

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, May 27, 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, May 27, 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, Kathy Presnar, Maggie Miller, Carissa Neary, Isabelle Daniels, Scott Baldwin, Annabelle Chips 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 Deputy Chief Clerk at another time, and she 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

Maggie Miller from Mercer County (originally from Lawrence County), discussed the Savannah Cemetery in Shenango Township. She stated her parents and a lot of Veterans are buried there. No one takes care of it and maintains it. There is very high grass and garbage thrown over the hill on one side. Who owns it, who does she contact, where does she go?

Mr. Vogler stated that by State law, Counties do not have the legal authority to maintain cemeteries (unless they are owned by the County, such as the former Hill View Manor Home). Mr. Vogler suggested Maggie contact Shenango Township, as there is language in the Township Code that pertains to cemeteries. Mr. Vogler further suggested she speak with Andrew Henley. Mr. Bob Bruce purchased one side of the cemetery and pays someone to maintain it. Mr. Venasco stated on the County's website, there is a section where she can look up who owns every property in the County. She will come up to the Commissioners' Office after the meeting.

Carissa Neary and Isabelle Daniels thanked the Commissioners for their continued support for the New Castle Library. The Commissioners signed (2) support letters for the COVID-19 ARPA Capital Projects Fund Digital Connectivity Technology Program and also for the Installation of Book Lockers at Shenango Township Community Park. Carissa stated there will a 3rd support letter sent over this afternoon for the

Commissioners to sign.

FISCAL AND CONTRACTUAL

- A. Repository Properties: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals:
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. May 12, 2025
 - 2. May 13, 2025
 - 3. May 14, 2025
 - 4. May 16, 2025
 - 5. May 19, 2025
 - 6. May 21, 2025
 - 7. May 22, 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. May 13, 2025

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
 - 1. APEX-Amerikohl Aggregates, Inc.-GP-11 General Operating Permit for a portable nonroad engine located @ Moscipan Quarry-2645 Savannah Rd, New Castle (Shenango Twp.)
 - 2. APEX-Amerikohl Aggregates, Inc.-GP-3 and GP-11 general operating permits for the portable facility located @ Welsh Plant site-1508 Jockey Moore Rd, Ellwood City (Wayne Twp.)
 - 3. Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc.-Chapter 102 permits for gravel laydown yard expansion-NPDES Permit Minor Amendment located @ Ellwood Specialty Metals-499 Honeybee Lane (Wilmington Twp.)
 - 4. Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc.-notice of intent for a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System located @ 139 Grange Hall Road, New Castle, PA (Scott Township)

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to file written communication(s). Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports

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Commissioner Vogler stated the Commissioners attended the grand opening of Jersey Mike's, the Lawrence County Planning Commission Board Meeting, the Commissioners also had a meeting with Sam Demarco from Senator McCormick's office, Laura Sohinki from Governor Shapiro's office, and had a meeting for the PA Downtown Project meeting. The Commissioners also attended over the weekend, Memorial Day events/ceremonies in New Bedford, New Castle, Ellwood City and Mahoningtown.

Commissioner Kennedy stated he was out last week. He did attend the Memorial Day ceremonies and they were very nice.

Commissioner Sainato echoed Mr. Vogler & Mr. Kennedy's comments about the Memorial Day ceremonies. He stated he has been attending the ceremony in New Bedford for 30 years. New Bedford's ceremony has been going on for 129 years. He further stated the Commissioners attended a ceremony for Mr. Gregg Dogan who has been on the West Central Job Partnership Board for 40 years. He was honored with Proclamations from Mercer and Lawrence Counties.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-2025-101

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence desires to enter into an agreement for the management and delivery of shelter and other assistance to homeless individuals eligible under the provisions of the Homeless Assistance Program as published in the 2025-2026 Instruction and Requirements; and ,

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. desires to continue to provide support services to persons who are in immediate need and are homeless to the County of Lawrence.

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

1. The County shall enter into the agreement with Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. as detailed in the attached contract designated as R – 2025 - ____ for the management and delivery of emergency shelter and other case management services to the homeless under the provisions of the 2024-2025 Homeless Assistance Program.
2. This Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

3. The contract allocation during the term of this Agreement is \$ 153,077 or as adjusted by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, plus interest earned thereon. This agreement shall include any additional funding provided by the Department of Public Welfare for use under the Housing Assistance Program.
4. The Chairman Commissioner is granted permission to sign any and all documents pertaining to the application and administration of such funds.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-102

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence desires to enter into an agreement for provision of services as a provider to persons eligible under the **Human Services Development Fund (HSDF)** published in the 2025-2026 Instruction and Requirements; and ,

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. desires to continue to provide services under the **Human Services Development Fund (HSDF)** to the County of Lawrence.

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

1. The County shall enter into the agreement with Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. as detailed in the attached contract designated as R – 2025 - ____ as a provider of services to County residents eligible under the provision of the 2024-2025 Human Services Development Fund..
2. This Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
3. The contract allocation during the term of this Agreement shall be \$ 114,423 or as adjusted by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, plus interest earned thereon. The County shall be responsible to pay LCSS for the provision of services only to the extent the County actually receives such funds from the Commonwealth.
4. LCSS agrees to adhere to all state administrative provisions that are appropriate as published in the 2025-2026 HSDF Instructions and Requirements Manual.
5. The Chairman Commissioner is granted permission to sign any and all documents pertaining to the application and administration of such funds.

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

TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Jail from contingency to gas for \$7,000.00
- b. DJ Cartwright from contingency to materials & supplies for \$289.90

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve administrative transfers. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

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| A. Resolutions on the table: | None |
| B. Resolutions to be taken off the table: | None |
| C. Motion to amend the agenda: | |

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, June 3, 2025 @ 10:00 am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There is a vacancy on the Lawrence County Redevelopment Authority (1st Announcement).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Wachter asked how long are the Redevelopment Board member terms?

Mr. Vogler answered (5) years, however whoever fills Mr. Donadio's term, due to his resignation, will not be the full term. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Donadio for his many years of service.

Mr. Sainato stated there will be a Special Prison Board meeting on Thursday, @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room to discuss the hiring of a Captain.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 10:45 am.

