

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, September 8th, 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 September 8th, 2026, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting Room. **Office Manager Colleen Daughtry** called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Commissioner Chris Sainato, County Administrator Joseph Venasco, Amy McKinney, Doug Sipp, Michelle Campbell 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 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: None

Advertise for bids/proposals: None

Receipt for bids/proposals: None

Warrant Registers:

1. August 31st, 2026

2. September 2nd, 2026

3. September 3rd, 2026

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. September 1st, 2026

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications: None

VI. REPORTS

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports: CS, DV, DK

Commissioner Sainato reported that he attended the "Back to the '50s" event on Saturday and Sunday. He noted the event was well attended and successful, with many former residents returning to the area to participate. He recognized Tamara Lombardo, her daughter, the Carter family, vendors, organizers, and participants for their efforts in bringing the tradition back to Lawrence County.

Commissioner Vogler announced that the Lawrence County Planning Commission meeting scheduled for September 9, 2026, in Union Township had been canceled. The next meeting is anticipated to be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at the Washington Township Municipal Building.

Commissioner Kennedy had no report.

RESOLUTION R-2026- 234

WHEREAS, Lawrence County solicited bids for the New Castle Public Library heating and cooling system; and

WHEREAS, the New Castle Public Library reviewed the bids and reported that ProntoTech, LLC, 120 Harmony Road, Wexford, PA 15090 was the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$575,400.00; and

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

1. ProntoTech, LLC, is awarded the bid for the completion of the New Castle Public Library HVAC Chiller Replacement;
2. The contract is for an amount not to exceed \$575,400.00;
3. The New Castle Public Library will be responsible for all payments to ProntoTech, LLC.
4. The Chairman is authorized to execute all documents related to this contract.

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

TRANSFER (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Central Court from contingency to maintenance and repairs for \$2,000.00
- b. MHDS from Salaries of Staff to MH Community Services for \$130,000.00
- MHDS from Employee Insurance to MH Community Services for \$130,000.00
- MHDS from Maintenance & Repair to MH Community Services for \$50,000.00
- MHDS from Travel and Training to MH Community Services for \$55,000.00
- MHDS from Housing Supports to MH Community Services for \$150,000.00

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

ORDINANCES

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| A. Discussion: | None |
| B. On the Table: | None |
| C. For Introduction: | None |
| D. For Final Action: | None |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. It was announced that the next Commissioners' meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 15th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
2. The Commissioners announced two openings on the Lawrence County Airport Authority following the expiration of Jon Natale and Thomas Biasucci. The openings will be announced at two public meetings as required by ordinance. The current members may apply for reappointment, and other interested individuals may submit a letter or attend a public meeting to express their interest. Applicants must complete a criminal background check. The positions are unpaid volunteer appointments. This constituted the first public announcement of the openings. A second announcement will be made at the next Commissioners' meeting, with appointments anticipated later in September.
3. The next Prison Board Meeting will be on September 16th, 2026, at 12pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
4. The Lawrence County Planning Commission meeting scheduled for September 9, 2026, in Union Township was canceled. The next meeting is anticipated to be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at the Washington Township Municipal Building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Wachter asked regarding when the Airport Authority members' terms expired and the length of the new terms. It was stated that the terms expired on or about June 30, 2026. Additional information regarding the length of the appointments will be provided following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 @ 10:28 AM. Motion carried 3-0.