

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, February 10, 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, February 10, 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, Donald Andrews, Rebecca Shaffer 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 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. January 30, 2026 | |
| 2. February 3, 2026 | |
| 3. February 5, 2026 | |
| 4. February 6, 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. February 3, 2026

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:

- a. Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC-Intent to Submit Chapter 105 General Permits for Church Street Gas Line Replacement (Mercer Street, Volant Borough)
- b. PA American Water Company-Waterline Replacement-Acts 67, 68 and 127 (N. Cochran Drive, Neshannock Twp.)
- c. Timothy St. John-Act 14 Notification NPDES Permit and Water Quality Management Part II Permit (Mahoning Twp.)

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

VI. REPORTS

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports:

B. Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Sainato stated he attended the Northwest Commission meeting last Friday with Commissioner Kennedy and Chip Abramovich. He is looking forward to a productive year.

Commissioner Vogler stated that he and Solicitor Medure attended the Court hearing last Friday with Voter Services Director, Tim Germani regarding the merger precincts of former South New Castle Borough and Shenango Township, Precinct 3. The Judge approved the petition and Election Board will meet to establish a new polling location. This Thursday, Perry Township School District is hosting a Declaration of Independence demonstration.

Commissioner Kennedy stated he appreciates everyone at the Northwest Commission and he enjoyed attending the meeting on Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

R-2026-13

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 New Life Adolescents 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:

**New Life Adolescents
167 Mountain View Ln,
Marion Center, PA. 15759**

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026- 14

WHEREAS the County desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Children and Youth Services (CYS); and

WHEREAS CYS will have access to the Accenture Avenues Virtual Reality Training Program for child welfare training; and

WHEREAS the total cost of this program is not to exceed \$6,772.

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute this agreement between Lawrence County CYS, and;

Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators

PO Box 60769

Harrisburg, PA 17106-0769

2. This agreement shall be in effect for the period **November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026**, unless terminated sooner by either party.

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

RESOLUTION R-2026 -15

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence is required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code to update the County Comprehensive Plan every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the County was awarded a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development for a grant to assist in the update; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence, through the Department of Planning and Community Development, is requesting proposals from qualified firms for the above-mentioned project; and

WHEREAS, the County will advertise proposals on February 13, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners that the Board of Commissioners will be advertising for proposals for the update to the Lawrence County Comprehensive Plan with proposals being due on March 23, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION R-2026-16

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners ("Owner") wish to enter into a General Contract with The Efficiency Network, Inc. ("TEN"); and

WHEREAS, TEN is located at 1501 Reedsdale Street, Suite 401, Pittsburgh, PA 15233; and

WHEREAS, TEN and Lawrence County commit at all times to cooperate fully with each other and proceed on the basis of trust and good faith, to permit each party to realize the benefits afforded under the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents constitute the entire agreement between the parties, and supersede all prior proposals, agreements,

warranties, representations and understandings (whether oral or written) relating to the subject matter hereof. The Contract Documents may be amended only by a writing that is signed by both parties; and

WHEREAS, on or before the 25th of each month, or otherwise in accordance with any payment schedule established by the applicable Contract Documents, TEN shall submit for Owner's review and approval its Application for Payment requesting payment for all Work performed as of the date of the Application for Payment. The Application for Payment shall be accompanied by all supporting documentation required by the Contract Documents; and

WHEREAS, TEN and Lawrence County shall abide by all terms and conditions in the attached General Contract; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that authorization is given to execute all documents related to the General Contract between TEN and Lawrence County.

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

RESOLUTION R-2026-17

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners ("Owner") wish to enter into a Service Contract with The Efficiency Network, Inc. ("TEN"); and

WHEREAS, TEN is located at 1501 Reedsdale Street, Suite 401, Pittsburgh, PA 15233; and

WHEREAS, Owner shall provide TEN with Owner's Project Criteria describing Owner's program requirements and objectives for the Project as set forth in Exhibit "A". Owner's Project Criteria shall include Owner's use, space, price, time, site, performance and expandability requirement. Owner's Project Criteria may include conceptual documents, design specifications, design performance specifications and other technical materials and requirements prepared by or for Owner; and

WHEREAS, the Owner shall pay TEN in accordance with Article 6 of the Schedule 1, General Conditions of Contract the lump sum set forth on the Summary of Project Terms ("Contract Price") for the Work for Phase 1 and Phase 2 Services, subject to adjustments made in accordance with the Schedule 1, General Conditions of Contract. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contract Price is deemed to include all sales, use, consumer and other taxes mandated by applicable Legal Requirements; and

WHEREAS, TEN and Lawrence County shall abide by all terms and conditions in the attached Service Contract; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that authorization is given to execute all documents related to the Service Contract between TEN and Lawrence County.

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

RESOLUTION R-2026-18

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 CCAP Grants Revenue Fund Account: 01337007.337004 by \$4269.00; and

INCREASING Maintenance- Minor Equipment Expense Fund Account: 01417000.201100 by \$4269.00.

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

Transfers (Administrative)

- a. CYS from Contracted Provider Care to Caseworker Visitation Grant for \$12,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve the administrative transfer. 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 on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ 9AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There is a Retirement Board Meeting today, immediately following the Commissioners' Meeting in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- C. There is a Planning Commission Meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at the Slippery Rock Township Municipal Building (4334 US 422).
- D. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026 in observance of Presidents' Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 10:32AM.