

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, July 8, 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 8, 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, Vanessa Lovlie, Mike Grippo, Scott Baldwin, Deputy Warden Loretta Spielvogel, Carrie Hahn, Lynne Ryan, 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

Carrie Hahn handed the Commissioners a print out of the election results from the County website. She talked with Tim Germani about the write-in votes. She discussed the certification of the election and write-ins must match. 49 individuals were certified on the Republican Committee. Joan Conti's ballot incorrect. The Republican Party was delayed in sending out notice for Republican Party and the Board certified an illegitimate Election. The Commissioners will talk with Tim Germani and Solicitor Medure.

Lynne Ryan stated this whole procedure has been very frustrating

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 30, 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, July 1, 2025

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

- a. Heidelberg Materials-Blast Notification-Midland Large Non-Coal Surface Mine McCord Farm Trust LLC and Heidelberg Materials Northeast LLC properties (North Beaver Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to file said written correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports:

None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Vogler stated the West Central Board Meeting is @ 130pm today. There is also a Planning Board Meeting tomorrow @12 Noon.

Mr. Sainato stated it was a busy weekend throughout the county for Independence Day. The Back To The 50's returned to Cascade Park and was a successful event. Ellwood City held its 43rd Annual Craft Festival. The events were good for tourism. Westminster had their beautiful fireworks show.

Mr. Kennedy stayed around New Wilmington over the weekend.

NEW BUSINESS **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION R-2025-152

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence desires to enter into an agreement for the provision of services to persons eligible under the **Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP)** as published in the current program's Standards and Guidelines;

and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (LCSS) desires to act as the vendor to the County for the **Medical Assistance Transportation Program**.

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

1. The County shall enter into an agreement with LCSS as detailed in the attached agreement designated as R-2025-_____ as a vendor of services to County residents eligible under the provision of the 2025-2026 Medical Assistance Transportation Program.
2. This agreement shall commence July 1, 2025 and end on June 30, 2026.
3. Fee-for-Service payments under this agreement shall be appropriated from a grant to the County from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. The County shall be responsible to pay LCSS for the provision of services only to the extent the County receives such funds from the Commonwealth.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-153

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence seeks to enter into a Fee-for-Service Agreement with Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. (ACTS) to provide County agencies, such as Lawrence County Children and Youth Services, the option to authorize transportation services on behalf of their consumers;

And

WHEREAS, Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. (ACTS) serves as the designated Shared-Ride Public Transportation Provider for Lawrence County, Pennsylvania;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The County of Lawrence shall enter into an agreement with ACTS, as outlined in the attached agreement designated R-2025-_____, to enable County agencies to authorize transportation services for their consumers, based on agency-determined eligibility and approval.

2. The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2025, and conclude on June 30, 2026.
3. ACTS shall direct invoices for services rendered under this agreement to the County Agency authorizing the transportation services, unless the services are otherwise subsidized by publicly available fare subsidy programs, or are eligible for other local funding sources, such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-154

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 Am-Gard, 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:

**Am-Gard, Inc.
600 Main Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15215**

RESOLUTION R-2025-155

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 Auberle 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:

**Auberle
1101 Hartman Street
McKeesport. PA. 15132**

RESOLUTION R-2025-156

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 Bethesda Children's Home (Bethesda Lutheran 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:

**Bethesda Children's Home (Bethesda Lutheran Services)
15487 State Highway 86
Meadville, PA. 16335**

RESOLUTION R-2025-157

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. (Foster Care) 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**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolutions R-2025-152 up to and including Resolution R-2025-157. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2025-158

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled, and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services, desires to contract for certain services; and

WHEREAS the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 and the Department of Public Welfare fiscal regulations provide for the purchase of office equipment and services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The agreement listed in item 2 shall be approved starting July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026

2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:
Achieve Rehabilitation Services & Support- as detailed in attachment designated 2025- 2026 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Be it further resolved those payments be made from the MH/DS fund.

RESOLUTION R-2025-159

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled, and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services, desires to contract for certain services; and

WHEREAS the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 and the Department of Public Welfare fiscal regulations provide for the purchase of office equipment and services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The agreement listed in item 2 shall be approved starting July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:
Northview Estates Limited Partnership- as detailed in attachment designated 2025- 2026 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Be it further resolved those payments be made from the MH/DS fund.

RESOLUTION R-2025-160

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally disabled, and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services, desires to contract for certain services; and

WHEREAS the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 and the Department of Public Welfare fiscal regulations provide for the purchase of office equipment and services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The agreement listed in item 2 shall be approved starting July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Be it further resolved those payments be made from the MH/DS fund.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolutions R-2025-158 up to and including Resolution R-2025-160. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2025-161

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Jail has the capability to house Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offenders from Beaver County; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Jail has the capacity and space to house Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, Beaver County shall pay \$500.00 per Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offenders; and

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

1. The Lawrence County Jail wishes to enter into the attached agreement with Beaver County to house Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offenders; and
2. Beaver County shall pay \$500.00 per Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offender, per day to Lawrence County to house Direct File Interest of Justice juvenile offenders; and
3. This agreement shall be from May 1, 2025 to May 1, 2026 unless sooner terminated.
4. This Agreement shall remain in effect on a year to year basis until terminated.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-162

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Corrections currently operates three active PCCD-funded grants supporting treatment and reentry services for incarcerated individuals;

- Grant #39993 – Improving Justice System Responses
- Grant #41091 – Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)
- Grant #44334 – County Jail-Based Vivitrol Program

WHEREAS, Lisa Zarilla, has served as the point person for programmatic and fiscal reporting for these grants, and is set to retire effective July 18, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Jail-Based Vivitrol Program (Grant #44334) includes administrative funds that can support such a consulting arrangement;

WHEREAS, failure to establish a short-term consulting arrangement may risk delayed reporting, loss of compliance, and disruption to County grant operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners:

1. The Consultant Contract between Lawrence County and Zarilla Consulting LLC, for the provision of administrative, quality assurance, and grant reporting support services for the MAT/Outpatient Program is hereby approved.
2. The Board of Commissioners authorizes Lawrence County Corrections to execute the Consultant Contract on behalf of Lawrence County, and further authorizes the County Administrator/Chief Clerk to attest the execution of this agreement.
3. Compensation for consulting services shall not exceed **\$4,800.00 annually**, based on an hourly rate of **\$40.00**, with a maximum of **10 hours per month** or **30 hours per quarter**, to be paid through **PCCD Grant Number 44334 – 2024 County Jail-Based Vivitrol Program**.
4. The Consultant Contract may be terminated by either party with 30 days' written notice, or automatically upon expiration or withdrawal of applicable grant funding.

This resolution and the associated contract shall be in effect immediately upon adoption

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-163

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners wish to solicit a Request for Proposal on Qualifications from interested firms for an energy savings performance contracting project which may include Facility and Energy Efficiency Improvements on Performance Contracting basis that is in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 77 of 2024, Act 39 of 2010, 163 of 2016 or other Pennsylvania legislation; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this RFQ, "ESCO" or Energy Services Company, refers to any company that is qualified to provide a turnkey energy conservation program that includes all services listed in the attached RFQ; and

WHEREAS, responses to this RFQ shall describe the "ESCO"'s capability to identify the need for, design, install, maintain, monitor and arrange the financing of a comprehensive facility improvements and energy conservation program; and

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

1. Lawrence County intends to use this RFQ to qualify and select a firm to conduct an Investment Grade Audit and award contract(s) to perform facility improvements and cost effective energy conservation retrofits; and
2. Three (3) sealed paper quotes shall be submitted by July 22, 2025 at 3pm to the Lawrence County Courthouse, David Prestopine, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101 and one (1) electronic copy shall be submitted to dprestopine@lawrencecountypa.gov.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-164

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 \$20,953.30 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2025-10.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. District Attorney from vehicle expense to Capital assets for \$10,000.00.
- b. Jail from contingency to gas for \$8,000.00.
- c. CYS from contracted provider care to court related costs for \$35,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato 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 15, 2025 @ 10:00 am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

A. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 @ 12:00 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

B. There will be a Prison Board meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 @ 12:00 Noon 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, July 8, 2024 @ 11:00 AM.