

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, May 5, 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 28, 2026, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting Room. **Administrative Assistant, Ryan Anderson**, called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Chris Sainato, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, County Administrator, Joseph Venasco, Donald Andrews, Amy McKinney, Al Burick** 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

Al Burick from wanted to speak on behalf of Shenango Township and stated that the merger was complete between South New Castle Borough and Shenango Township. He stated that they were very fortunate to have the Stamp Grant in the amount of \$65,000 to supplement the costs of legal fees. They had relied a lot on liquid fuels and CDBG funds to help combat the eroding roads withing SNCB. Dan Vogler stated that the borough is built on a hill and is prone to erosion damage to the roads. Mr. Vogler asked Amy McKinney if she knew approximately how many applications that the Planning Department has received, and she stated about 15-17 applications have been turned in. Mr. Vogler asked Mrs. McKinney if Shenango Township would need to amend their application to include this matter, to which Mrs. McKinney replied that they did not since it's being brought up during a public hearing.

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. April 28, 2026 | |
| 2. April 29, 2026 | |
| 3. April 30, 2026 | |

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
1. April 28, 2026

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

- a. Sleighter Design-AM Titanium County Notification of Planned Land Development- Northgate Circle (Neshannock Twp.)
- b. Erika Cialella-applied to DEP for Re-issuance of NPDES System (Neshannock Twp.)
- c. Lawrence County Conservation District-applied to DEP for a General Permit, Chapter 105-GP-1 Fish Enhancement Structures for Slippery Rock Creek Streambank (Slippery Rock Twp.)
- d.

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: DK,CS,DV

Commissioner Kennedy stated that he had nothing to report as he was out last week with his wife Debbie on a much-needed vacation.

Commissioner Sainato stated that he had a busy weekend in the County. He had gone to Marty Park in New Wilmington for Peace at the Park on Saturday, didn't have the best weather but people still showed up. Then Mr. Sainato attended the Bike Proclamation at the Lawrence County Courthouse on Saturday for the ABATE to promote motorcycle safety. Then Mr. Sainato went to the Shenango Commons to go for the grand opening of Cut Creations Barber Lounge, it was very nice to see all the young men working so hard at their goals. After that he visited Sim's Bowling Alley for the Cray Youth Bowl a Thon. Lastly, he attended the Home to Homeless event at the Lawrence County Humane Society.

Commissioner Vogler stated that tomorrow they have an important event to attend tomorrow night at the Scottish Rite Cathedral for the retirement of Janet Folitico. She has worked for Visit Lawrence County for many years, and he expects there to be a smooth transition between Janet and Ginni Colella.

Resolution R-2026-80

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, upon recommendation by the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development, is updating the existing Lawrence County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development has solicited professional service providers for this project, and recommends the County enter into an agreement with Strategic Solutions, LLC to complete the update to the Lawrence County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community development has secured funding through the Department of Community and Economic Development Municipal Assistance Program.

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

1. The County will enter into an agreement with Strategic Solutions, LLC, located at 2681 Sidney Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, to complete the update to the Lawrence County Comprehensive Plan; and
2. The total payment shall not exceed \$150,000.00

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

RESOLUTION R-2026 - 81

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 Familylinks, Inc. 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:

**Familylinks, Inc.
401 North Highland Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA. 15206**

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

Transfers (Administrative)

- a. IT Department from Maintenance & Repair to Office Minor Equipment for \$3,000.00.
- b. DJ Russo from office major to office minor for \$20,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy 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, May 12, 2026 @ 9AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 @ 12:00 Noon is CANCELLED
- c. There will be a Special Election Board Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026 @1:30pm 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, Mar 5, 2026 @ 10:40 AM. Motion carried 3-0.