

Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County Meeting Minutes

April 23, 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, April 23, 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 April 23, 2026, meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was called to order at 12:01 PM by Dennis Alduk.

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

12:02 PM Jim Gagliano moved; Frank Telesz seconded the motion to move into Executive Session.

Motion carried 3-0.

12:14 PM Frank Telesz moved; Jim Gagliano 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 March 26, 2026, meeting. Motion carried, 3-0.
- b. **Secretary/Treasurer Report** – Balance of RALC accounts as of 03/31/2026 was \$1,058,505.41. Staff submitted a review of available funds and funding sources.
- c. **New Business** –
 1. **Funding Programs** – We have not yet heard from PHFA about our application for PHARE funds. Amy will be attending the PHFA conference in May and it could be announced there, however, it could be as late as July before we know for sure. Amy met with Forward Lawrence recently and they are looking into some addition funding for demolition and façade improvements. This would be mainly for larger commercial properties.
- d. **Old Business** –
 1. **Countywide Blight Removal Program Update** -
 - o Demolition updates
 - Round 1 2025 demolitions are waiting for grading, seed and straw as weather permits. We also have three demolition reimbursements in process with the City of New Castle which are also awaiting grading, seed and straw. One current demolition reimbursement in process in Shenango Township.

2. **RACP Update** – The change of scope of work for the Whittaker property has been submitted but we have not received approval yet. We've obtained demolition quotes and we do have funding from the RACP grant. Forward Lawrence said we could possibly use either the EPA or DEP grant funds for some of the demolition/asbestos removal.

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-2026-09 approving the transfer of two (2) side lots from Tax Claim (repository) to RALC. RALC simultaneously transfers side lots to applicants:
 - Jeannette Louise Shaub
 - Paul F. ChmuraMotion carried 3-0

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 12:00 pm at Ascent Pickleball, located on at 2658 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA.