

Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was held at the Lawrence County Government Center, located at 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA, at 12:02 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Attendance:

Redevelopment Authority: Dennis Alduk, Chairman
Frank Telesz, Vice Chairman
Jim Gagliano, Secretary

Staff: Amy McKinney, Executive Director
Rebecca Shaffer, Deputy Director of Community Development (via Teams)
Mary Glass, Office Manager/CDBG Administrator
Ryan Long, Solicitor

Public: Rachel Hanson, Neighbors in New Castle

Call to Order

The March 26, 2026, meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was called to order at 12:02 PM by Dennis Alduk.

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

12:03 PM Jim Gagliano moved; Frank Telesz seconded the motion to move into Executive Session.

Motion carried 3-0.

12:28 PM Jim Gagliano moved; Frank Telesz seconded the motion to move out of Executive Session.

Motion carried 3-0.

Regular Agenda

- a. **Approval of minutes** – Jim Gagliano moved, seconded by Frank Telesz, to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2026, meeting. Motion carried, 3-0.
- b. **Secretary/Treasurer Report** – Balance of RALC accounts as of 02/28/2026 was \$1,090,775.90. Staff submitted a review of available funds and funding sources.
- c. **New Business** –
 1. **Funding Programs** – We are looking into an Appalachian Region Commission (ARC) grant for demolition focusing on commercial demolitions. We have also been pursuing other funding sources for demolition. We have not heard from PHFA for the PHARE funds. The new applications will be open in the fall of 2026.
- d. **Old Business** –
 1. **Countywide Blight Removal Program Update** -
 - o Demolition updates
 - Round 1 2025 demolitions are near completion. Grading, seed and straw will be done as soon as the weather permits. We have three demolition reimbursements in process with the City of New Castle and one current application from Shenango Township.

2. **RACP Update** – The updated work plan for the Whittaker property has been submitted. Amy met with the chair of the sites committee and Forward Lawrence to go over the best use of the property.

Action Agenda

- a. Approval of Bills – Checks were presented for payment and signature. Frank Telesz moved; Jim Gagliano seconded the approval of Payment of Bills.
Motion carried 3-0.
- b. Jim Gagliano moved; Frank Telesz seconded the approval of Resolution R-2026-06 approving the transfer of three (3) side lots from Tax Claim (repository) to RALC. RALC simultaneously transfers side lots to applicants:
 - Rachel A. Garatachea n/k/a Hanson
 - Jose W. Cruz & Ivette I VenturaMotion carried 3-0
- c. Frank Telesz move; Jim Gagliano seconded the approval of Resolution R-2026-07 approving the transfer of two (2) exempt lots from RALC to applicant:
 - Rachel A. Garatachea n/k/a HansonMotion carried 3-0
- d. Jim Gagliano moved; Frank Telesz seconded the approval of Resolution R-2026-08 entering into agreement with Shenango Township for demolition reimbursement of structure located at:
 - 3310 Old Pittsburg Road, New Castle, PAMotion carried 3-0

Adjournment

Frank Telesz moved, seconded by Jim Gagliano to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:29 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 12:00 pm in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, located on the first floor of the Lawrence County Government Center.