2025 @ 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

C. Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2025 and there will not be a Commissioners' Meeting.

D. The Courthouse will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 in observance of Veterans' Day and there will not be a Commissioners' Meeting.

E. There will be a Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

F. There will be Prison Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 @ 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

G. There will not be a Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, due to the Commissioners attending the CCAP Fall Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Wachter asked if the Maintenance staff will be increasing to take care of the grounds at St. Joseph's Church Campus? She asked how the sale is being financed. Mr. Vogler answered her questions, the Commissioners have not decided if Maintenance staff will be increased. Financing is through our capital reserve, that has a couple million dollars in the account. He further stated that if CYS moves to the new campus, the Commissioners will have to look at what to do with the Almira Home building.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, October 28, 2025 @ 11:00 AM.