

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, June 17, 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, February 27, 2024, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. County Administrator, **Joe Venasco**, called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Commissioner Chris Sainato, Lisa Haddad, Patrick Anderson, Raymond Covert, Derrick Cross, Amy Love, Chad Strobel, Amy McKinney, Amy Stapelton, 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

Housing concerns at Sky View Towers by Patrick Anderson.

Road/Logging Truck concerns by Derrick Cross.

Poor condition of neighbors home by Amy Stapelton.

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

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| A. Repository Properties: | None |
| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | None |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals: | None |
| D. Warrant Registers: | |
| 1. June 6, 2025 | |
| 2. June 10, 2025 | |
| 3. June 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, June 10, 2025

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Hilcorp Energy-DEP air quality Program.
2. Commonwealth of PA- Planned Land Development for Chapter 102 Permit

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to accept and file the written communication. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Kennedy – Schedule review of previous week.

Mr. Vogler - Schedule review of previous week along with announcements such as the Courthouse being closed on Thursday in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

Mr. Sainato – Schedule review of the previous week.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-2025-123

WHEREAS, Act 165 Hazardous Material Response Fund (HMRF), administered by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, provides funds for development of emergency response capabilities to the dangers which hazardous material releases pose to the general public; and

WHEREAS, an application and grant agreement for funds has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County is eligible for grant allocations in the amount \$5,719.00 for the fiscal 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Emergency Management's disbursement of funds in the amount of \$5,719.00 are to be expended during the period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that authorization is given to execute on behalf of the Lawrence County

Department of Public Safety, all documents related to the Hazardous Materials Response Fund (HMRF Grant Application and Grant Program for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-124

WHEREAS, Act 147 Radiation Emergency Response Fund (RERF) administered by Pennsylvania Emergency management Agency provides funds for Lawrence County Department of Public Safety to improve response capability and to serve as a support County for the Beaver Valley Nuclear Plant Facility; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County is eligible for a grant allocation of \$9,120.00 in Act 147 funds for fiscal year 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, an application and grant agreement for funds has been prepared in the amount of \$9,120.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that authorization is given to execute on behalf of Lawrence County Department of Public Safety, all documents related to Act 147 Radiation Emergency Response fund application and grant funding for grant period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$9,120.00.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-125

WHEREAS, there being unsold parcels at a Lawrence County Treasurer Sale Number 36A November 29, 1951, Number 219 April 29, 1966 and Number 220 April 29, 1966; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enacted Ordinance No. 19 of 2003, creating the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County (RALC); and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enacted Ordinance No. 3 of 2020, dissolving the Lawrence County Land Bank (LCLB) designating the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County (RALC) to act as a land bank will confer the powers and duties of a land bank on the Redevelopment Authority (RALC) and the benefits of a land bank for the COUNTY OF LAWRENCE; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County has an Exempt Property Purchase Program that allows qualified applicants to acquire vacant lots owned by the Redevelopment Authority for a structured fee based on their approved application; and

WHEREAS, applicants has completed an application under the Exempt Purchase Program Application for the following properties and all requirements have been met; and

07-157800

LAFAYETTE STREET

DONNA M. BAAS

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners shall convey and transfer the above-mentioned properties to the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-126

WHEREAS, there being unsold parcels at a Lawrence County Treasurer Sale Number 36A November 29, 1951, Number 219 April 29, 1966 and Number 220 April 29, 1966; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enacted Ordinance No. 19 of 2003, creating the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County (RALC); and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enacted Ordinance No. 3 of 2020, dissolving the Lawrence County Land Bank (LCLB) designating the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County (RALC) to act as a land bank will confer the powers and duties of a land bank on the Redevelopment Authority (RALC) and the benefits of a land bank for the COUNTY OF LAWRENCE; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County has an Exempt Property Purchase Program that allows qualified applicants to acquire vacant lots owned by the Redevelopment Authority for a structured fee based on their approved application; and

WHEREAS, applicants has completed an application under the Exempt Purchase Program Application for the following properties and all requirements have been met; and

04-286700

PEARSON STREET

SHEPHERD'S LIGHT MINISTRY

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners shall convey and transfer the above-mentioned properties to the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-127

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Housing Authority (AUTHORITY) is the recipient of funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the AUTHORITY has been required by HUD and DCED to engage a "Responsible Entity" to conduct the Environmental Reviews associated with these projects; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence is designated as such a "Responsibility Entity" for any Environmental Reviews; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Lawrence agrees to act as

" Responsible Entity" for the Environmental Review process for the following project:
Lawrence County Housing Authority.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-128

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 Central Counties Youth Center 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:

**Central Counties Youth Center
148 Paradise Road
Bellefonte, PA. 16823**

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-129

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 Human Services Center 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:

**Human Services Center
130 W. North Street
New Castle, PA. 16101**

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-130

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 County of Jefferson 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:

**County of Jefferson, on behalf of the Jefferson County Juvenile Detention Center,
division of the Jefferson County Juvenile Court
16001 State Route 7
Steubenville, Ohio 43952**

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-131

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 Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (IMatter & Life Skills) (JPO) 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:

**Lawrence County Social Services, Inc.
PO Box 189, 241 W. Grant Street
New Castle, PA. 16103**

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-132

WHEREAS, the Commissioners by resolution number R-2003-18 created a Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County and requested a Board of Directors shall exist; and

WHEREAS, said board shall exist and operate for the public purposes of the elimination of blighted areas through economically and socially sound redevelopment of areas under the provisions of the Urban Redevelopment Law; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that: the Lawrence County Commissioners do hereby appoint the following to the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County Board.

1. Benjamin Bush, 325 E. Washington Street, New Castle, PA 16101 (City of New Castle), to replace Robert Donadio, who retired from the Authority on May 19, 2025, for a term that will expire December 31, 2027.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-133

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 FY2025 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2025 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING IRP Grant General Revenue Fund Account:
01331065.331000.963669 by \$23,520.00; and

INCREASING IRP Grant-Supplies General Expense Fund Account:
01423065.201000 by \$23,520.00; and

INCREASING RSAT Grant General Revenue Fund Account:
013331004.331000.16593 by \$11,336.00; and

INCREASING RSAT-Consultants General Expense Fund Account:
01423004.309000 by \$11,336.00

Reason: Grant Carryover for Jail Grants

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-134

WHEREAS, budgets cannot always anticipate every extraordinary, ordinary, or contingency situation which arises throughout the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County code permits the Commissioners by resolution to authorize budget transfers from any encumbered balance; and

WHEREAS, the need to provide additional appropriations to certain accounts now exists; and

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to the appropriate administrative officials to transfer a total of \$204,488.02 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2025-09.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

None

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' Public Meeting will be held on June 24th 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, June 17, 2024, at 11:05 AM.

