

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, September 16, 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, September 16, 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 Chris Sainato, County Administrator, Joseph Venasco, Rebecca Shaffer, Scott Baldwin, Frank Piccari and noone 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.

Commissioner Vogler stated Commissioner Kennedy is out of the office on County business today.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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. September 8, 2025 | |
| 2. September 9, 2025 | |
| 3. September 12, 2025 | |

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
1. September 9, 2025

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Vogler stated for the record that an Executive Session was held on September 10th, 2025 for discussion of a purchase or lease of real estate.

B. Presentation of Written Communications: NONE

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports:

B. Commissioner Reports:

Mr. Vogler stated tomorrow at 10AM there is a ribbon cutting ceremony for New Castle Self Storage on Grove Street, City of New Castle. He stated he is very excited to see the new business.

Mr. Sainato echoed Mr. Vogler's comments regarding New Castle Self Storage. Over the weekend, he attended Pulaski Township Day and a Mahoningtown School reunion.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-2025-307

WHEREAS, Lawrence County solicited bids for the FY2023 Curb Ramp/Sidewalk Improvement Project in Ellwood City under the FY2023 CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development reviewed the bids and reported that Mahoning Builders, Inc., 110 W. Clayton Street, New Castle, PA, 16102 was the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$97,899.89; and

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

1. Mahoning Builders, Inc. is awarded the bid for the completion of the FY2023 Curb Ramp/Sidewalk Improvement Project under the FY2023 CDBG program;
2. A total of \$87,356.00 in CDBG dollars will be allocated to complete this project;
3. Ellwood City Borough will cover the remaining \$10,543.89 contract balance
4. The Chairman is authorized to execute all documents related to this contract.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION R-2025-308

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:
Mercy Life Center - 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-2025-309

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:
Angelus Therapeutic Services, Inc. - 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-2025-310

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:
Childrens Advocacy Center of Lawrence County - 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-2025-311

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:
Vocational & Psychological Services - 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.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolutions R-2025-308 up to and including Resolution R-2025-311. Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-312

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 *Grant Disbursement* Revenue Fund Account: 5033400.355002 by \$2,147.50; and

INCREASING Transfer to Statewide Project-WestCORE ESInet Maintenance Expense Fund Account: 50421693.403000 by \$2,147.50.

Reason: WestCORE ESInet Maintenance Project

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

Transfers (Administrative)

- a. Central Court from contingency to equipment lease for \$900.00.
- b. Central Court from contingency to maintenance for \$500.00.
- c. Commissioner's from contingency to contracted services for \$20,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Administrative Transfers. Motion carried 2-0.

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 on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

B. There will be a Prison Board Meeting on September 17, 2025 @ 12 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Piccari stated the flag out front of the Courthouse has been replaced.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, September 16, 2025 @ 10:25AM.