# LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF Tuesday, June 10, 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, June 10, 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, Solicitor Jason Medure, Amy Stapleton, Amy Love, Dana Fortuna, Frank Piccari, 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 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.

### **ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### FISCAL AND CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties: None

B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None

- C. Receipt for bids/proposals:
- D. Warrant Registers:
  - 1. May 30, 2025
  - 2. June 3, 2025
  - 3. June 4, 2025

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. June 3, 2025

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications: None

#### **REPORTS**

A. Staff Reports:

None

B. Commissioner Reports

DK,DV,CS

Commissioner Kennedy stated he visited with a group of Turkey residents that are interested in sights to invest in the County. Commissioner Chip Abramovich also accompanied him.

Commissioner Vogler stated he attended the New Castle Public Library Gala on Friday. It was a great event. He attended an Eagle Scout ceremony for Emily Shaffer on Sunday. He asked Frank and Dana from the Maintenance Department to attend today's meeting to thank them for the great work they do on the upkeep of the County's 27 bridges. The Maintenance Department has been working with West Penn Land Management and they did a great job on cleaning up the bridge in Slippery Rock Township on Kennedy Road. Commissioner Vogler stated Liquid Fuel dollars were used for this project.

Commissioner Sainato stated he attended the Library's Gala as well. It was great to see the Library reach its goal. He also attended the Renova Music Fest @ The Villa Maria, another great event for the County. He was at Cascade Park on Friday and also attended the Eagle Scout ceremony for Emily Shaffer. Commissioner Sainato has known Emily for 5 years and she is a nice girl. The Cathedral will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this weekend with a dinner and concert.

#### **NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION

R-2025-115

**WHEREAS**, each local area within the State is required to have a Workforce Investment Board whose terms are staggered and are appointed by the local elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is responsible for establishing the criteria for use by the chief elected officials in appointing the WIB members; and

WHEREAS, the mandatory members of the WIB consist of at least a majority of private sector representatives, at least two representatives of local educational entities, at least two representatives of labor organizations, and at least two representatives of economic development agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Central Job Partnership recommends six (6) individuals be appointed, and re-appointed, to the Workforce Investment Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, to reappoint the following individual to the Workforce Investment Board:

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

<u>Name:</u> <u>Sector</u> <u>Term of Office</u>

1. Ms. Autumn Bonzo Small Business (A1) 06/01/2025-06/30/2026 Flowline Division-Ezeflow USA, Inc., 1380 New Butler Road, New Castle, PA 16101

#### RESOLUTION

R-2025-116

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Name: Sector Term of Office

1. Ms. Lisa Campbell Education & Training 07/01/2025-06/30/2028 Butler County Community College, 107 College Drive, Butler, PA 16003

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolution. Motion

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1. Mr. Gary Grant Small Business (A1) 07/01/2025-06/30/2028 PABCOR, PO Box 7528, New Castle, PA 16107

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

#### RESOLUTION

R-2025-118

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1. Mr. Adam Neff Small Business (A1) 07/01/2025-06/30/2028 Blackhawk-Neff, Inc., 805 Northgate Circle, New Castle, PA 16105

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

#### RESOLUTION

R-2025-119

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1. Mr. Howard Thompson Workforce-Labor 07/01/2025-06/30/2028 Beaver Lawrence Central Labor Council, 110 East Meyer Avenue, New Castle, PA 16105

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

#### RESOLUTION

R-2025-120

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1. Mr. James Hill Small Business (A1) 07/01/2025-06/30/2028 Hill Railroad Car Company, 201 Power Street, New Castle, PA 16102

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolution(s) R-2025-115 up to and including Resolution R-2025-120. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2025-121**

**WHEREAS,** Section 1784 of the County Code, Supplemental Appropriations Transfer of Funds; Appropriations Limits, authorizes the Board of Commissioners, by resolution, to make supplemental appropriations for any lawful purpose from any funds on hand or estimate to be received within the fiscal year and not otherwise appropriated.

**WHEREAS,** it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2025 Budget to account for the additional revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County has received dollars from the DCED CDBG Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** to amend the 2025 Lawrence County Budget to add the CDBG FY2024 Expenditures and Revenue accounts and include the following CDBG line item

1. Shenango Park 56418000.999900.58635 \$108,304.00

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

#### RESOLUTION R-2025-122

**WHEREAS**, budgets cannot always anticipate every extraordinary, 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 \$4,500.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2025-08.

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

#### TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. MHDS from ID Services-Base to Maintenance & Repairs for \$50,000.00
- b. District Attorney from Contingency Account to Vehicle Expense for \$10,000.00

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

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

- A. Resolutions on the table:
  - 1. Resolution R-2025-111 To enter into a CBA with the Lawrence County Detectives Association.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to remove said Resolution from the table. Motion carried 3-0.

- B. Resolutions to be taken off the table:
  - 1. Resolution R-2025-111 To enter into a CBA with the Lawrence County Detectives Association.

The Commissioners, the County Administrator and County Solicitor all thanked the District Attorney and his County Detectives for their dedication and hard work they do everyday for the County.

#### RESOLUTION R-2025-111

**WHEREAS**, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the Lawrence County Detectives Association and the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners will terminate on December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, through the negotiation process, an agreement between Lawrence County Detectives Association and the Board of Commissioners has been reached:

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

- 1. authorization is given to execute a CBA with the Lawrence County Detectives Association; and.
- 2. the CBA shall be for three (3) years, 6 months, commencing June 1, 2025 and terminating on December 31, 2028.

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

C. Motion to amend the agenda:

#### **ORDINANCES**

A.	Discussion:	None
B.	On the Table:	None
C.	For Introduction:	None

D. For Final Action:

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

- A. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 @ 10:00 am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Lawrence County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 @ 12:00 Noon @ the Ellwood Historical Society-310 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Ellwood City.
- C. There will be a Lawrence County Prison Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 @ 12:00 @ the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- D. The Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025 in observance of Juneteenth.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 10:40 am.