

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 15, 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, April 15, 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, Dorothy Burchett, Bob Burchett, Brian Burick, Amy McKinney, Joe Olivia, Larry Keith, Linda Abraham 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 Deputy 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.

Mr. Vogler asked that everyone keep the family of employee, John Kulnis in their thoughts. Mr. Kulnis passed away Friday in an automobile accident in Ohio. He will be greatly missed.

**ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**FISCAL AND CONTRACTUAL**

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| A. Repository Properties:        | None |
| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | None |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals:   |      |
| D. Warrant Registers:            |      |
| 1. April 8, 2025                 |      |
| 2. April 9, 2025                 |      |
| 3. April 11, 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. April 8, 2025

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

- a. RAR Engineering-Three Rivers Aggregate LLC; Old Ash Mine-Permitting an approximate 41.5 acre large noncoal sand and gravel surface mine on the properties of SWD PG LLC (Plain Grove Twp.)
- b. Gateway Engineers-Planned Application for NPDES Permit East Long Street Waterline Replacement Major Amendment (City of New Castle)
- c. PA DEP-James Cunningham-648 Smith Road, New Wilmington-Reissuance of NPDES permit (Wilmington Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to file written communication(s).  
Motion carried 3-0.

**REPORTS**

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

Commissioner Kennedy stated his thoughts and prayers are with the young man and his family that fell through the roof at the New Englander last Friday. He also stated that Mr. Kulnis will be greatly missed.

Commissioner Sainato echoed Commissioner Kennedy's statements about the man that had the accident at the New Englander and Mr. Kulnis.

Commissioner Vogler stated that last Tuesday, the Commissioners attended the West Central Job Partnership meeting in Mercer County. Last Wednesday, the Commissioners attended the Planning Commission meeting in Bessemer Borough. Last Thursday, the Commissioners attended the Career & Technical lunch and were very impressed with the students there. On Sunday, Commissioners Kennedy and Vogler attended an Eagle Scout ceremony for Lainey Todd. This Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Courthouse will be closed in observance of Good Friday. On Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Commissioners' meeting will be cancelled due to not having a quorum.

**NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION R-2025-76**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under Act 101 Section 903 has provided funds for the reimbursement of 50% of the salary and eligible expenses of county recycling coordinator positions,

**WHEREAS,** the County of Lawrence staffed this position funded through the Recycling/Solid Waste Budget, and,

**WHEREAS,** the County of Lawrence, through the Department of Recycling/Solid Waste, is preparing an application for reimbursement for these expenses to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners that the Act 101 Section 903 Grant application for reimbursement of the salary and eligible expenses for 2023, for the county recycling coordinator, be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

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

### **RESOLUTION 2025-77**

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Lawrence County to partner with Tri-County CleanWays on the Greatest American Cleanup in preparation of America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 4, 2026.

**WHEREAS,** Lawrence County is tasked to address illegal dumping and littering and coordinate recycling events and programs through the Lawrence County Solid Waste Management Plan, and

**WHEREAS,** the County will make a Declaration of Action for the Greatest American Cleanup, and

**WHEREAS,** the County passed a resolution in support of America250PA, and

**WHEREAS,** the Greatest American Cleanup's goal is to pick up 25 billion pieces of litter by America's 250th birthday on July 4, 2026

**WHEREAS,** Tri-County CleanWays has been the local affiliate of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful for 32 years, and

**WHEREAS,** Tri-County CleanWays has established programs, partnerships, and volunteer network that fulfills the commitments in the Declaration of Action , and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Lawrence County enters into a partnership with Tri-County CleanWays for the Greatest American Cleanup in preparation of America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 4, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION R-2025-78**

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 **BHC Advanced Services, Inc** for the period from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

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

1. It is specifically understood and agreed that ASI has the right to request any and all supporting documentation for each invoice. With ASI approval, the amount listed below for each service can be modified or adjusted as long as they are within the contract maximum:
2.

2024-2025 Forensic Mental Health Allocation	
Forensic Project-Contract Maximum	\$202,764.00
Boundary Spanner:	\$105,945.00
Person-Centered Program:	\$96,819.00
3. All provisions of the attached agreement dated **July 1, 2024**, between the parties shall remain as heretofore established.

In witness whereof, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereunto set their seals this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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

**RESOLUTION            R-2025-79**

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners desires to enter into an agreement with the Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation regarding the Stonecrest Multi-Tenant Facility Phase II in New Beaver Borough, Lawrence County, PA; and

**WHEREAS**, the project was awarded an RACP grant from the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget in the amount of \$500,000.00. This agreement with a public taxing body is a required element of all RACP projects from the PA Office of the Budget and follows the same format as agreements in the past; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by and between the County of Lawrence and the Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation concerning their respective obligations to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and each other with respect to the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Stonecrest Multi-Tenant Facility Phase II in New Beaver Borough, Lawrence County, PA; and

1. This agreement shall commence upon the date of execution by the last signatory and shall end at such time as all conditions of the Grant have been satisfied.

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

**RESOLUTION            R-2025-80**

**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 FY2025 Budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** to amend the 2025 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

**INCREASING** Appraisement Revenue General Revenue Fund Account:  
01341005.341404 by \$20,410.00; and

**INCREASING** Professional Appraisement General Expense Fund Account:  
014114000.502800 by \$20,410.00

***Reason: Appraisal of Ellwood City Hospital & Lightener Green***

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2025-81**

**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 FY2025 Budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** to amend the 2025 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

**INCREASING** MHDS Forensic Services Revenue Fund Account:  
07334000.334164 by \$42,719.00; and

**INCREASING** MHDS Community Services Expense Fund Account:  
07447027.411000 by \$42,719.00

***Reason: Increase in Revenue***

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2025-82**

**WHEREAS**, budgets cannot always anticipate every extraordinary, ordinary, or contingency situation which arises throughout the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1784 of the County code permits the Commissioners by resolution to authorize budget transfers from any encumbered balance; and

**WHEREAS**, the need to provide additional appropriations to certain accounts now exists; and

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to the appropriate administrative officials to transfer a total of \$2,400.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2025-05.

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

#### **TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)**

- a. Maintenance from contingency to minor equipment for \$2,700.00
- b. Assessment from contingency to professional appraisal for \$1,090.00
- c. Central Court from contingency to subscriptions for \$100.00
- d. Coroner from contingency to land & building rental for \$6,000.00
- e. DJ Amodie from contingency to equipment & lease for \$960.00

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve administrative transfers. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE**

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| A. Resolutions on the table:              | None |
| B. Resolutions to be taken off the table: | None |
| C. Motion to amend the agenda:            |      |

#### **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 22, 2025 @ 10:00 am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Courthouse will be closed on Friday, April 18, 2025 in observance of Good Friday.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 10:35 am.