

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Thursday, August 21, 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 Thursday, August 21, 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 Dan Kennedy, Mary Kelly, Brian Burick, Amy McKinney, and no one 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 we are having a Special Commissioners' meeting today, due to the fact that we did not have a quorum the last two (2) Tuesdays and we have a lot of business to take care of. Commissioner Sainato is out of town today.

He further asked that everyone keep the family of former Judge Pratt in their thoughts and prayers, as Judge Pratt passed away earlier this week.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

RESOLUTION

R-2025-239

WHEREAS, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

WHEREAS, Erick Jackson placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at N Round Street, Parcel ID No. 34-106100; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, N. Round Street with a Parcel ID No. 34-106100; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance

Form accepting the bid made by Erick Jackson in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at N Round Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 34-106100, Union Township.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-240

WHEREAS, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

WHEREAS, Sheperd's Light Ministry-Rick Sikora placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Pearson Street, Parcel ID No. 04-098800; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, Pearson Street with a Parcel ID No. 04-098800; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Sheperd's Light Ministry in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Pearson Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 04-098800, City of New Castle.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-241

WHEREAS, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Spriggs placed a bid of \$525.00 on property located at Pollock Avenue, Parcel ID No. 05-037300; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, Pollock Avenue with a Parcel ID No. 05-037300; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Elizabeth Spriggs in the amount of \$525.00 for Repository Property located at Pollock Avenue, and having a Parcel ID No. 05-037300, City of New Castle.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-242

WHEREAS, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

WHEREAS, Mansour Realty Co LLC placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Pollock Avenue, Parcel ID No. 05-037300; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, Pollock Avenue with a Parcel ID No. 05-037300; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Mansour Realty CO LLC in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Pollock Avenue, and having a Parcel ID No. 05-037300, City of New Castle.

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

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| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | None |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals: | None |
| D. Warrant Registers: | |
| 1. August 6, 2025 | |
| 2. August 8, 2025 | |
| 3. August 11, 2025 | |
| 4. August 12, 2025 | |

Moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 2-0.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
1. Tuesday, August 5, 2025

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
1. LSSE Civil Engineers & Surveyors-Act 67 & 68 for PENNVEST
Funding Application for the Taylor Township Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade @ 218 Industrial Street, West Pittsburg (Taylor Twp.)
 2. Department of the Army for the Construction of an Area
Maintenance Support Activity/Vehicle Maintenance Shop Facility and
Training Center (North Beaver Twp.)

3. Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc.-Sewage Facilities Planning Module Component 4B-County Planning Agency Review for SR 18 Sanitary Sewer Extension (Neshannock & Wilmington Twps.)

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to file said written correspondence(s). Motion carried 2-0.

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports: None
- B. Commissioner Reports:

Mr. Kennedy stated the CCAP conference was a positive trip. He has spoken to Crystallynn Energy Services and they will be reviewing a reporting back to the Commissioners regarding our electric bills with Penn Power. The Lawrence County Fair did great last week.

Mr. Vogler agreed the Lawrence County Fair had a great turnout last week and was thankful the weather was good.

NEW BUSINESS **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION R-2025-243

Whereas, the Lawrence County Domestic Relations is in need of a maintenance Agreement to cover the fire alarm system; and

Whereas, the Lawrence County Domestic Relations currently uses the services of Johnson Controls to provide maintenance to the fire alarm systems.

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

1. Johnson Controls of 3159 Unionville Road, Cranberry Township, 16066 will provided a Maintenance Agreement for the Lawrence County Domestic Relations Department's Fire Alarm System; and
2. Costs will not exceed \$657.73 for a one-year period 9/01/2025 through 8/31/2026.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-244

WHEREAS, Lawrence County wishes to contract Equifax Verification Services located at Lawrence County Domestic Relations; and

WHEREAS, Equifax Verification Services A Social Service verification report provided via the Service ("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 to the Lawrence County Domestic Relations; and

WHEREAS, Equifax is an independent contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to amend Resolution R-2025-190 per the recommendation of the Domestic Relations Office and Equifax's legal department to amend language in provision #7, Appropriation in Agreement; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall supersede Resolution R-2025-190; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT: THE County approves Equifax service at the Lawrence County Domestic Relations, with the minimum charge of \$5.60 per search for a 12-month period. Starting September 1, 2025 until September 30, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-245

WHEREAS, properties were listed to be sold free and clear of all municipal claims at the Judicial Tax Sale held on April 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, certain properties remain unsold and are currently on Lawrence County's Repository list.

WHEREAS, the 2025 county, road and school taxes on these properties remain unpaid and the properties must be removed from the current tax roll;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the 2025 county, road and school taxes on the attached list are to be exonerated for 2025 and removed from the current tax roll.

PARCEL #	MUNICIPALITY	OWNER	SITUS
01016000	NEW CASTLE - WARD 1	COX, JAMES W & RUTH A	CANYON ST
02179700	NEW CASTLE - WARD 2	MACMILLEN, MICHELE L	227 E FAIRMONT AVE
02289300	NEW CASTLE - WARD 2	YAHUDIM AL DYNASTY VAST EST PURE EXPRESS TRST BRITTANY SIBLEY T	E WALLACE AVE
03001000	NEW CASTLE - WARD 3	MURPHY, HARRY D	COURT ST
03016700	NEW CASTLE - WARD 3	SMITH, ANDREW T & BLACK, BEATRICE J	COUNTYLINE ST
03150200	NEW CASTLE - WARD 3	ROGERS, DONALD H	RIVERVIEW AVE
03172400	NEW CASTLE - WARD 3	CAPAROULA, DANIEL R	RIVERVIEW AVE
03172500	NEW CASTLE - WARD 3	CAPAROULA, DANIEL R	RIVERVIEW AVE
03172600	NEW CASTLE - WARD 3	CAPAROULA, DANIEL R	RIVERVIEW AVE
03172700	NEW CASTLE - WARD 3	CAPAROULA, DANIEL R	RIVERVIEW AVE
03182100	NEW CASTLE - WARD 3	FOLINO PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LLC	CHESTNUT ST
03199500	NEW CASTLE - WARD 3	ALLEN, TAMMI L	PINE ST
04035400	NEW CASTLE - WARD 4	FLORY, GLENN A	SUPERIOR ST
04044500	NEW CASTLE - WARD 4	CHILL, JOSEPH E & MARY A %RICHARDS, TERRY	E REYNOLDS ST
04076100	NEW CASTLE - WARD 4	COBB, BRYAN K & TRACI L	816 LATHROP ST
04121400	NEW CASTLE - WARD 4	J R WARREN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING	1014 E WASHINGTON ST
04181900	NEW CASTLE - WARD 4	FLORY, GLENN A	618 SUPERIOR ST
04280400	NEW CASTLE - WARD 4	PRAYER CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD %SCOTT, MATTIE	216 PEARSON ST
05060500	NEW CASTLE - WARD 5	THOMPSON, WILLIAM E & LORI ANN	GALBREATH AVE
05069400	NEW CASTLE - WARD 5	DEFRANK, GARY	E LUTTON ST
05144700	NEW CASTLE - WARD 5	ZORENS, KATIE	1111 AGNEW ST
06006200	NEW CASTLE - WARD 6	SAMS, RAYJZON D	BELL AVE
06022900	NEW CASTLE - WARD 6	FAMOUS LLC	ROBINSON ST
06028600	NEW CASTLE - WARD 6	FAMOUS, LLC	BELL AVE
06033100	NEW CASTLE - WARD 6	FAMOUS, LLC & PERKINS, IRVIN	W WASHINGTON ST
06038300	NEW CASTLE - WARD 6	FAMOUS, LLC	18 ROBINSON ST
06039200	NEW CASTLE - WARD 6	FAMOUS, LLC	ROBINSON ST
06054500	NEW CASTLE - WARD 6	FAMOUS LLC	ROBINSON ST
06072500	NEW CASTLE - WARD 6	JORDAN, PAUL & MINERIVA HILTON	W NORTH ST
06074200	NEW CASTLE - WARD 6	JONES PROPERTY MANAGEMENT GROUP, LL	PATTERSON AVE
06082300	NEW CASTLE - WARD 6	ALTEMUS, JOSHUA	S FRONT ST
06089900	NEW CASTLE - WARD 6	FAMOUS LLC	W WASHINGTON ST
06094900	NEW CASTLE - WARD 6	FAMOUS, LLC	W STATE ST
07009700	NEW CASTLE - WARD 7	YOST, DAVID	705 N CEDAR ST
07028800	NEW CASTLE - WARD 7	DUFFY, CAROL A.,	611 N ASHLAND AVE
07073900	NEW CASTLE - WARD 7	POPOVICH, JOHN II	W CHERRY ST
07091100	NEW CASTLE - WARD 7	SLAIMAN, ROBERT J & MARY ANN	N LIBERTY ST
07158600	NEW CASTLE - WARD 7	YOST, DAVID	CEDAR ST

08039100	NEW CASTLE - WARD 8	1426 JEFFERSON LAND TRUST	1426 S JEFFERSON ST
23901985	LITTLE BEAVER TWP	SINGLETON, DAVID	123 VOGEL LN
24900622	MAHONING TOWNSHIP	VALLEY SITE MH PARK, %TROUP, DEBRA	153 JANE LN
24900651	MAHONING TOWNSHIP	GRAHAM, TERRY & KATHLEEN	143 TWILIGHT
24900670	MAHONING TOWNSHIP	BURROWS, ASHLEY MAE	147 WESTLEY
24900693	MAHONING TOWNSHIP	VALLEY SITE MHP LLC	173 JANE LN
24901044	MAHONING TOWNSHIP	FERLAN, ROCHELLE %HALFHILL, MICHELE	146 GREEN LN
24901410	MAHONING TOWNSHIP	MCKENZIE, DOUGLAS & AMANDA	170 DEAN LN
24902603	MAHONING TOWNSHIP	SINKOVICH, CYNTHIA L	230 BAIRD RD
24903610	MAHONING TOWNSHIP	MADRID, BRIAN & VIRGINIA	199 TWILIGHT
24903661	MAHONING TOWNSHIP	LUTTON, RAYMOND & CAROL	294 JOE LN
26902033	NORTH BEAVER TOWNSHIP	SIPE, FRANCIS	222 MARYS DR
29901065	PULASKI TOWNSHIP	RAYNER, CLAUDE & SHARON	798 RAYNER RD
29902386	PULASKI TOWNSHIP	EHRENBERG, RUSSELL & NANCY	305 HERITAGE CIR
29902740	PULASKI TOWNSHIP	HALL, HOLLY	134 REDWOOD CIR
29903639	PULASKI TOWNSHIP	MCFARLAND, WAYNE C JR	118 ELM DR
31901264	SHENANGO TOWNSHIP	BROMMER, JODY	144 KERR RD
33022600	TAYLOR TOWNSHIP	CARANGIE, BENJAMIN SR	14TH ST
33022700	TAYLOR TOWNSHIP	CARANGIE, BENJAMIN A SR	14TH ST
33022800	TAYLOR TOWNSHIP	CARANGIE, BENJAMIN A SR	13TH ST
33023000	TAYLOR TOWNSHIP	CARANGIE, BENJAMIN A SR	14TH ST
33023100	TAYLOR TOWNSHIP	CARANGIE, BENJAMIN A SR	14TH ST
34006100	UNION TOWNSHIP	PARCHMAN, CLARENCE	BLUFF ST
36135800	WAYNE TOWNSHIP	PARKER, ANIKA	WAMPUM RD
36143300	WAYNE TOWNSHIP	ST CLAIR, DAVID W ETAL	320 VOLPES WAY

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-246

WHEREAS, properties were sold at the Judicial Tax Sale held on April 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, by the law these properties were sold free and clear of all municipal claims; and

WHEREAS, after all delinquent taxes are paid, the county and road taxes are to be paid at face for the current year.

WHEREAS, after all delinquent taxes were paid and there were no additional proceeds, the county and road taxes on the attached list are exonerated for 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; that the county and road tax be exonerated for 2025.

PARCEL ID#	MUNICIPALITY	OLD OWNER	SITUS
05-075600	New Castle 5th Ward	Ketler, Terry Leroy	Pennsylvania Ave

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-247

WHEREAS, properties were sold at the Judicial Tax Sale held on April 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, by the law these properties were sold free and clear of all municipal claims; and

WHEREAS, after all delinquent taxes are paid, the county and road taxes are to be paid at face for the current year.

WHEREAS, because the properties were sold for \$500.00 and there were no proceeds to pay 2025 taxes, the county and road taxes on the attached list of properties are exonerated for 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; that the county and road tax be exonerated for 2025.

PARCEL #	MUNICIPALITY	OLD OWNER	SITUS
02-145500	New Castle 2nd Ward	Roberts, Reagan L	720 Carlisle St.
03-021400	New Castle 3rd Ward	Cameron, Charles R III	1303 Croton Ave
05-081000	New Castle 5th Ward	Kravchenko, Igor	Pollock Ave
06-033200	New Castle 6th Ward	Famous, LLC	W Washington St
06-064900	New Castle 6th Ward	Sahakyan, Arusyak	111 Patterson Ave
07-058400	New Castle 7th Ward	RECA Limited Partnership	W Madison St
08-034700	New Castle 8th Ward	Jefferson, Paul Thomas & Susan J	16 W Long Ave

14-015000	Ellwood City 4th Ward	Ellwood City Borough	116 Hazen Ave
31-011200	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Gallow St
31-011300	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Gallow St
31-011400	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Gallow St
31-011500	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Gallow St
31-011600	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Gallow St
31-011700	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Gallow St
31-011800	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Gallow St
31-011900	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Gallow St
31-012000	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Gallow St
31-012100	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Gallow St
31-012200	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-012300	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-012400	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-012500	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-012600	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-012700	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-012800	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-012900	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-013000	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-013100	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-013200	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-013300	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St

31-013400	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-013500	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-013600	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-013700	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-013800	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-013900	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-014000	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Taft St
31-014100	Shenango Township	B & L Paving Inc	Woodrow St
31-310300	Shenango Township	Retort- Ferraro c/o Ferraro Lynette	Taft St
31-310500	Shenango Township	Retort, Robert & Ferraro Lyndy	Gallow St
31-903628	Shenango Township	Brommer, Charles	254 Rife Dr
34-006500	Union Township	Annarella, Michael & Velma	Francis St
34-006900	Union Township	Annarella, Michael & Velma	Francis St
34-007000	Union Township	Annarella, Michael & Velma	Francis St
34-007100	Union Township	Annarella, Michael & Velma	Francis St
34-007200	Union Township	Annarella, Michael & Velma	Francis St
34-082600	Union Township	Parchman, Clarence	8 Cliff St
34-325600	Union Township	Parchman, Clarence	Cliff St
36-143400	Wayne Township	St Clair, David W	Volpes Way

Mr. Kennedy stated that Mr. Burick came into the Tax Claim Office learning new software and he has done a fantastic job. Mr. Burick has also had a staff member out on medical leave. The Commissioners thanked the office staff for getting things done. Mr. Burick stated the new employee is working out well.

Mr. Burick stated the office is wrapping up the sale from the spring. The next sale is the Upset sale on Friday, September 26, 2025 @ 10am in Courtroom#1.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-248

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence applies annually to the Department of Community and Economic Development for their Community Development Block Grant allocation, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulations ("Section 504"), no otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance, and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence does not discriminate in access to, participation in, or treatment, or employment in its programs or activities. The County of Lawrence Section 504 Officer is Rebecca Shaffer. The officer can be reached at: 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101, (724) 656-2144 or via rshaffer@lawrencecountypa.gov and

WHEREAS, grievance procedures for any person who believes that she/he has been discriminated against or denied equal opportunity or access to programs or services may file a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, with the following:

- Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101, 724-656-2144, Fax:724-656-2151, or via email at rshaffer@lawrencecountypa.gov
- U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development FHEO/Region III Office Mid-Atlantic Office, 100 Penn Square East, 12th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-861-7643, Fax: 215-656-3449, TTY: 800-927-9275
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Pittsburgh FHEO Field Office, Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, 412-644-5449 or 412-644-6353, Fax: 412-644-6516, TTY: 800-927-9275

WHEREAS, grievance complaint forms may be requested from the Section 504 Officer contact information, and

WHEREAS, if you're a person with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Section 504 Officer/Agency, and

WHEREAS, if you're Limited English Proficient and require a document translation, please contact the Section 504 Officer/Agency, and

WHEREAS, all residents are hereby notified that Rebecca Shaffer is designated as the Section 504 Officer for County and that any resident that believes they have been discriminated against under any of the above conditions may file a complaint with the

504 Officer at the following address:
Street, New Castle, PA 16101, (724)
rshaffer@lawrencecountypa.gov

Rebecca Shaffer, 430 Court
656-2144 or via

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF LAWRENCE COMMISSIONERS DESIGNATE REBECCA SHAFFER AS THE SECTION 504 OFFICER.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2025-249
FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**



LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the County of Lawrence that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status(families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. It is the policy of the County of Lawrence to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. Therefore, the County of Lawrence does hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources the County of Lawrence will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Lawrence shall make publicly known

this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to:

(1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts; and

(2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and

(3) Use the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:

- a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program
- b. Applications for assistance
- c. Contracts
- d. Municipal letters dealing with the federal programs

If you're a person with a disability and require reasonable accommodation to be able to access any notification, please contact the business offices of the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development, Amy McKinney, County of Lawrence, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101, 724-656-2144, amckinney@lawrencecountypa.gov, lawrencecountypa.gov.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-250

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission is the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization representing the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington, Westmoreland, and the City of Pittsburgh and the Local Development District; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has entered into a Service and Operating agreement dated January 1, 1999, which authorizes the Corporation, inter alia, to administer and carry out contracts and grants for the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has entered into an agreement with PADOT, whereby the Commission is to perform planning as stipulated in the Unified Planning Work Program 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONES, that authorization is given to execute documents related to the Agreement by and between Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation on behalf of the Southwestern Planning Commission and the Lawrence County Planning Department for FY 2025-2026 \$18,750,000 (\$15,000.00 grant and \$3,750.00 In-Kind Services) and for FY 2026-2027 (\$15,000.00 grant and \$3,750.00 In-Kind Services) Contract No. 25-02.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-251

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WHEREAS, the Commission has entered into a Service and Operating agreement dated January 1, 1999 which authorizes the Corporation, inter alia, to administer and carry out contracts and grants for the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has entered into an agreement with PADOT, whereby the Commission is to perform planning as stipulated in the Unified Planning Work Program 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONES, that authorization is given to execute documents related to the Agreement by and between Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation on behalf of the Southwestern Planning Commission and the Lawrence County Planning Department for \$30,150.00 (FY2022-FY2023 \$12,060.00 \$3,015.00 In-Kind Service Match and FY2023-FY2024 \$12,060.00 and \$3,015.00 In-Kind Services), Contract No. 25-01J.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-252

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. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-253

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AWARDING A BID FOR THE SALE OF A 2014 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners publicly advertised for the receipt of bids for the sale of the 2014 Ford Police Interceptor on July 24 and July 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Smith, submitted a bid to purchase the vehicle, such bid being reviewed and recommended by the Lawrence County Commissioners and the Lawrence County Solicitor; and

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

1. Jeff Smith, 3920 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101 is authorized to purchase the 2014 Police Interceptor, VIN #1FM5K8AR4EGB74756 as specified in the attached bid; and
2. The contracted amount is \$1,680.00.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-254

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS AWARDDING A BID FOR THE
SALE OF A 2016 FORD EXPLORER**

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners publicly advertised for the receipt of bids for the sale of a 2016 Ford Explorer on July 24 and July 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Ringwood Motors, submitted a bid to purchase the vehicle, such bid being reviewed and recommended by the Lawrence County Commissioners and the Lawrence County Solicitor; and

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

1. Ringwood Motors, 5406 Austin Court, Ringwood IL 60072, is authorized to purchase the 2016 Ford Explorer, VIN #1FM5K8B89GGB32351 as specified in the attached bid; and
2. The contracted amount is \$1,180.00.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-255

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS AWARDDING A BID FOR THE
SALE OF A 2016 FORD EXPLORER**

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners publicly advertised for the receipt of bids for the sale of a 2016 Ford Explorer on July 24 and July 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Ringwood Motors, submitted a bid to purchase the vehicle, such bid being reviewed and recommended by the Lawrence County Commissioners and the Lawrence County Solicitor; and

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

1. Ringwood Motors, 5406 Austin Court, Ringwood, IL 60072 is authorized to purchase the 2016 Ford Explorer, VIN #1FM5K8H6GGD24049 as specified in the attached bid; and
2. The contracted amount is \$1,180.00.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-256

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS AWARDDING A BID FOR THE
SALE OF A 2015 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR**

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners publicly advertised for the receipt of bids for the sale of a 2015 Ford Police Interceptor on July 24 and July 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Smith, submitted a bid to purchase the vehicle, such bid being reviewed and recommended by the Lawrence County Commissioners and the Lawrence County Solicitor; and

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

1. Jeff Smith, 3920 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101, is authorized to purchase the 2015 Ford Police Interceptor, VIN #1FM5K8AR3FGC09059 as specified in the attached bid; and
2. The contracted amount is \$1,680.00

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolutions R-2025-253 up to and including Resolution R-2025-256. Motion carried 2-0.

R E S O L U T I O N R-2025-257

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioners by resolution number R-1994-190 created a five member Agricultural Land Preservation Board; and

WHEREAS, said board was authorized to administer the Lawrence County Agricultural Conservation Easement Program within Lawrence County on behalf of the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, from time to time terms of these board members expire and must be filled; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board that Penny Kretzer be re-appointed to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board; and

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

1. Penny Kretzer, 513 Vosler Road, Volant, PA 16156 (Washington Twp.) be re-appointed to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board with a term expiring December 31, 2028.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-258

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION

WHEREAS, the board of Commissioners created a five-member Agricultural Land Preservation Board through Resolution R-2004-190; and

WHEREAS, said Board was authorized to administer the Lawrence County Agricultural Conservation Easement Program on behalf of the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the term of these Board members expire and must be filled; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural land Preservation Board has recommended individuals to fill positions on the Board; and

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

1. William Allen, 305 Covered Bridge Road, Volant, PA 16156 (Wilmington Township) be re-appointed to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board with a term expiring December 31, 2028.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-259

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 2024 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING State Grant- Courts General Fund Account: 01334018.334103 by \$20,000.00; and

INCREASING Transfer to Courts-Maintenance & Repairs General Fund Account: 01418400.403000 by \$20,000.00

Reason: Court Security Grant.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-260

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

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2025 Budget to account for the additional revenue; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County has received dollars from the DCED CDBG Program.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2025 Lawrence County Budget to add the CDBG FY2023 Expenditures and Revenue accounts and include the following CDBG line item:

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| 1. County Admin | 46,000.00 |
| 2. Ellwood Admin | 18,000.00 |
| 3. Union Admin | 15,000.00 |
| 4. Shenango Admin | 19,000.00 |

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-261

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 2024 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING IRP Grant Revenue General Fund Account:
01331065.331000.93669 by \$3,590.00; and

INCREASING IRP Grant Expense General Fund Account:
01423065.201000 by \$3,590.00

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-262

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 2024 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING Safety Grant Revenue General Fund Account: 01337007.337004 by \$35,350.00; and

INCREASING Commissioners Maintenance & Repairs General Fund Account: 01411100.403000 by \$35,350.00

Reason: Safety Grant Received

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-263

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 \$1,500.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2025-12.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-264

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 \$5,000.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2025-13.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. Assessment from contingency to vehicle expense for \$2,000.00.
- b. Liquid Fuels bridge maintenance to fuel for \$1,000.00.
- c. DJ Russo from contingency account to association dues for \$25.00.
- d. Central Court from contingency to staples for \$800.00.
- e. Juvenile Probation from contingency to subscriptions for \$175.00.
- f. Juvenile Probation from contingency to travel & training for \$675.00.

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

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

None

RESOLUTIONS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE TABLE

None

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 on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of Labor Day.
- C. There will be a Prison Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 @ 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Thursday, August 21, 2025 @ 11:20 AM.