

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, September 9, 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, September 9, 2025, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. **Administrative Assistant, Ryan Anderson**, called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Commissioner Chris Sainato, Howard Simmons, Kevin Drapola, Rebecca Shaffer, Scott Baldwin, Tyler Coughenour, 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 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**

None

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL**

- A. Repository Properties: NONE
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals:
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals:
  - 1. Planning-Ellwood City Borough-CDBG Curb Ramps
- D. Warrant Registers:
  - 1. August 29, 2025
  - 2. September 3, 2025
  - 3. September 4, 2025
  - 4. September 5, 2025

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:
  - 5. September 2, 2025

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. New Castle Area Maintenance Support Activity/Vehicle Maintenance Shop Facility County Act 14, 67, 68 and 127 Notifications for a Chapter 102 NPDES General Permit Registration and Chapter 105 Joint Permit Application (North Beaver Twp.)

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

### **REPORTS**

A. Staff Reports:

B. Commissioner Reports:

Mr. Sainato stated that there were a lot of activities to do over the weekend. He visited Shenango Township and participated in Community Day. He then attended the Old Timer's Day and was in the march. Later, he attended the Fur Ball Banquet hosted by the Humane Society held at the Cathedral. Lastly Mr. Sainato went to Neshannock Township and visited the Parish Picnic.

Mr. Vogler said that there are two upcoming public meetings, one being the Planning Meeting held in Shenango Township, and then on Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup> there is an Ag Preservation Board meeting at the Lauren Elder Farm.

Mr. Kennedy will be in Washington, D.C next week with Ben Bush conducting business for Lawrence County. Mr. Kennedy also stated that he wanted to set out to make a resolution to appoint Joe as the point of contact for purchasing a piece of property in Lawrence County, PA.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTION**

#### **R-2025-288**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution R-2025-288 the Board of Commissioners determined it necessary to seek professional service to assist in the review, analysis and recommendations to oversee an Energy Savings Performance Contracting Project at the Lawrence County Courthouse Campus; and

**WHEREAS**, The Efficiency Network (TEN) was selected to provide those services and will be entering into a new contract for a twenty-four (24) month period; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,** this Agreement shall be in effect from the date of execution by The Efficiency Network through a period of twenty-four (24) months and shall automatically renew thereafter annually unless cancelled by either party upon a ninety (90) day written notice. Upon termination by either party, any fees still due as defined in Section 2 will be the obligation of the Client. Should a location listed on the Schedule A sell or close to an unrelated third Party at any time during the term of this Agreement, that location shall be removed from the Schedule A and will no longer be a part of this Agreement. Any outstanding invoices due at the time of removal of said locations will be the obligation of the Client; and

**WHEREAS,** this Agreement contains the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior representations, agreements, arrangements and understandings between the parties, whether oral or written. This Agreement may be modified only by a writing signed by all parties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,** that the Board enter into an Agreement with The Efficiency Network to oversee the Energy Savings Performance Contracting Project at the Lawrence County Courthouse Campus

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

## **RESOLUTION**

**R-2025-289**

**WHEREAS,** the Lawrence County Commissioners have received a cost estimate from Frank B. Taylor Engineering from JET Excavating Co. to repair the deficiencies in the approach roadway/shoulder at Lawrence County Bridge No. 19 (Kildoo Bridge) in Slippery Rock Township, Lawrence County and

**WHEREAS,** the cost estimate to repair the approach roadway/shoulder is \$8,750.00;

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

1. JET Excavating Co. shall repair the deficiencies in the approach roadway/shoulder at Lawrence County Bridge No. 19 (Kildoo Bridge) in Slippery Rock Township, Lawrence County for a cost of \$8,750.00.

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

**RESOLUTION        R-2025-290**

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Corrections wishes to enter into a contract with TKE Elevators to complete the Lawrence County Corrections Elevator Modernization Project; and

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

1. The service agreement shall be with TKE Elevators, 539 Rochester Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237; and
2. The service agreement is in the amount of \$236,899.10, for the completion of the Lawrence County Corrections Elevator Modernization Project.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2025-291**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence is using a Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Keystone Communities Program;

**WHEREAS**, the funds are to be used for the Ellwood City Façade Program;

**WHEREAS**, eligible applicants can apply and receive up to \$5,000 dollars towards Façade improvement;

**WHEREAS**, the County has received an application from the attached qualifying business owners and the Façade Steering Committee has reviewed and approved the applications for funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Lawrence County Board Commissioners that the Commissioners hereby enters into an agreement with the attached businesses for the Ellwood City Façade Grant

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

**RESOLUTION      R-2025-292**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):  
**accessAbilities (base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_\_.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

**RESOLUTION      R-2025 -293**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**ACHIEVA (base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_\_.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

**RESOLUTION      R-2025 -294**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**Adam Brooks (Base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_\_.  
Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

**RESOLUTION      R-2025 -296**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**Lawrence County ARC (Base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

**RESOLUTION      R-2025 -296**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**Community Care Connections (Base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

**RESOLUTION      R-2025 -297**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**Global Wordsmiths (Base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

### **RESOLUTION      R-2025 -298**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**Human Services Center (Base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

### **RESOLUTION      R-2025 -299**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**Lifesteps (Base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_\_.  
Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

#### **RESOLUTION      R-2025 -300**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**Peak Potential Therapy Solutions, LLC. (Base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_\_.  
Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

**RESOLUTION      R-2025 -301**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**Positive Steps Therapy (Base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

**RESOLUTION      R-2025 -302**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**Pediatric Therapy Professionals (Base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_\_.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

**RESOLUTION      R-2025 -303**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**Rehab Links (base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_\_.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

**RESOLUTION      R-2025 -304**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.

2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**SOAR Pediatric Developmental Therapy, LLC (Base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_\_.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

## **RESOLUTION      R-2025 -305**

**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 Human Services 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 for the period of July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following contract(s):

**Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (Base)** - as detailed in attachment designated 2025-\_\_\_\_\_.

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolutions #292-#305. Motion carried 3-0.

## **RESOLUTION      R-2025-306**

**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** DA RE-ENTRY PROGRAM Revenue Fund Account: 01337013.337011 by \$19,263.00; and

**INCREASING** Transfer to DA RE-ENTRY PROGRAM Expense Fund Account: 01419416.999900 by \$19,263.00.+

***Reason: DA RE-ENTRY GRANT***

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

### **Transfers (Administrative)**

- a. Domestic Relations from Contingency to Travel/Training for \$1,000.00
- b. Domestic Relations from Cost Allocation to Salary of Detectives for \$14,050.00
- c. Public Defender from Contingency to Staples for \$1,000.00.
- d. MDJ Amodie from contingency to staples for \$1,500.00.
- e. DA from contingency to vehicle expense for \$3,511.94.
- f. DA from materials and supplies to staples for \$164.29.
- g. DA from materials and supplies to staples for \$2,500.00.
- h. DA from vehicle expense to staff overtime for \$2,500.00.
- I. DA from travel and training to staff overtime for \$5,000.00.

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

### **ORDINANCES**

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| A. Discussion:              | None |
| <b>B.</b> On the Table:     | None |
| C. For Introduction:        | None |
| <b>D.</b> For Final Action: | None |

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10am in the commissioner's meeting room.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, September 2, 2025 @ 11:00 AM.