

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, September 30, 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 30, 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, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, County Administrator, Joseph Venasco, Scott Baldwin, John Bout, Donald Andrews 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 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.

Mr. Vogler asked that everyone keep the family of "Bear" Senchak in their thoughts, as he passed away. He was the Tax Collector for Taylor Township for many years.

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 24, 2025

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. September 23, 2025

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications: NONE

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports:

B. Commissioner Reports:

Mr. Sainato reviewed the events he attended. He attended the following:
YMCA Salute to Courage Dinner honoring Cara Atkinson.

Challenges-Fall Fest

Union Alumni Band

Ellwood City Car Show

Eintracht Band

United Way 100th Anniversary Dinner

He further stated that if anyone knows anything about the vandalism that has taken place at Quaker Falls, to contact the authorities. This is unacceptable and very disturbing.

Mr. Kennedy reviewed the events he attended. He attended the following:

Neshannock Creek Brewery-2nd Anniversary

United Way 100th Anniversary Dinner

Regarding Quaker Falls, he and the Planning staff will be going there tomorrow to check the damage and status of the park to get the damage fixed ASAP.

Mr. Vogler reviewed the events he attended. He attended the following:

United Way 100th Anniversary Dinner

CCAP-Workers' Compensation Board Meeting in Dauphin County

He stated that the safety and wellness grants offered through the Workers' Comp Board will continue to be offered in 2026. He also announced the America250 group will have a mobile experience unit in Lawrence County on October 25th from 11AM-4PM at Cheeseman's Fright Farm in Portersville, PA.

NEW BUSINESS

R E S O L U T I O N R-2025- 314

WHEREAS the County desires to enter into a Confidential Disclosure and Software Transfer Agreement on behalf of Children and Youth Services (CYS); and

WHEREAS CYS will have access to the Virtual Social Work Trainer (VSWT) Software for child welfare training; and

WHEREAS there is no cost to the County for the duration of this agreement.

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;

University of Utah

Office of Sponsored Projects

201 S. President's Circle, Room 210

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

2. This agreement shall be in effect for the period **September 30, 2025, through September 30, 2028**, unless terminated sooner by either party.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-315

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:
Alliance for Non-Profit Resources - 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. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

Transfers (Administrative)

- a. DJ Nicholson from Contingency to Staples for \$100.00
- b. DJ Nicholson from Contingency to Subscriptions for \$90.00
- c. Assessor from Contingency to Contracted Assessment Services for

\$3,500.00

d. Tax Claim from Contracted Consultants to Materials & Supplies for \$4,200.00

e. Voters from Contingency to Security/Transportation for \$30,000.00

Moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Administrative 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 on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 @ 12PM @ Plain Grove Township Municipal Building (1029 Plain Grove Road, Volant)
- C. There will be a Prison Board meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 @ 12PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- D. There is a opening on the Lawrence County Airport Authority (2nd Announcement).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Wachter asked how many years is the term on the Airport Authority. It is a 5 year term. Jim Farris, Jr.'s term expired on May 31, 2025 and is being addressed now.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, September 30, 2025 @ 10:25AM.

