

LAWRENCE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES OF Thursday, February 26, 2025

The Lawrence County Election Board Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Lawrence County Election Board Meeting of Wednesday, February 26, 2024, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 11:00 am at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Chris Sainato, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Jason Medure, Tim Germani, Susan Kite, Carrie Hahn, Tim Buck, Patti Miron Scarnati, Lynne Ryan and Debbie Wachter**. It was stated for the record that the meeting is being taped. Those wishing to speak shall be given five minutes. Those speaking are to state for the record their names, addresses and the nature of their business.

Mr. Vogler stated former Senator Mary Jo White passed away and to keep her family in their thoughts.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Vogler stated that the meeting for today was advertised with the legal ad on Monday, February 24, 2025. The chairs of each party were notified of the meeting today.

Carrie Hahn stated she asked for Board documents that are on the agenda of the minutes and resolutions. Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless and Solicitor, Jason Medure told her after the documents are approved, she is permitted to have them. She stated we are violating the Sunshine Law, as documents should be available for the public to review before the meeting.

Patti Miron Scarnatti from Shenango Township-Precinct 5 introduced herself.

MINUTES

Minutes from November 27, 2024 were reviewed.

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

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Germani reviewed the important dates and open offices for the Election in May as follows:

ALL CONTESTS WILL BE SHOWN ON THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN BALLOT

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Lawrence County

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Lawrence County

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS 53RD DISTRICT -- Vote for Three -- All Precincts within Lawrence County

DISTRICT ATTORNEY -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Lawrence County

REGISTER AND RECORDER -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Lawrence County

SHERIFF -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Lawrence County

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE 53-01-01 -- Vote for One (1) -- City of New Castle (Minus the 6th Ward)

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE 53-03-04 -- Vote for One (1) --

- Neshannock Township
- South New Castle Borough
- Wilmington Township
- New Wilmington Borough
- Pulaski Township
- Volant Borough
- Shenango Township
- Hickory Township
- Scott Township
- Washington Township
- Plain Grove Township

SCHOOL DIRECTOR -- Vote for Four (4) Except as Noted -- Blackhawk Region 1 (2); Ellwood City; Laurel; Mohawk; Neshannock; New Castle; Shenango; Union; and Wilmington

TAX COLLECTOR -- Vote for One (1) -- Each municipality within Lawrence County

JUDGE OF ELECTIONS -- Vote for One (1) -- Each precinct within Lawrence County

INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS -- Vote for One (1) -- Each precinct within Lawrence County

MEMBER OF THE REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE -- Vote for Two (2) -- Each precinct within Lawrence County (Only on the **REPUBLICAN** ballot)

CITY OFFICES CITY COUNCIL—Vote for Three (3) Four Year Term

Vote for One (1) Two Year Term

BOROUGH OFFICES

Mayor -- Vote for One (1) -- Boroughs of Bessemer, Ellport, Ellwood City, Enon Valley, New Beaver, New Wilmington, South New Castle, SNPJ, Volant and Wampum

Council -- Vote for Four (4) except as Noted -- Boroughs of Bessemer, Ellport (3), Ellwood City, Enon Valley, New Beaver, New Wilmington, South New Castle (2), SNPJ (2), Volant and Wampum.

Auditor -- Vote for One (1) -- Boroughs of Enon Valley, New Beaver and SNPJ

TOWNSHIP OFFICES

Supervisor – vote for One (1) except as noted – Townships of Hickory, Little Beaver, Mahoning, Neshannock, North Beaver, Perry, Plain Grove, Pulaski, Scott, Shenango, Slippery Rock, Taylor, Union, Washington, Wayne, and Wilmington.

Auditor – Vote for (1) except as noted – Townships of Hickory, Little Beaver, Mahoning, Neshannock, North Beaver, Perry, Plain Grove, Pulaski, Scott, Shenango, Slippery Rock, Taylor, Union, Washington, Wayne, and Wilmington.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-2025-01 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, in the City of New Castle, 4th Ward, the polling place was located at the A.P. Gettings Government Center Annex, 439 Countyline Street, New Castle, PA 16101; and

WHEREAS, the A.P. Gettings Government Center Annex Building will no longer be available to be a polling site; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Elections has received permission to vote at the New Creation Free Methodist Church, located at 725 Pearson Street, New Castle, PA 16101; and

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

1. The polling place for the City of New Castle, 4th Ward, shall be moved from the A.P. Gettings Government Center Annex to the New Creation Free Methodist Church, located at 725 Pearson Street, New Castle, PA 16101; and

2. **NOTICE** of this change has been duly completed per Election Code Statute 25 PS 2726.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-02 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Elections wishes to increase the wages for the Judge of Elections, Minority Inspector, Majority Inspector, Clerk

and Non-Employee for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the wages are as follows:

| | Number of Workers | Pay Increase for 2025 | New Pay for 2025 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Judge of Elections | 75 | \$20.00 | \$150.00 |
| Minority Inspector | 75 | \$20.00 | \$120.00 |
| Majority Inspector | 75 | \$20.00 | \$120.00 |
| Clerk | 150 | \$20.00 | \$115.00 |
| Non-Employee | | \$2.50/hour | \$10.00/hour |

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

1. The above workers receive the proposed increases for 2025 and receive the new pay for 2025; and

2. **NOTICE** of this change has been duly completed per Election Code Statute 25 PS 2726.

Commissioner Vogler read Patti Miron Scarnetti's letter into the record. She is a Judge of Elections in Shenango Township-Precinct 5. (See attached)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynne Ryan stated she feels the Judge of Elections and Poll Workers deserve more than what is being proposed of \$20.00.

Debbie Wachter asked why the polling location is being changed from the AP Gettings Annex to the New Creation Free Methodist Church. Mr. Vogler stated the new location is more conducive and has more parking and is very close to the old location.

Patti Miron Scarnatti thanked the Commissioners for the increase in wages.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

