

PRISON BOARD MEETING

The Prison Board meeting was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Lawrence County Government Center in the commissioner's Meeting Room. In attendance were:

District Attorney Lamancusa
Controller Prestopine
Judge Cox
Commissioner Kennedy
Sheriff Martwinski
Commission Vogler

Also in attendance were: Warden Mahlmeister, Deputy Warden Simmons, Deputy Warden Speivogel, Solicitor Jason Medure and Rhonda Heaney recording.

Mr. Lamancusa reminds everyone that the meeting is being recorded both by audio and visual then calls the meeting to order.

Minutes – Mr. Prestopine made a motion to approve the February minutes. Judge Cox seconds the motion. Mr. Vogler abstains. **Motion carries 5-0.**

Population Report – The population is at 154. There are 5 juveniles, 18 females and 13 at other counties for separation issues and holding 8 from other facilities. Mr. Vogler made a motion to approve the population report. Mr. Prestopine seconds the motion. **Motion carries 6-0.**

Approval of Bills – Mr. Prestopine made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. Martwinski seconds the motion. **Motion carries 6-0.**

Old Business – Mr. Lamancusa is requesting a proposal for a dedicated judicial window for magistrate hearings. This would help reduce operational disruptions. Mr. Lamancusa would like to request a consensus of the board and submit to the President Judge for his determination.

Mr. Vogler made a motion to submit a proposal to President Judge for consideration. Mr. Martwinski seconds the motion. Judge Cox abstains.

Motion carries 5-0. Again Mr. Lamancusa stressed that this is just a proposal that is being submitted for consideration to the President Judge.

Mr. Lamancusa would like the board to submit a proposal to set the Live Scan fee in the amount of \$150 for each individual processed using the livescan system. He explained a line item would also need created. Again, Mr. Lamancusa stated this is just being submitted to the President Judge for consideration. Mr. Vogler made a motion to set the live scan fee of \$150 and be submitted to the President Judge for his consideration. Mr. Prestopine seconds the motion. Judge Cox abstains. **Motion carries 5-0.**

Mr. Lamancusa requested an audit be done at the jail related to how information is being disseminated. Mr. Simmons stated he did an information audit on the different systems within the facility and all systems were confirmed to have current employee access.

New Business

Mr. Mahlmeister gave an update on the projects at the jail. A list of facility upgrades were reviewed, including window repairs, elevator refurbishment and replacing deteriorating doors. A specific repair for frozen water pipes and heaters in the vehicle vestibule will be reviewed for potential insurance coverage.

Mr. Mahlmeister states that the jail is waiting on Allegheny County to sign the contract for medical care which would eliminate the sheriff sitting with the inmate. The cost would be \$171 a day compared to \$1000 a day.

Mr. Lamancusa spoke about MHDS. Mr. Vogler made a motion for Mr. Lamancusa to discuss a subsidy or ability to partially compensate the facility for the involvement in treating mental health issues within Lawrence County. Mr. Martwinski seconds the motion. **Motion carries 6-0.** Mr. Lamancusa will give an update at the next meeting.

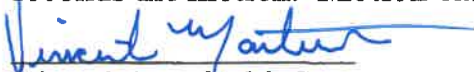
Mr. Lamancusa states the revenue for juveniles collected is \$353,400 and this is where it should be for the 1.7 revenue line item. He asked what the plan of the jail is. Ms. Spielvogel stated she will be seeking contracts with other counties to utilize the jails housing unit, targeting 13 western region counties by the end of April.

Visitor Comments – N/A

Executive Session – Mr. Lamancusa made a motion to go into executive session. Judge Cox seconds the motion. **Motion carries 6-0.**

Mr. Prestopine made a motion to come out of executive session. Mr. Kennedy seconds the motion. **Motion carries 6-0.**

Adjourn – Mr. Lamancusa made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Martwinski seconds the motion. **Motion carries 6-0.**


Vince Martwinski, Secretary
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