

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, January 13, 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 13, 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 Chris Sainato, County Administrator, Joseph Venasco, Rich Hoover 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 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**

Mr. Vogler stated Commissioner Kennedy is under the weather and not in attendance today.

**FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL**

- A. Repository Properties: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None
- D. Warrant Registers:
  - 1. December 31, 2025
  - 2. January 5, 2026
  - 3. January 6, 2026
  - 4. January 7, 2026
  - 5. January 8, 2026

Moved by Mr. Sainato seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 2-0.

**MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Approval of Minutes:
  - 1. January 6, 2026

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
  - a. Acts 14, 67, 68 and 127 Notification Letter PA Dept. of General Services New Castle Readiness Center (Union Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to file written correspondence. Motion carried 2-0.

**VI. REPORTS**

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

Commissioner Vogler stated today the Commissioners will meet with the Mercer County Commissioners for the West Central Job Partnership meeting at 1:30pm. There will be newly elected officers at the meeting. Last week, the Commissioners attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Wilson Mill Lumber and also attended the quarterly meeting for the NWCCA in Indiana County. This Thursday, at 2PM there will be a special election board/public hearing meeting regarding the merging of South New Castle Borough and Shenango Township, Precinct 3. Commissioner Vogler also announced this morning the Commissioners held the closing on the former St. Joseph's Worker Church Campus and are now officially owners of the property.

Commissioner Sainato stated the ribbon cutting ceremony at Wilson Mill Lumber was impressive with over 200 people in attendance and room to grow at the site. He thanked the Wilson Family for staying in the County. Chip Abramovich is the new Director at Forward Lawrence and thinks he will do a wonderful job. Commissioner Sainato will be traveling to Pittsburgh tomorrow for a NFL draft meeting to see how Lawrence County can help and participate.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution R-2026-02**

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Department of Public Safety has entered a professional service agreement with Thomas Shelby & Co. Inc., of 309 South Park Drive, St. Marys, Ohio 45885, to provide a five (5) year Equipment Lease/Rental Contract, see attached Exhibit "A"

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Shelby & Co. Inc., agrees to provide a five (5) year Equipment Lease/Rental in the amount of Twenty-seven Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety (\$27,690.00) Dollars in yearly payments as described below. This agreement will not be construed to create a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between Thomas Shelby & Co. Inc., and LAWRENCE. Thomas Shelby & Co., Inc. will not represent itself to be an employee or agent of LAWRENCE and cannot enter into any agreement on LAWRENCE's behalf or in LAWRENCE's name without express written authorization from a duly authorized representative of LAWRENCE to do so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that authorization is given to execute on behalf of the Lawrence County Department of Public Safety, all documents related to the Thomas Shelby & Co., Inc., agreement to provide Equipment Lease/Rental Contract for five (5) years starting in 2026. Thomas Shelby & Co. Inc., will complete the project sixty (60) months after the start of the project and will perform the services as an Independent Contractor as follows:

Year 1 – 2026: \$6,044.02;

Year 2 – 2027: \$5,344.02

Year 3 – 2028: \$5,344.02

Year 4 – 2029: \$5,344.02

Year 5 – 2030: \$5,344.02

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

## **RESOLUTION R-2026-03**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence has entered into a professional agreement with BearCom (hereinafter the “CONTRACTOR” or “BearCom”) with its principal address of P.O. Box 670354, Dallas, TX 75267.

**WHEREAS**, the County and BearCom have entered into a Service Agreement, identified by County and BearCom as Contract 30150, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

**WHEREAS**, BearCom agrees to provide a one (1) year Service Agreement in the amount of Seventy-one Thousand Four Hundred thirty-three (\$71,433.00) Dollars to be paid annually, commencing January 1, 2026, thru December 31, 2026. This agreement will not be construed to create a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between BEARCOM and LAWRENCE. BEARCOM will not represent itself to be an employee or agent of LAWRENCE and cannot enter into any agreement on LAWRENCE’s behalf or in LAWRENCE’s name without express written authorization from a duly authorized representative of LAWRENCE to do so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that authorization is given to execute on behalf of the Lawrence County Department of Public Safety, all documents related to the BearCom service agreement. BearCom will provide a one (1) year Service Agreement in the amount of Seventy-one Thousand Four Hundred thirty-three (\$71,433.00) Dollars to be paid annually, commencing January 1, 2026, thru December 31, 2026. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all documentation.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

### **Transfers (Administrative)**

None

### **ORDINANCES**

<b>A. Discussion:</b>	None
<b>B. On the Table:</b>	None
<b>C. For Introduction:</b>	None
<b>D. For Final Action:</b>	None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The next Commissioners’ Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 10AM in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room.
- B. There is a West Central Job Partnership Workforce meeting today @ 1:30PM in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room.

C. There is a Planning Commission Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 @ 12Noon at Weber's Catering.

D. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, January 13, 2026 @ 10:40 AM.

