

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, October 6th, 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 September 15th, 2026, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 8:30 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting Room. **Office Support Coordinator Ryan Anderson** called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Dan Kennedy, County Administrator Joseph Venasco, Amy Mckinney, JoEllen Thomas**, 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.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

Advertise for bids/proposals: None

Receipt for bids/proposals: None

Warrant Registers:

1. September 25, 2026

2. September 30, 2026

3. October 2nd, 2026

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. September 29th, 2026

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Act 14 notification from Ellwood Mill Products applying to renew their current State

Only Minor Operating Permit at their facility located at 712 Moravia Street New Castle, PA.

2. National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation's intent to submit the subject permit applications to the Pennsylvania DEP to replace certain pipeline facilities. Wilmington Township.

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

VI. REPORTS

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

Commissioner Kennedy: No Comment

Commissioner Vogler: Stated that last week he had attended the League of Municipalities meeting Thursday in Neshannock. Friday he and Commissioner Kennedy went to Mercer County for the Lawrence Mercer Realtors at Webber Catering. He attended the memorial service for K-9 Baki on Monday October 5th at the Lawrence County Courthouse and said that it was a beautiful Ceremony with great attendance. Commissioner Vogler also announced that the Lawrence County Courthouse will be CLOSED on Monday October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

Resolution R-2026-253

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Law Library has contracted with Thomson Reuters for the provision of online access for legal research for patron access for public and attorney use in the Lawrence County Law Library; and

WHEREAS, Thomson Reuters contract must be renewed for services with the County; and

WHEREAS, Thomson Reuters will continue to provide access to its online library.

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

1. The attached contract, under account number 1003637971, with Thomson Reuters, is hereby approved;
2. The term of the contract is for 36 months, at a cost of:
\$908.15 per month, for year one;
\$953.56 per month, for year two;
\$1,001.24 per month, for year three.
3. The appropriate County Officials are authorized to sign the necessary agreement forms.

Moved by Commissioner Vogler, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy to approve said Resolution. Motioned Carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION R-2026-254

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence entered into a license agreement with First Energy Pennsylvania Electric Company for the Stavich Bike Trail; and

WHEREAS, in order to utilize state funding for the maintenance and repair of the trail, the license agreement needed to be extended; and

WHEREAS, the County submitted a request to extend the license agreement to meet the requirements for state funding; and

WHEREAS, First Energy Pennsylvania Electric Company has approved the request and extended the agreement for a period of twenty-five (25) years.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board Commissioners that the Commissioners hereby enter into the license agreement with First Energy Pennsylvania Electric Company commencing on October 1, 2026, and ending on the 31st day of September 2051.

Moved by Commissioner Vogler, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy to approve said Resolution. Motioned Carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION R-2022-255

WHEREAS, The Director of EMA/Department of Public Safety will be vacated on October 8th, 2026, end of business day.

WHEREAS, The Lawrence County Commissioners wish to fill that vacancy;

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

1. Appointing Rich Hoover as the Interim Director of EMA/Department of Public Safety effective October 8th, 2026, at 4pm.

Moved by Commissioner Vogler, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy to approve said Resolution. Motioned Carried 2-0.

TRANSFERS- (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. CYS from contracted provider care to medical expenses for \$1,000.00.
- b. Commissioners from contingency to cable for \$301.52.
- c. Adult Probation from contingency to vehicle expenses for \$1,345.08.
- d. Juvenile Probation from contingency to uniforms for \$1,450.00.
- e. Juvenile Probation from contingency to office equipment for \$650.00.
- f. Juvenile Probation from contingency to materials & supplies for \$250.00.
- g. DJ Cartwright from contingency to equipment lease & rental for \$204.21.
- h. Court Administration from Materials and supplies to Materials and repairs for \$12,000.00.
- i. Tax Claim from Materials & Supplies to Postage for \$2,000.00.
- j. Commissioners from contingency to office major for \$1,127.73.

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

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 Public Commissioners' Meeting will be on October 13th, 2026, at 10am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Prison Board meeting scheduled for October 7th, 2026, is CANCELLED. The next Prison Board meeting will be November 18th, 2026, at NOON.
- C. The Lawrence County Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 14th at NOON at the Washington Township Municipal Building
- D. The Lawrence County Courthouse will be CLOSED on Monday October 12th in observation of Columbus Day.

E. Tuesday October 13th, 2026, the Lawrence County Commissioners will be attending the West Central Workforce at the Mercer County Courthouse at 1:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, October 6th, 2026 @ 8:56 AM. Motion carried 2-0.