

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, July 14th, 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, July 14th, 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, Kristine Venasco, Jackie Graziani, Mary Glass, Scott Baldwin and Brian Burick**. 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:

B. Repository Properties:

ACCEPTED

RESOLUTION

R-2026-149

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

WHEREAS, Bryan Champion placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at W. Terrace Ave, Parcel ID No. 08-033100; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, W. Terrace Ave with a Parcel ID No. 08-033100; 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 Bryan Champion in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at W. Terrace Ave, and having a Parcel ID No. 08-033100, the City of New Castle.

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

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

WHEREAS, Bryan Champion placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at W. Terrace Ave, Parcel ID No. 08-081300; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, W. Terrace Ave, with a Parcel ID No. 08-081300; 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 Bryan Champion in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at S. Terrace Ave, and having a Parcel ID No. 08-081300, the City of New Castle.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026-150

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

WHEREAS, Bryan Champion placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at W. Terrace Ave, Parcel ID No. 08-081300; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, W. Terrace Ave, with a Parcel ID No. 08-081300; 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 Bryan Champion in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at S. Terrace Ave, and having a Parcel ID No. 08-081300, the City of New Castle.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026-151

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

WHEREAS, Bryan Champion placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Spruce St, Parcel ID No. 03-003700; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, Spruce St, with a Parcel ID No. 03-003700; 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 Bryan Champion in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Spruce St, and having a Parcel ID No. 03-003700, the City of New Castle.

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

C. Advertise for bids/proposals: None

D. Receipt for bids/proposals: None

Warrant Registers:

1. July 7th, 2026

2. July 10th, 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. July 7th, 2026

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc is sending notification on behalf of New Castle Power, LLC to apply for a Plantwide Applicability Limit and will submit it to the PADEP. (Taylor Township, PA)

2. PennDOT is planning to develop construction plans to conduct a bridge replacement project on Frew Mill Rd over Branch Big Run in Shenango Township.

3. Heidelberg Materials Northeast LLC 2200 Springfield Pike, Connellsville, PA 15425, proposes to conduct surface blasting in compliance with all applicable State and Federal laws. The blasting will occur in North Beaver Township.

4. Allegheny Mineral Corp. proposes to conduct overburden and production blasting in compliance with all State and Federal Laws at its surface mining operations in Slippery Rock Township, PA.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to accept said written correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

VI. REPORTS

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports: CS, DV, DK

Commissioner Sainato represented the County at the 125th anniversary of the Bethel Church celebration. He also reported that he went to Wampum Borough to watch the Big Boy train pass through. It was very good for Lawrence County to have over one thousand people in attendance.

Commissioner Vogler reported that all three Commissioners attended the ceremony at UPMC Jameson for the new MRI and CT machine.

Commissioner Dan Kennedy he attended the Big Boy train in Mahoning Valley.

RESOLUTION

R-2026-152

WHEREAS, there being unsold parcels at Lawrence County Treasurer Sale Number (see attached list) and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enacted Ordinance No. 19 of 2003, creating the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County (RALC); and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enacted Ordinance No. 3 of 2020, dissolving the Lawrence County Land Bank (LCLB) designating the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County (RALC) to act as a land bank will confer the powers and duties of a land bank on the Redevelopment Authority (RALC) and the benefits of a land bank for the COUNTY OF LAWRENCE; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County has an Exempt Property Purchase Program that allows qualified applicants to acquire vacant lots owned by the Redevelopment Authority for a structured fee based on their approved application; and

WHEREAS, the below applicant(s) has completed an application under the Exempt Property Purchase Program for the following properties (see attached list), and all requirements have been met;

FLYWHEEL SPORTS BASED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026-153

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 14th day of July 2026 between the **BHC Advanced Services, Inc., 8406 Sharon-Mercer Rd., Mercer, PA 16137**, (hereinafter referred to as the ASI), and **County of Lawrence**, (hereinafter referred to as Service Provider).

WHEREAS, the County has been charged by the PA Department of Human Services for the administration, development, and implementation of a county-wide plan for the delivery of Mental Health (MH) services for the County of Mercer; and

WHEREAS, the "Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities Act of 1966" Special Session No. 3 October 20, 1966, P.L. 96, No. 6, 50 P.S.(4101-4704) 301 (d), and the "Mental Health Procedures Act" No. 143 of 1976; 50 P.S. Section 710 I, et seq., hereinafter "Acts" specifies services which are to be made available under the county Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities program by the local authorities; and

WHEREAS, the County is the duly authorized agent for administration of MH/10 services; and has engaged the BHC Advanced Services, Inc. (referred hereinafter as ASI) to assist in that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, said acts authorize such services to be provided through the purchase of same from third parties; and

WHEREAS. state, federal, and local funds have been made available or the parties anticipate such funds becoming available to the ASI for such services pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, and this contract is contingent upon such funding, and/or

WHEREAS, the parties anticipate that funds will be appropriated for the purpose of this Agreement by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the County of Mercer, and this Agreement is contingent upon such appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Service Provider is to provide the services as set forth in this Agreement in accordance with the regulations contained therein and/or incorporated therein by reference, including the MH 4300 fiscal regulations and Title XIX Provisions (for applicable providers only).

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

RESOLUTION

R-2026-154

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, 2026, through June 30, 2027**
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

PATCHES PLACE - as detailed in attachment designated **2026-2027** Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION

R-2026-155

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, 2026, through June 30, 2027
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

PEOPLE IN NEED - as detailed in attachment designated 2026-2027 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION

R-2026-156

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, 2026, through June 30, 2027
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

LARK ENTERPRISES, INC. - as detailed in attachment designated 2026-2027 Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION

R-2026-157

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, 2026, through June 30, 2027**
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

GUIDING CHANGES COUNSELING, LLC - as detailed in attachment designated **2026-2027**
Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION

R-2026-158

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, 2026, through June 30, 2027**
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER of LAWRENCE COUNTY - as detailed in attachment designated **2026-2027** Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment.

RESOLUTION

R-2026-159

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, 2026, through June 30, 2027**
2. Authorization is hereby given to execute the following addendum:

ACHIEVE REHABILITATION SERVICES & SUPPORT - as detailed in attachment designated **2026-2027** Program description and rates are also listed within the attachment

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to accept said written correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

Transfers (Administrative)

- A. District Attorney from contingency to vehicle expense for \$3,600.00
- B. District Attorney from subscriptions to association dues for \$220.00
- C. District Attorney from office equipment minor to association dues for \$100.00.

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

- A. The next Public Commissioners' Meeting will be on July 21st, 2026, at 10am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Prison Board Meeting on July 15, 2026, at 12pm in the Commissioner's Meeting Room is CANCELLED.
- C. Public meeting for the West Central Job Partnership is July 14th at 1:30 in the Commissioners meeting room.
- D. Commissioners' meeting on August 4th will be cancelled due to CCAP conference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, July 14th, 2026 @ 10:42 AM. Motion carried 3-0.