

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES OF Tuesday, January 27, 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 27, 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, Dave Prestopine 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: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
  - 1. January 16, 2026
  - 2. January 21, 2026
  - 3. January 22, 2026

Moved by Mr. Sainato seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
  - 1. January 20, 2026

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications: None

**VI. REPORTS**

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports:
- B. Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Sainato commended all those at PennDOT and the municipalities to get the roads cleared after the snow storm we received. He commended all those that had to endure the conditions and work yesterday at 911 and the Jail, while the Courthouse was closed. He

thanked the citizens also for staying home and off of the roads so all could clear the roads. He also thanked all first responders.

Commissioner Vogler concurred with Commissioner Sainato. Internally, our Maintenance Department did a great job and went above and beyond clearing all the sidewalks and parking lots, here at the Courthouse and all outlying offices, such as the District Justices, 911 and CYS buildings. He thanked all those at 911 and the Jail.

Commissioner Kennedy echoed the Commissioners comments and thanked everyone for their hard work yesterday.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2026-07**

**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 Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (In-Home Service) shall be in effect for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
2. That the contract for Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (In-Home Service) was approved on 8/5/2025, request to be amended to update the rates effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc.**

44 S. Beaver Street

New Castle, PA. 16101

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2026-08**

**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:

4. The Purchase of Service Agreement under the provider Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (Special Grants) shall be in effect for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
5. That the contract for Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (Special Grants) was approved on 8/5/2025, request to be amended to update the rates effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
6. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc.**

44 S. Beaver Street

New Castle, PA. 16101

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2025-09**

**WHEREAS**, "Amazon.com Services LLC" a retail business selling office products and related goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners wishes to enter into a contract with "Amazon.com Services LLC" through "Amazon Business" to purchase such office products and related goods and services, as necessary, until either the County or "Amazon Business" ends such contract; and

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

1. the County hereby enter into a contract with **Amazon.com Services LLC** through **Amazon Business** for the purchase of office products and related goods and services; and
2. terms shall be as identified in the attached agreement; and
3. the Chairman is authorized to sign all agreements.

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

**Transfers (Administrative)**

- a. District Attorney from Contingency to Office Minor Equipment for \$4,500.00
- b. District Attorney from Contingency to Travel Expense Prisoner for \$1,869.00

Motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve the administrative transfer. Motion carried 3-0.

**ORDINANCES**

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 3, 2026 @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Vogler also stated on Friday, February 6, 2026 @ 9AM in Courtroom #2, a hearing will be held on the issue of the merger of South New Castle Borough and Shenango Township Precinct 3. This is open to the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, January 27, 2026 @ 10:25 AM.