

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, July 29, 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, July 29, 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 Dan Kennedy, Commissioner Chris Sainato, Kevin Mahoney, Josh Lamancusa, Rebecca Shaffer, Lisa Haddad, Mike Grippo, Scott Baldwin, Ronald Krhouskey, 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 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.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION

R-2025-204

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

WHEREAS, 3BX Properties, LLC-Debora Santos placed a bid of \$600.00 on property located at Fording Road, Parcel ID No. 25-387700; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Fording Road, with a Parcel ID No. 25-387700; 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 3BX Properties, LLC-Debora Santos in the amount of \$600.00 for Repository Property located at Fording Road, and having a Parcel ID No. 25-387700, Neshannock Township.

RESOLUTION

R-2025-205

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

WHEREAS, 3BX Properties, LLC-Debora Santos placed a bid of \$600.00 on property located at Shenango Road, Parcel ID No. 25-272200; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Shenango Road, with a Parcel ID No. 25-272200; 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 3BX Properties, LLC-Debora Santos in the amount of \$600.00 for Repository Property located at Shenango Road, and having a Parcel ID No. 25-272200, Neshannock Township.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to reject Resolutions R-2025-204 and Resolution R-2025-205. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None

C. Receipt for bids/proposals:

1. The Efficiency Network (TEN)-Pittsburgh
2. The McClure Company-Warrendale
3. Constellation-Warrendale

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to table said quotes for further review. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Warrant Registers:

1. July 23, 2025
2. July 24, 2025
3. July 25, 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. Tuesday, July 22, 2025

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. The Hillcrest Group-RWE Holding Company -Air Quality State Only

Operating Permit Renewal Application-535 Rundle Road (Taylor Twp.)

2. Morris Knowles & Associates-Royalty Place Subdivision-Act 14/NPDES-Ricky Trinidad 483 Co. Rd. 4007 (Union Twp.)
3. New Castle Engineers-Bessemer Municipal Authority-Act 14 Notification-330 Smalls Ferry Road, Bessemer (North Beaver Twp.)
4. LSSE Civil Engineers & Surveyors-Acts 67, 68 and 127-Amerikohl Aggregates, Inc.-Chewton Mine (Wayne Twp.)

Motion made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to file said Written Correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Kennedy had no comment.

Mr. Vogler stated this Thursday, July 31st @ the Ellwood City School District, a Health Service Program, including Vision, Dental and Health Matters will be offered to all free of charge.

Mr. Sainato stated he is looking forward to event on Thursday in Ellwood City.

NEW BUSINESS **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION R-2025-206

WHEREAS, the County has entered into a lease agreement with De Lage Landen to provide copiers for the County Detectives Office; and

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute a sixty (60) month lease agreement with De Lage Landen for the office of the County

- Detectives; and
2. The Chairman Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute all documents pertained to the attached Lease Agreement; and
 3. See attached lease agreements

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

RESOLUTION R-2025 -207

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence, Department of Planning and Community Development administers the Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Ellwood City Borough; and

WHEREAS, Ellwood City Borough has designated their FY2023 CDBG funds to an ADA-Curb Ramp Improvement Project to benefit low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence, Department of Planning and Community Development is requesting bids from contractors to complete the above mentioned project; and

WHEREAS, the County will advertise for bids on August 4th and August 11th with bids being due on September 8, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners that the Board of Commissioners will be advertising for bids for “Ellwood City ADA-Curb Ramp Improvement Project”, with bids being due on September 8, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-208

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Services Department, desires to add a member to the CYS Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the presence of an Advisory Board or Committee is mandated by Section 3130 of the Pennsylvania Code; and

WHEREAS, the CYS Advisory Board operates under the legal name of Lawrence County of PA Child & Youth Services Advisory Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. **Dr. Dakota Z. Peterson** be appointed a member of the CYS Advisory Board for a period of three (3) years, members may be reappointed by the Advisory Board for additional three (3) year terms.

**CYS Advisory Board
A.K.A. Lawrence County of PA Child & Youth Services Advisory Board
1001 E. Washington Street
New Castle, PA. 16101**

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-209

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 Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (Brain Wise, Nurturing Parenting & Making Parenting a Pleasure) 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:

**Lawrence County Social Services, Inc.
PO Box 189, 241 W. Grant Street
New Castle, PA. 16103**

RESOLUTION R-2025-210

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 Ward Home Inc. 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:

**Ward Home Inc.
1101 Hartman Street
McKeesport, PA. 15132**

RESOLUTION R-2025-211

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 Community Specialists Corporation (dba The Academy) 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:

**Community Specialists Corporation (dba The Academy)
900 Agnew Road
Pittsburgh, PA. 15227**

RESOLUTION R-2025-212

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 The Summit School, Inc. (Summit Academy) 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:

The Summit Schools, Inc. (Summit Academy)
839 Herman Road. PO Box 12
Herman, PA. 16039

RESOLUTION R-2025-213

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 White Deer Run, LLC (Cove Prep) 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:

White Deer Run, LLC (Cove Prep)
310 Grove Road, Building #13
Torrance, PA 15779

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolution(s) R-2025-209 up to and including Resolution R-2025-213. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2025-214

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:

Arise-DBA Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County- as detailed in attachment designated 2025- 2026 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION R-2025-215

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:

Glade Run Lutheran Services- as detailed in attachment designated 2025- 2026 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION R-2025-216

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:

Lark Enterprises- as detailed in attachment designated 2025- 2026 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION R-2025-217

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:

Patches Place- as detailed in attachment designated 2025-2026 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve Resolutions R-2025-214 up to and including Resolution R-2025-217. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2025-218

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 IRP Grant General Revenue Fund Account:
01331065.331000.93669 by \$22,416.00; and

INCREASING IRP Grant-Supplies General Expense Fund Account:
01423065.201000 by \$22,416.00

Reason: Grant Carryover for Jail Grants

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

RESOLUTION R-2025-219

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 Ag Preservation Board General Revenue Fund Account: 01334000.334128 by \$32,366.00; and

INCREASING Ag Preservation Board General Expense Fund Account: 01457500.801601 by \$32,366.00

Reason: Ag Preservation Board

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

RESOLUTION

R-2025-220

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 \$16,124.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2025-011.

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

TRANSFERS (Administrative)

- a. Assessment from contingency to contracted assessment services for \$12,000.00.
- b. Voters from travel & training to unemployment for \$2,500.00.
- c. Court Administration from contingency to travel & training for \$300.00.
- d. DJ Nicholson from contingency to maintenance & repair for \$300.00.

- e. Act 89 from contingency to maintenance & repair for \$16,800.00.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Transfer(s). Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

None

RESOLUTIONS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE TABLE

None

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, August 5, 2025 @ 10:00 am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. There **will not** be a Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, due to not having a quorum.
- C. There **will** be a Retirement Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 11:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- D. There **will not** be a Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, due to the CCAP Conference

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, July 29, 2024 @ 11:00 AM.

