

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, July 22, 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, July 22, 2025, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. **Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless**, called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Commissioner Chris Sainato, Mike Grippo, Mary Kelly, Warden Mahlmeister, Deputy Warden Simmons, Kevin Drapola, Lisa Haddad, Bruce Peterson, Brian Burick, Jana Adamo, 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:

RESOLUTION

R-2025-183

WHEREAS, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

WHEREAS, Ethan Kolpakchi placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at 503 Court Street, Parcel ID No. 03-076200; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, 503 Court Street with a Parcel ID No. 03-076200; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Ethan Kolakchi in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at 503 Court Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 03-076200, City of New Castle.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-184

WHEREAS, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

WHEREAS, John Myers placed a bid of \$605.00 on property located at W. State Street, Parcel ID No. 06-02270; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, W. State Street with a Parcel ID No. 06-02270; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by John Myers in the amount of \$605.00 for Repository Property located at W. State Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 06-022700, City of New Castle.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-185

WHEREAS, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

WHEREAS, James W Bailey Jr placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Wolfe Street, Parcel ID No. 04-230500; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, Wolfe Street with a Parcel ID No. 04-230500; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by James W Bailey Jr. in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Wolfe Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 04-230500, City of New Castle.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-186

WHEREAS, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

WHEREAS, James W. Bailey, Jr. placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Taylor Street, Parcel ID No. 04-230800; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, Taylor Street with a Parcel ID No. 04-230800; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form

accepting the bid made by James W. Bailey, Jr., in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Taylor Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 04-230800, City of New Castle.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-187

WHEREAS, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

WHEREAS, James W. Bailey, Jr., placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Union Street, Parcel ID No. 04-230700; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, Union Street with a Parcel ID No. 04-230700; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by James W. Bailey, Jr., in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Union Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 04-230700, City of New Castle.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-188

WHEREAS, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Douglass a bid of \$500.00 on property located at 146 Redwood Cr, Parcel ID No. 29-903731; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, Redwood Cr with a Parcel ID No.29-903731; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Phillip Douglass. in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at 146 Redwood Cr, and having a Parcel ID No. 29-903731, Pulaski Twp.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-189

WHEREAS, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Douglass a bid of \$500.00 on property located at 398 Poplar Dr, Parcel ID No. 29-903742; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, 398 Poplar Dr with a Parcel ID No.29-903742; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Phillip Douglass in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at 398 Poplar Dr, and having a Parcel ID No. 29-903742, Pulaski Twp.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve Resolutions R-2025-183 up to and including Resolution R-2025-189. Motion carried 3-0.

- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
 - 1. July 17, 2025
 - 2. July 18, 2025

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. Tuesday, July 15, 2025

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
 - 1. Allegheny Mineral Corporation-overburden and production blasting in compliance with all state and federal laws at its surface mining operations located at Myers Mine (Slippery Rock Twp.)
 - 2. Act 14 Notification for Denise Slagle for a NPDES permit for sewage Permit No. PA0288039 located at 149 Springfield Drive (Neshannock Twp.)
 - 3. Act 14 Notification for Tara Coyne for a NPDES permit for sewage Permit No. PA0287997 located at 904 E. Fairfield Avenue (Neshannock Twp.)
 - 4. BOW Renewables-PA Acts 14, 67, 68 and 127 Notifications for Washington Solar 1 LLC (Washington Twp.)

Motion made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to file said Written Correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports:

None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Sainato reviewed his events from the last week.

Mr. Kennedy reviewed his events from the last week.

Mr. Vogler reviewed his events from the last week and stated this Friday, July 25th in the evening there is a public event for Dick Allen, who will be entered into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-2025-190

Whereas, Lawrence County wishes to contract Equifax Verification Services located at Lawrence County Domestic Relations; and

Whereas, Equifax Verification Services A Social Service verification report provided via the Service ("Verification Report") will include, without limitation and as available, the Consumer's (i) employer name, (ii) employment status, (iii) employer address, (iv) employment dates, (v) position title, (vi) medical and dental insurance information, (vii) employer wage garnishment address, (viii) pay rate, (ix) up to three (3) years of year-to-date gross income details, and (x) up to three (3) years of pay period detail. Data provided may be from current or prior employers to the Lawrence County Domestic Relations; and

Whereas, Equifax is an independent contractor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT: THE County approves Equifax service at the Lawrence County Domestic Relations, with the minimum charge of \$5.60 per search for a 12-month period. Starting July, 1 2025 until July 31, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-191

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

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 July 23 and July 30, 2025, with bids being due by 3:00 p.m. on August 4, 2025; 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 August 4, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-192

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 original Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Glade Run Lutheran Services has been in effect from July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and was approved on June 25, 2024.
2. A request has been made to amend the Purchase of Service Agreement to include Family Group Decision Making effective April 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Glade Run Lutheran Services
30 Glade Run Drive
Zelienople, PA. 16063**

RESOLUTION R-2025-193

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 Terry O'Hara, PH.D. 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:

**Terry O'Hara, PH.D.
145 44th Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15201**

RESOLUTION R-2025-194

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 Pathways Adolescent Center, 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:

**Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc.
370 N. Seneca Street
Oil City, PA. 16301**

RESOLUTION R-2025-195

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 Adelphoi Village, 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:

**Adelphoi Village, Inc.
1119 Village Way
Latrobe, PA. 15650**

RESOLUTION R-2025-196

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 Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (In-home Service JPO Community Service) 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:

**Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc.
44 S. Beaver Street
New Castle, PA. 16101**

RESOLUTION R-2025-197

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 JusticeWorks YouthCare, 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:

**JusticeWorks YouthCare, Inc.
1500 Ardmore Blvd., Suite 410
Pittsburgh, PA. 15221**

RESOLUTION R-2025-198

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 Outside In School of Experiential Education, 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:

**Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc.
PO Box 639
Greensburg, PA. 15601**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolutions R-2025-192 up to and including Resolution R-2025-198. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-199

WHEREAS, Appellant Mahoning Valley Grange (the Taxpayer) is the owner of certain real estate and taxable property located at 1208 Skyhill Road, Mahoning Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the property is identified as Tax Parcel No 24-094900 in the Lawrence County Assessment Records; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence and Taxpayer agree for purposes of settlement of the case that the Property shall be as follows:

1. Beginning January 1, 2025 shall be fully exempt under Title 10 P.S. § 375 of the Pennsylvania Statutes, part of the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act, and will continue receiving preferential assessment as long as they continue to comply with the rules and regulation of the program as well as the statutes.

WHEREAS, the Assessment Office shall revise its records accordingly and issue such appropriate notices to the affected taxing districts as are consistent with the terms of the attached Consent Order, including potential refunds for 2025 taxes paid by the taxpayer; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, the real estate tax appeal filed at Docket No 70126 of 2024 M.D. is hereby SETTLED and DISCONTINUED with prejudice.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-200

WHEREAS, Appellant Liberty Grange (the Taxpayer) is the owner of certain real estate and taxable property located at 3067 Harlansburg Road, Scott Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the property is identified as Tax Parcel No 30-050000 in the Lawrence County Assessment Records; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence and Taxpayer agree for purposes of settlement of the case that the Property shall be as follows:

1. Beginning January 1, 2025 shall be fully exempt under Title 10 P.S. § 375 of the Pennsylvania Statutes, part of the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act, and will continue receiving preferential assessment as long as they continue to comply with the rules and regulation of the program as well as the statutes.

WHEREAS, the Assessment Office shall revise its records accordingly and issue such appropriate notices to the affected taxing districts as are consistent with the terms of the attached Consent Order, including potential refunds for 2025 taxes paid by the taxpayer; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, the real estate tax appeal filed at Docket No 70127 of 2024 M.D. is hereby SETTLED and DISCONTINUED with prejudice.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-201

WHEREAS, Appellant Masonic Temple Association of Ellwood City PA (the Taxpayer) is the owner of certain real estate and taxable property located at 510 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City Borough, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the property is identified as Tax Parcel No 12--027700 in the Lawrence County Assessment Records; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence and Taxpayer agree for purposes of settlement of the case that the Property shall be as follows:

1. Beginning January 1, 2025 shall be fully exempt under Title 10 P.S. § 375 of the Pennsylvania Statutes, part of the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act, and will continue receiving preferential assessment as long as they continue to comply with the rules and regulation of the program as well as the statutes.

WHEREAS, the Assessment Office shall revise its records accordingly and issue such appropriate notices to the affected taxing districts as are consistent with the terms of the attached Consent Order; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, the real estate tax appeal filed at Docket No 70130 of 2024 M.D. is hereby SETTLED and DISCONTINUED with prejudice.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-202

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTING A QUOTE FROM NORTH BEAVER CONTRACTING, LLC, FOR WORK TO BE COMPLETED AT STAVICH BIKE TRAIL IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners' Engineering Firm, Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc. received a quote from contractors to complete the work at Stavich Bike Trail; and

WHEREAS, North Beaver Contracting, LLC, submitted a quote to complete the project at the Stavich Bike Trail, such quote being reviewed and recommended by Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc.; and

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

- a. The Lawrence County Board of Commissioners have approved the quote with North Beaver Contracting, LLC, 4321 Edinburg Road, New Castle, PA 16102 for the Stavich Bike Trail repair work for a total of \$6,620.00.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-203

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 Pre-Disaster Mitigation General Revenue Fund Account: 01331058.331000.97047 by \$111.97; and

INCREASING Pre-Disaster Mitigation General Revenue Fund Account: 01331058.331000.97047 by \$33,320.00; and

INCREASING Pre-Disaster Mitigation General Expense Fund Account: 01421500.999900.97047 by \$34,431.97

Reason: Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. District Attorney from travel and training to equipment lease for \$1,700.00
- b. Coroner from lease to telephone for \$2,400.00

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

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' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 @ 10:00 am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, July 22, 2024 @ 11:00 AM.

