

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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, April 14, 2026, 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, County Administrator, Joseph Venasco, Amy McKinney, Scott Baldwin, Paula Prentice, Amy Love, Amy Stapleton, Jim Bish and 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 she 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

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| A. Repository Properties: | None |
| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | None |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals: | None |
| D. Warrant Registers: | |
| 1. April 8, 2026 | |
| 2. April 9, 2026 | |
| 3. April 10, 2026 | |

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. April 7, 2026

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
- a. The Hillcrest Group-Notification of State Only Operating Permit Application Glacial Sand & Gravel Co.-Harlansburg Plant (Scott Twp.)
 - b. Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc.-Notice of Intent (NOI) for a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit-First Baptist Church (Neshannock Twp.)
 - c. Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc.-Notice of Intent (NOI) for a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System-Christopher W. Devido (Neshannock Twp.)

- d. RAR Engineering Group, Inc.-Acts 14, 67, 68 and 127 Notification-New Life Baptist Church (Wilmington Twp.)

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

VI. REPORTS

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports: None
- B. Commissioner Reports: CS,DK,DV

Commissioner Sainato stated he attended the grand opening of the nursing home in Union Township last Thursday. He also attended the CCAP District 2 meeting at the Johnstown Airport in Cambria County.

Commissioner Kennedy stated he attended the Penn State Shenango meeting that was a nice event. He also attended the Forward Lawrence Impact Awards last Friday morning and it was very well attended.

Commissioner Vogler stated Commissioner Kennedy received the Robert Del Signore, Sr. Award at the Forward Lawrence Impact Awards event and Amy Stapleton from WesBanco received the Sam Biasucci Award. Both are well deserved. Today, the West Central Governing Board will meet at 1:30pm at the Mercer County Courthouse and the meeting is open to the public.

RESOLUTION R-2026-59

WHEREAS, that the County Commissioners of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania hereby requests a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of \$250,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for **Stavich Bicycle Trail Rehabilitation Project Phase III**.

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners do hereby designate Daniel J. Vogler, Chairman, and Dan Kennedy, Commissioner as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Lawrence County Commissioners and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Commissioners of Lawrence County hereby commits to providing the required fifteen (15%) match in County resources, contingent upon the award of the GTRP grant.

I, Joe Venasco, duly qualified Clerk Administrator/ Chief Clerk for the County of Lawrence, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Lawrence County Commissioners at a regular meeting held April 7, 2026

and said Resolution has been recorded in the minutes of the County of Lawrence and remains in effect as of this date.

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

RESOLUTION R-2026-60

WHEREAS, Lawrence County solicited bids for the FY2024 Street Improvement Project – Rich Avenue in Mahoning Township under the FY2024 CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development reviewed the bids and reported that Protech Asphalt Maintenance Inc, 1201 Countyline Road, PO Box 8425, New Castle, PA 16101_was the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$59,464.68; and

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

1. Protech Asphalt Maintenance Inc. is awarded the bid for the completion of the FY2024 Street Improvement Project – Rich Avenue under the FY2024 CDBG program;
2. A total of \$59,464.68 in CDBG dollars will be allocated to complete this project;
3. The Chairman is authorized to execute all documents related to this contract.

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

RESOLUTION R-2026-61

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 allows for the purchase of appropriate services; and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services contracts for certain services; and,

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of County residents who are mentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to make amendments to the original Agreement;

WHEREAS the Lawrence County Mental Health and Developmental Services currently has a Base contract with LaCasa Personal Care Home for the period from **July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026**.

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

1. It is specifically understood and agreed that the stated maximum of ~~\$10,000.00~~ for various services shall be adjusted to ~~\$40,000.00~~. Revised budget page(s) is/are attached to support these changes. There is no language change to this contract.
2. All provisions of the agreement dated July 1, 2025, between the parties shall remain as heretofore established.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026-62

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 FY2026 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2026 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING Lead Hazard Grant Revenue Pass Through Fund Account: 29331000.331000.14900 by \$1,375,000.00; and

INCREASING Lead Hazard Admin Expense Pass Through Fund Account: 29441600.999900.14900 by \$21,470.00; and

INCREASING Lead Hazard Travel & Training Expense Pass Through Fund Account: 29441600.508000.14900 by \$2,547.00; and

INCREASING Lead Hazard Sub-Grantees Expense Pass Through Fund Account: 29441600.334103.14900 by \$1,350,983.00; and

Reason: Lead Hazard Control Grant

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

Transfers (Administrative)

- a. DJ Amodie from Temporary/Part Time to Subscriptions & Books for \$700.00
- b. Central Court from Contingency to Subscriptions & Books for \$500.00

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

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 held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

- B. There will be a Prison Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 @ 12 Noon in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paula Prentice asked about students/younger children getting into the field/jobs of skills/trades. She would like to meet further with the Commissioners to see how she can help. The Commissioners told her to reach out to Lynda Jaworski-Rapone at School to Work. Commissioner Kennedy stated the next School to Work meeting is on June 10th and the meeting is open to the public. The Commissioners discussed how Flowline and the Ellwood Group currently make military equipment. Also, the Lawrence County Career and Technical Center have a wonderful, talented group of students attending that will be the future of skills/trade careers.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, April 14, 2026 @ 10:45 AM. Motion carried 3-0.