

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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, April 21, 2026, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Kennedy**, 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, Commissioner Daniel Vogler (stepped out of the meeting for a phone call), County Administrator, Joseph Venasco, Jerry Zona, Brian Burick, Donald Andrews 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 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

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

- A. Repository Properties: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. April 13, 2025
 - 2. April 15, 2026

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - 1. April 14, 2026

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

Commissioner Vogler reentered the meeting.

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
 - a. Amerikohl Aggregates, Inc.-Blast Notice for Moscipan Quarry located on the lands of Moscipan, Shick, Tabak, Bartholomew, Currie, Strickler and Strock (Shenango Twp.)
 - b. Commonwealth of PA-Participation in the biennial Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Exercise with the Beaver Valley Power Station (BVPS) on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

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

VI. REPORTS

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports: None
- B. Commissioner Reports: DV,CS,DK

Commissioner Vogler stated tomorrow there is a meeting with the Lawrence and Mercer Counties Manufacturing Coalition.

Commissioner Sainato stated last Friday the Northwest Commission met. On Saturday, he attended the breakfast for DJ Warriors and the Earth Day Celebration at Cascade Park. He also attended the YMCA Children's Festival and the Lion's Club Fundraiser.

Commissioner Kennedy stated he also attended the Earth Day Celebration and the Lion's Club Fundraiser.

RESOLUTION R-2026-63

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under Act 101 Section 903 has provided funds for the reimbursement of 50% of the salary and eligible expenses of county recycling coordinator positions,

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence staffed this position funded through the Recycling/Solid Waste Budget, and,

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence, through the Department of Recycling/Solid Waste, is preparing an application for reimbursement for these expenses to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners that the Act 101 Section 903 Grant application for reimbursement of the salary and eligible expenses for 2025, for the county recycling coordinator, be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

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

RESOLUTION R-2026-64

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Lawrence County to apply for an Act 101, Section 902 Recycling Grant.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection has provided funding under the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of July 28, 1988, and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence has embarked on a program to implement the County Solid Waste Management Plans and enhance recycling in Lawrence and Mercer Counties, and

WHEREAS, the County intends to increase awareness and expand public understanding of recycling and its importance to society, the economy, and environment, and

WHEREAS, the County intends to make an application to receive Act 101, Section 902 Grant funds from the Department of Environmental Protection to carry out these goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an application for funding an Act 101, Section 902 County Planning Grant be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and that Dan Vogler, Chairman, shall be authorized to sign such application and execute any subsequent documentation resulting from said grant.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026- 65

WHEREAS the County desires to enter into an agreement for drug testing services to Lawrence County Children and Youth Services (Agency); and

WHEREAS duties shall be assigned by referrals made by Caseworkers and Caseworker Supervisors and shall include mobile supervised and unsupervised urine and hair follicle drug screening.

WHEREAS this agreement to provide such services to the County shall be authorized and executed.

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute this agreement with an unlimited number of tests to the following professional drug testing company

A. DrugTest Xpress On-Site Screening, LLC

2. Agreement shall contain the following provisions:

- a. As consideration for the services to be rendered under this Agreement, County agrees to pay Contractor \$150 annually for site visits in addition to \$55 per urine drug screen and \$100 per hair follicle drug screen with payments on or about the 10th day of each month. Invoices will be submitted electronically with an accounting completed drug screens. All payments will be by electronic transfer.

- b. The agreement shall be in effect for the period **April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026**, unless terminated sooner by either party.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026-66

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 Adoption Connection PA. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
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:

**Adoption Connection PA.
700 Turnpike Street
Beaver, PA. 15009**

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026-67

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 Steven C. Braden (Check Your Mate Investigations) shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

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:

Steven C. Braden (Check Your Mate Investigations)
220 S. Main Street, Suite E
Butler, PA. 16001

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

RESOLUTION R-2026-68

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 Merakey Pennsylvania shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
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:

Merakey Pennsylvania
620 E. Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA. 19444

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

RESOLUTION R-2026-69

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 Terry O'Hara, PH.D. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
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:

Terry O'Hara, PH.D.
145 44th Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15201

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026-70

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 FY2026 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2026 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING Grant Disbursement Revenue Fund Account: 5033400.355002 by \$26,567.89; and

INCREASING Transfer to Facilities-Repairs Expense Fund Account: 50421684.403040 by \$26,567.89.

Reason: Reallocation of 15% Funds- Utilizing a portion of funds for Modular Battery Replacement for 911 Center UPS uninterrupted battery supply.

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

RESOLUTION R-2026-71

RESOLUTION TO AMEND R-2026-12 GoveEase Auction, LLC

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution R-2026-12 on February 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is made by GovEase Auction LLC and Lawrence County PA, parties to the agreement; AGREEMENT FOR ONLINE AUCTION PORTAL (the "Agreement") date February 3, 2026, as amended from time to time;

WHEREAS, the agreement is amended as follows:

1. Exhibit A: Scope of services
2. Exhibit B: Fees and Billing
3. Exhibit D: Service Provider Addendum for payment processing for Governmental entities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Resolution R-2026-12 shall be amended to reflect the County Commissioners of Lawrence County hereby approve the above listed amendments.

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

Transfers (Administrative)

- a. Court Administration from Contingency to Stenographers Supplies for \$3,000.00
- b. Assessment from Materials & Supplies to Office Minor Equipment for \$1,029.08
- c. DJ Amodie from Temporary/Part Time Staff to Subscriptions & Books for \$500.00
- d. Sheriff from Contingency to Subscriptions for \$100.00
- e. Jail from contingency to vehicle expenses for \$3,000.00.
- f. MDJ Amodie from part time temp to subscriptions for \$500.00.

Commissioner Vogler noted for the record item 10a has been removed per the Controller's request and item 10f is a duplicate of item 10c. Those were both removed from the agenda.

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

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, April 28, 2026 @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @ 10:45 AM. Motion carried 3-0.

