

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Thursday, August 26, 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 Thursday, August 21, 2025, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. **Administrative Assistant, Ryan Anderson**, called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Dan Kennedy, John Bout, Howard Simmons, Michael Mahlmeister, Kevin Drapola, Tim Womer, Donald Andrews, Ron Krhovsky, Tyler Coughenar, Jim Constant, Richard Rapone, 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: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: Lawrence County Corrections Elevator Modernization Project of Lawrence, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Mr. Prestopine opened 4 bids that were received for the Lawrence County Corrections. They are as follows:
 - 1. Eastern Elevator Service & Sales Co.: \$441,766.08
 - 2. Right Elevator Company: \$284,400.00
 - 3. Schindler Elevator: \$ 275,000.00
 - 4. TKE: \$236,899.10
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. August 14, 2025
 - 2. August 15, 2025
 - 3. August 20, 2025

4. August 22, 2025

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. Tuesday, August 21, 2025

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

None

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REPORTS

A. Staff Reports:

None

B. Commissioner Reports:

Mr. Kennedy stated the CCAP conference was a positive trip.

Mr. Vogler

NEW BUSINESS **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION

R-2024-265

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING DUE
DATES FOR THE COLLECTION OF 2025 REAL ESTATE TAXES.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners annually establish due dates for the collection of the County Real Estate Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer requests that the dates for payment of the Real Estate Tax be reset; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is beneficial for residents to have additional time in which to pay their tax, without penalty; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the following dates are hereby set for payment of the County Real Estate Tax bill:

1. Regular tax bills
 - a. Friday, May 1, 2026 - The end of the discount period.
 - b. Monday, July 6, 2026 - The end of the face period.
 - c. Thursday, December 31, 2026 - The end of the penalty period.
2. Spring Interim bills
 - a. Monday, June 1, 2026 - The end of the discount period.
 - b. Monday, August 3, 2026 - The end of the face period.
 - c. Thursday, December 31, 2026 - The end of the penalty period.
3. August Interim bills
 - a. Friday, October 2, 2026 - The end of the discount period.
 - b. Wednesday, December 2, 2026 - The end of the face period.
 - c. Thursday, December 31, 2026 - The end of the penalty period.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025 - 266

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 Alternative Living Solutions 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.

**Alternative Living Solutions
2108 Tartan Court
Latrobe, PA. 15650**

RESOLUTION

R-2025 - 267

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 Pentz Run Youth Services, 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:

**Pentz Run Youth Services, Inc.
319 Daly Street, PO Box 1062
DuBois, PA. 15801**

RESOLUTION

R-2025 - 268

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 Phoenix House, LLC 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:

**Phoenix House, LLC
800 York Road, Cottage 33**

Warminster, PA. 18974

RESOLUTION R-2025 - 269

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 Taylor & Talor Group LLC 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:

**Taylor & Taylor Group Home LLC
7262 Cornelius Street
Philadelphia, PA. 19138**

RESOLUTION R-2025 - 270

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 Belmont-Harrison Juvenile District 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.

**Belmont-Harrison Juvenile District
68131 Hammond Rd.**

Saint Clairsville, OH. 43950

RESOLUTION R-2025 - 271

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 The Summit School, Inc. (Summit Academy-CRP) 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:

**The Summit School, Inc. (Summit Academy-CRP)
900 Agnew Road
Pittsburgh, PA. 15227**

RESOLUTION R-2025 - 272

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 Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC 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:

**Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC
2840 Liberty Avenue, Suite 300
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222**

RESOLUTION R-2025 - 273

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 Community Alternatives, 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:

**Community Alternatives, Inc.
700 S. Scotland Lane
New Castle, PA. 16101**

RESOLUTION R-2025 - _____

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 Vocational and Psychological Services 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:

**Vocational and Psychological Services
350 North Main Street**

Butler, PA. 16001

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolution R-2025-266-274. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2025-

WHEREAS, the County Children and Youth Services Agency wishes to enter into an agreement to establish the terms and conditions in which the Child Welfare Information Solution (CWIS) will disclose and exchange certain information to the Lawrence County Children and Youth Services Agency (CCYA) via one (1) of the six (6) approved case management systems utilized by the sixty-seven (67) CCYA's in accordance with the Child Welfare Act of 1980, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA-Public Law 93-247) and the Child Protective Services Law (23 Pa. C.S., Chapter 63); and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Children and Youth Services Agency (CCYA) utilizes the Child Accounting and Profile System (CAPS) as their approved and contracted case management system; and

WHEREAS, the attached CWIS Data Sharing Agreement is entered into by and between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) and the Lawrence County Children and Youth Services as noted by the signature lines on page 5 of the Agreement and is effective for the time period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that a CWIS Data Sharing Agreement be approved between the Commonwealth and the Lawrence County Children and Youth Services to disclose and exchange certain information for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, with the Commissioners signing the attached signature page.

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

Transfers (Administrative)

- a. a. District Attorney from travel expense to association dues for \$52.13.
- b. b. District Attorney from travel expense to Land Biulding for \$1,347.87.

- c. c. MHDS from MH Comm Residential to Drug and alcohol for \$150,000.00.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

RESOLUTION R-2025-

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence County Correctional Facility is requesting to secure sealed bids for the repair and or renovation of its elevators; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence is requesting bids from contractors to complete the above-mentioned items at the Lawrence County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the County will advertise for bids on August 6 and August 13, 2025, with bids being due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall supersede Resolution R-2025-191; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Board of Commissioners will be advertising for bids for the Lawrence County Correctional Facility's elevator repair, with bids being due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22, 2025 and bids will be opened at the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE TABLE

RESOLUTION R-2025-226

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence County Correctional Facility is requesting to secure sealed bids for the repair and or renovation of its elevators; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence is requesting bids from contractors to complete the above-mentioned items at the Lawrence County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the County will advertise for bids on August 6 and August 13, 2025, with bids being due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall supersede Resolution R-2025-191; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Board of Commissioners will be advertising for bids for the Lawrence County Correctional Facility's elevator repair, with bids being due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22, 2025 and bids will be opened at the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

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 on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Lawrence County Courthouse will be closed Monday September 1st, 2025, in observance of Labor Day.
- C. The next Prison Board Meeting will be August 27th, 2025, at 12 noon in the Commissioner's Meeting room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Thursday, August 21, 2025 @ 11: AM.