

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, June 2, 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, June 2, 2026, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting Room. **Administrative Assistant, Ryan Anderson**, called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Chris Sainato (Via telephone), Commissioner Dan Kennedy, County Administrator, Joseph Venasco, Sheriff Vincent Martwinski, Vanessa Lovelie, Donald Andrews, Debbie Wachter and Kat Dickey 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**

None

**FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL**

- A. Repository Properties:
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals:                      None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals:                      None
- D. Warrant Registers:

- 1. May 21, 2026
- 2. May 22, 2026
- 3. May 27, 2026
- 4. May 28, 2026
- 5. May 29, 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. May 26, 2026

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:

- 1. American Metal Recycling is notifying their intent to seek renewal of the in-place and compliant TITLEV/STATE OPERATING Permit. (Ellwood City Borough)
- 2. Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, a NiSource Company sending a County Notification of Planned Land Development for Chapter 102 Permits. (City of New Castle, Union Township)

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

VI. REPORTS

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports: CS, DV, DK

Commissioner Sainato did not have anytime to report at this time as he was communicating via telephone from Harrisburg.

Commissioner Vogler wanted to remind the public that there was a Retirement Board Meeting after the Commissioner's meeting at 11 am to conduct a public hearing. Mr. Vogler stated that June 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm there will be a Election Board Meeting to certify the primary election, also there will be a Salary Board Meeting at 2pm in the Commissioner's Meeting Room and two items will be on that agenda under the Commissioners.

Commissioner Kennedy declined to comment.

RESOLUTION

R-2026-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LAWRENCE THROUGH THE LAWRENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND REALAUCTION.COM, LLC, PROVIDING AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE THAT WILL GIVE THIRD-PARTY USERS THE ABILITY TO REGISTER AND BID AT LAWRENCE COUNTY SHERIFF SALES AND FORECLOSURE PROPERTY SALES. THE AGREEMENT SHALL COMMENCE June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026, AND CONTINUE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS.

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office conducts Sheriff Sales and foreclosure property sales pursuant to Pennsylvania law; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past these sales have been conducted in person at county government facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, counties throughout Pennsylvania have transitioned Sheriff Sales to online auction platforms to improve efficiency, transparency, public access, and bidder participation; and

**WHEREAS**, REALAUCTION.COM, LLC provides an online auction platform utilized by counties and Sheriff's Offices for the administration of online Sheriff Sales and foreclosure property sales;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AUTHORIZATION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE THE ATTACHED

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LAWRENCE THROUGH THE LAWRENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND REALAUCTION.COM, LLC, PROVIDING AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE THAT WILL GIVE THIRD-PARTY USERS THE ABILITY TO REGISTER AND BID AT LAWRENCE COUNTY SHERIFF SALES AND FORECLOSURE PROPERTY SALES.

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

Resolution R- 109  
VENDOR SERVICES AGREEMENT  
Medical Assistance Transportation Program 2026-2027

This Vendor Services Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement", entered into by and between the COUNTY OF LAWRENCE, hereinafter referred to as the "County," and LAWRENCE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES, hereinafter referred to as "Vendor."

WHEREAS, the County receives a grant from the Department of Human Services and desires to enter into a fee-for-service agreement for the program administration and operation of the 2026-2027 Medical Assistance Transportation Program, hereinafter referred to as "MATP", and

WHEREAS, Vendor desires to act as the program administrator for the 2026-2027 Medical Assistance Transportation Program.

EFFECTIVE DATES

The term of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2026, and shall end on June 30, 2027, subject to the other provisions of this Agreement.

SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

Vendor is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that administers Commonwealth funds in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Uniform Guidance and generally accepted accounting principles applicable to non-profit organizations. Vendor represents that its cost-allocation methods are applied consistently across its programs and in accordance with such requirements. To the extent expenditures benefit more than one program, Vendor shall allocate such expenditures among the applicable programs on a reasonable and supportable basis. Except as otherwise required by applicable law or funding conditions, Vendor shall not be subject to a separate audit by County solely with respect to this Agreement.

Vendor shall provide program oversight for the MATP in accordance with the MATP Standards and Guidelines to include consumer outreach and enrollment, consumer eligibility determinations, establishing a transportation network in order to broker trips to transportation providers, transportation provider and modal assignment based on each consumer's specific needs and locations of travel, performing pre and post trip verifications, processing of private mileage reimbursements, issuing of fixed-route bus tickets, monitoring for compliance of transportation provider contracts, and data collection through reporting as required by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

COST OF AGREEMENT

All payments made under this Agreement are Fee-for-Service, except for the final fiscal year closeout payment.

(1) Subject to the availability of funds provided to the County through a Department of Human Services grant, the County shall reimburse Vendor monthly upon receipt of Vendor's invoices for services rendered.

(2) County shall reimburse Vendor at the rates set forth in the attached Fee Schedule (Schedule "A") for each of the twelve (12) monthly service periods under this Agreement, excluding the final invoice (the "Thirteenth Invoice").

(3) At the end of the Agreement term, Vendor shall submit the Thirteenth Invoice to the County for reimbursement of additional costs not recovered through the twelve (12) monthly invoices. The County shall pay the Thirteenth Invoice upon DHS approval of payment from the annual MATP allocation.

(4) For MATP-eligible recipients age sixty-five (65) and older who are assigned to receive transportation services through ACTS, the designated Shared-Ride Provider, fifteen percent (15%) of the applicable fare shall be billed to MATP, and the remaining balance shall be billed to the PennDOT Lottery Program. Any fare rate changes to the Shared-Ride Fare Structure that are reviewed and approved by PennDOT shall automatically be incorporated into this Agreement without further amendment. Vendor shall provide County with at least sixty (60) days' prior written notice of any anticipated change to the Shared-Ride Fare Structure.

(5) Vendor reserves the right to renegotiate the Fee Schedule during the term of this Agreement based on changes to the scope and requirements of the MATP, changes to transportation provider agreements including pricing, or variances in the number of consumers served and the mode of trips provided.

#### CONFIDENTIALITY

Vendor shall maintain the highest degree of confidentiality of all MATP program-related information including recipient's specific information and shall comply with HIPAA regulations. Vendor shall take prudent measures to safeguard and protect unauthorized disclosure of information pertaining to the MATP or the consumers utilizing the services.

#### DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

Vendor shall retain records pursuant to the MATP Standards and Guidelines with respect to consumer and trip data. Vendor shall submit the following data in a timely manner to the County as described:

(1) Monthly Invoices: No later than thirty (30) days following the last day of the month of service, Vendor shall submit a monthly invoice for reimbursement to the County that contains the number of eligible trips by mode. (Attachment "1")

(2) Monthly Electronic Trip Upload: No later than sixty (60) days following the last day of the month of service, Vendor will submit an electronic file to the PROMISE website detailing each consumer's trip records for the period. The file must contain the County ID (ID = 37), the MA Recipient Identification Number, the Date of the Trip, the Mode, whether the trip was taken or no- showed, and whether an escort accompanied the consumer during the trip. (Attachment "2")

(3) Quarterly Data Submission: No later than the last day of the month following the completion of the quarter, Vendor shall submit a quarterly tabulation of the number of

unduplicated consumers served as well as the number of eligible trips provided.  
(Attachment "3")

(4) Quarterly Senior-Shared Ride Trips: No later than the last day of the month following the completion of the quarter, Vendor shall submit the number of monthly shared-ride trips provided to consumers over the age of 65 years old. (Attachment "4")

#### RECORDS

Vendor shall retain fiscal, consumer, and trip records for at least four (4) years from the close of the State fiscal year for which the funding was awarded. County shall be responsible for ensuring all required program compliance audits are performed and for resolving any findings contained in the audit reports.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

(1) Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable statutes and regulations of the local, Commonwealth, and Federal governments.

(2) Vendor shall not discriminate by reason of sex, race, creed, or color against any person covered by this Agreement.

(3) Vendor shall comply with the general prohibitions against discrimination set forth at 28 C.F.R. § 35.130 and all other applicable regulations promulgated under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, to the extent applicable to the services provided under this Agreement.

#### INSPECTION, MONITORING, AND COMPLIANCE OVERSIGHT

Vendor acknowledges that services provided under the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) are subject to oversight, monitoring, inspection, and other requirements imposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) and the County of Lawrence. Vendor shall permit authorized representatives of the County and/or DHS, upon reasonable notice, to inspect facilities, personnel records, training records, billing records, consumer complaint records, and any other materials related to MATP operations for the purpose of verifying compliance with MATP Standards and Guidelines, contractual obligations, and applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Vendor shall cooperate fully with all compliance reviews, audits, investigations, corrective action requests, and monitoring activities.

#### HOLD HARMLESS

County, Vendor, and the Commonwealth shall hold each other harmless from and indemnify the other party against any and all claims, demands and actions arising directly and solely out of any activities performed by the other party and its employees and agents under this Agreement; and shall defend any and all actions brought against the other party based upon any such claims or demands.

#### TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF AGREEMENT

Upon written seventy-five (75) day notice with a demand to cure during the period covered under this Agreement, County may suspend payments and/or request suspension of all or

any part of the Agreement activities. County may give such notice to suspend only for the following reasons:

- (1) Vendor failure to submit monthly invoices including trip statistics per mode.
- (2) Vendor failure to collect and report in a timely manner the required data as required by this Agreement.

Vendor shall have the right to take actions to cure any default or other circumstance that is the basis for a suspension of this Agreement within a reasonable period of time and County shall take promptly all reasonable or advisable actions to resolve and terminate the suspension as soon as is reasonably possible.

Upon written seventy-five (75) day notice during the period covered under this Agreement, Vendor may request suspension of all or any part of the Agreement activities. Vendor may give such notice to suspend only for the following reason:

- (1) Vendor reserves the right to suspend transportation services covered under this agreement for non- payment. Vendor will not reinstate service until all invoices are paid in full.

#### TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

If Vendor fails to fulfill in a reasonable manner its obligations under this Agreement or a violation of the laws applicable to implementation of the Agreement, County shall first give written notice to Vendor specifying the nature of the default or violation and if, within seventy-five (75) days after receipt of the notice by Vendor, Vendor has not cured the default or violation or commenced reasonable actions to cure the default, violations, false claims, statements, or data, then County may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of same to Vendor. The Agreement may also be terminated with advanced written notice by County to Vendor after any notification from the Commonwealth or Federal government that program funds have been depleted or will not be renewed. County shall be responsible for reimbursing Vendor for all services provided under this Agreement occurring prior to notification of termination of this Agreement.

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

#### RESOLUTION R-2026-110

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence seeks to enter into a Fee-for-Service Agreement with Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. (ACTS) to provide County agencies, such as Lawrence County Children and Youth Services, the option to authorize transportation services on behalf of their consumers; And

**WHEREAS**, Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. (ACTS) serves as the designated Shared-Ride Public Transportation Provider for Lawrence County, Pennsylvania;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The County of Lawrence shall enter into an agreement with ACTS, as outlined in the attached agreement designated R-2026-110, to enable County agencies to authorize transportation services for their consumers, based on agency-determined eligibility and approval.
2. The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2026, and conclude on June 30, 2027.
3. ACTS shall direct invoices for services rendered under this agreement to the County Agency authorizing the transportation services, unless the services are otherwise subsidized by publicly available fare subsidy programs, or are eligible for other local funding sources, such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2026 - 111**

**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 Abel Screening, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
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.

**Abel Screening, Inc.**  
**1151 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 121**  
**Alameda, CA. 94502**

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2026 - 112**

**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 Avanco International, Inc. (AFCARS) shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
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:

**Avanco International, Inc.  
12685 Wiltonshire Drive  
Clifton, Virginia 20124**

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2026 - 113**

**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 CSI Corporate Security and Investigations LLC shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
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:

**CSI Corporate Security and Investigations LLC  
3645 Brodhead Road  
Monaca, PA. 15061**

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2026 - 114**

**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 Glade Run Lutheran Services shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
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:

**Glade Run Lutheran Services  
30 Glade Run Drive  
Zelienople, PA. 16063**

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2026 - 115**

**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 Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc. shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
2. That the contract for Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc. was approved on 07/22/2025, request to be amended to include the Girls Complex Case Unit, Additional Complex case unit, and Comprehensive Unit as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc.  
370 N. Seneca Street  
Oil City, PA. 16301**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolutions R-2026-111 through and including Resolution R-2026-115. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2026- 116**

**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 FY2026 Budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** to amend the 2026 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

**DECREASING** Capital Contingency Revenue Fund Account: 80411100.50900 by \$2,000,000.00; and

**INCREASING** Commissioner's Contingency Expense Fund Account: 01411100.509000 by \$2,000,000.00

*Reason: Government Center lighting, roof and generator upgrades.*

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

**Transfers (Administrative)**

- a. Court Administration from contingency to maintenance and repair for \$13,000.00.

- b. Court Administration from contingency to office minor for \$4,000.00.
- c. CYS from contracted provider care to minor equipment for \$100.00.

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

**ORDINANCES**

- 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 on June 9, 2026, at 10am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Treasurer's Office will be closing for one day only on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, for training purposes.
- C. There will be a Special Election Board Meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 1:30 pm in the Commissioner's Meeting room to certify the election.
- C. There will be a Salary Board Meeting on June 5, 2026, at 2pm in the Commissioner's Meeting room.
- D. The Lawrence County Courthouse will be CLOSED on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in observance of Juneteenth.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, June 2, 2026 @ 10:48 AM. Motion carried 3-0.