

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, January 6, 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, January 6, 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, and no one 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**

## A. Repository Properties:

## RESOLUTION

R-2026-01

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Bruce Rayner placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at 798 Rayner Road, Parcel ID No. 29-901065; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at 798 Rayner Road, with a Parcel ID No. 29-901065; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Bruce Rayner in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at 798 Rayner Road, and having a Parcel ID No. 29-901065, Pulaski Township.

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

- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:

1. December 29, 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. December 30, 2025

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

### **B. Presentation of Written Communications:**

a. Three Rivers Aggregate, LLC: Old Ash Mine-Submitting an approximate 41.5 acre large noncoal surface mine permit to DEP-west of West Park Road and north of Corry Road (Plain Grove Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to file written correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

## **VI. REPORTS**

### **REPORTS**

#### **A. Staff Reports:**

#### **B. Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Sainato stated he is looking forward to next Tuesday when the Commissioners will meet with the Mercer County Commissioners for the West Central Job Partnership Workforce Meeting. Next Monday, the Commissioners will be traveling to Indiana, PA to meet with the Northwest Region.

Commissioner Kennedy stated yesterday was a historic day in Lawrence County, as (3) new Judges and our new Sheriff all were sworn in. He is proud of everyone. Next week the Commissioners will meet at Acrisure Stadium regarding plans for how Lawrence County can help with the NFL draft 2026.

Commissioner Vogler stated yesterday was historic, as Lawrence County has never had (3) new Judges sworn in. The Commissioners have been invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony at Wilson Lumber this Friday. The company is expanding. He also stated the new bid thresholds for 2026 are under \$13,200, no formal bids have to be completed. For between \$13,200.00 and \$24,500.00, (3) written or telephonic contracts have to be submitted. For anything above \$24,500, a formal bid process must be completed.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

B. There is a West Central Job Partnership Workforce meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 @ 1:30PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

C. There is a Planning Commission Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2025 @ 12Noon at Weber's Catering.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Sainato stated it was good to see Judge Piccione yesterday and wished the semi-retired Judges a good retirement.

Commissioner Kennedy stated Wilson Lumber could have went to Mercer County, however they stayed in Lawrence County and he thanks them for that.

Commissioner Vogler stated Venango County Commissioner Chip Abramovich is the new Director of Forward Lawrence and will be starting on February 3rd. He will bring a lot to the table.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @ 10:25 AM.