

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, July 15, 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, July 15, 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, Commissioner Chris Sainato (via phone), Mike Grippo, Scott Baldwin, 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:

RESOLUTION

R-2025-165

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

WHEREAS, 3BX Properties LLC- Debora Santos placed a bid of \$600.00 on property located at W. Washington Street, Parcel ID No. 34-049800; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, W. Washington Street with a Parcel ID No. 34-049800; 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 3BX Properties LLC- Debora Santos in the amount of \$600.00 for Repository Property located at W. Washington Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 34-049800, City of New Castle.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-166

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

WHEREAS, Duane L. Frishkorn placed a bid of \$250.00 on property located at Sheridan Ave, Parcel ID No. 01-044500; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, Sheridan Ave with a Parcel ID No. 01-044500; 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 Duane Frishkorn in the amount of \$250.00 for Repository Property located at Sheridan Ave, and having a Parcel ID No. 01-044500, City of New Castle.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-167

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

WHEREAS, Duane Frishkorn placed a bid of \$250.00 on property located at Sheridan Ave, Parcel ID No. 01-044600; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, Sheridan Ave with a Parcel ID No. 01-044600; 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 Duane Frishkorn in the amount of \$250.00 for Repository Property located at Sheridan Ave, and having a Parcel ID No. 01-044600, City of New Castle.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-168

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

WHEREAS, Betsy Blackiston placed a bid of \$505.00 on property located at N. Crawford Ave., Parcel ID No. 03-175100; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, Sheridan Ave with a Parcel ID No. 03-175100; 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 Betsy Blackiston in the amount of \$505.00 for

Repository Property located at N. Crawford Ave, and having a Parcel ID No. 03-175100, City of New Castle.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-169

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

WHEREAS, Paul Maldonado placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at 113 Durbin Dr Ave., Parcel ID No. 36-903720; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, 113 Durbin Dr with a Parcel ID No. 36-903720; 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 Paul Maldonado in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at 113 Durbin Dr, and having a Parcel ID No. 63-903720, City of New Castle.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-170

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

WHEREAS, Michael Ann Lweis placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at W Long Ave., Parcel ID No. 08-034300; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, W Long Ave with a Parcel ID No. 08-034300; 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 Michael Ann Lewis in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at W Long Ave, and having a Parcel ID No. 08-034300, City of New Castle.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve Resolutions R-2025-165 up to and including Resolution R-2025-170. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None

C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None

D. Warrant Registers:

1. July 7, 2025

2. July 8, 2025

3. July 11, 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:

1. Tuesday, July 8, 2025

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

None

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports:

None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Sainato had no comment.

Mr. Kennedy stated he attended the Fireworks Festival downtown over the weekend and it was very nice.

Mr. Vogler reviewed the meetings attended over the last week and weekend. He also reviewed the meetings coming up this week.

NEW BUSINESS **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION R-2025-171

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 allows for the purchase of appropriate services; and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services contracts for certain services; and,

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of County residents who are mentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, this contract with **BHC Advanced Services, Inc** is for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and

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

1. All provisions of the attached agreement dated **July 1, 2025**, between the parties

shall remain as heretofore established in the attached agreement.

RESOLUTION R-2025-172

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 Public Welfare 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 starting **July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026**
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:
Community Alternatives Inc.- as detailed in attachment designated **2025- 2025** Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION R-2025-173

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 Public Welfare 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:

3. The agreement listed in item 2 shall be approved starting **July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026**
4. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:
Guiding Changes Counseling, LLC. - as detailed in attachment designated **2025- 2026** Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION R-2025-174

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 Public Welfare 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:

5. The agreement listed in item 2 shall be approved starting **July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026**
6. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:
- as detailed in attachment designated **2025- 2026** Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION R-2025-175

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 Public Welfare 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 starting **July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026**
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:
Psych-Med Associates as detailed in attachment designated **2025- 2026** Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Resolutions R-2025-171 up to and including Resolution R-2025-175. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2025-176

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
2. Costs are incurred only if the provider or service is being used by Lawrence County per the Agreement.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County
2010 West State St.
New Castle, PA. 16101**

RESOLUTION R-2025-177

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Children's Aid Society of Mercer County shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
2. Costs are incurred only if the provider or service is being used by Lawrence County per the Agreement.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Children's Aid Society of Mercer County
350 West Market Street, P.O. Box 167
Mercer, PA. 16137**

RESOLUTION R-2025-178

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers, LLC shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
2. Costs are incurred only if the provider or service is being used by Lawrence County per the Agreement.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers, LLC
600 Arch Street
Sunbury, PA. 17801**

RESOLUTION R-2025-179

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Twin Pines Family Services, LLC shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
2. Costs are incurred only if the provider or service is being used by Lawrence County per the Agreement.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Twin Pines Family Services, LLC
1 Washington St. Suite A
Hopwood, PA. 15445**

RESOLUTION R-2025-180

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Twin Pines Family Services, LLC shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
2. Costs are incurred only if the provider or service is being used by Lawrence County per the Agreement.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Twin Pines Family Services, LLC
1 Washington St. Suite A
Hopwood, PA. 15445**

RESOLUTION R-2025-181

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider City Mission – Living Stones, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
2. Costs are incurred only if the provider or service is being used by Lawrence County per the Agreement.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**City Mission – Living Stones, Inc.
155 North Gallatin Avenue
Uniontown, PA. 15401**

RESOLUTION R-2025-182

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Department, desires to contract certain social services; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority and duty to provide social services to children and youth subject to the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DHS) and the Juvenile Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Hoffman Homes, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
2. Costs are incurred only if the provider or service is being used by Lawrence County per the Agreement.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

Hoffman Homes, Inc.
815 Orphanage Road
Littlestown, PA. 17340

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolutions R-2025-176 up to and including Resolution R-2025-182. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. MDJ Amodie from Contingency to Staples for \$1,000.00.
- b. Commissioner's Capital Expenditure Contingency to Capital Expenditure Equipment and Maintenance for \$12,088.83.

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

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 held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 @ 10:00 am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Prison Board meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 @ 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, July 15, 2024 @ 10:40 AM.

