

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, October 13th, 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 October 13th, 2026, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting Room. Commissioner Sainato was absent. A quorum was present. **Office Manager Colleen Daughtry** called the roll. Those in attendance were **County Administrator Joseph Venasco, Donald Andrews, Robert and Dorothy Burchett**. 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

No public comments were received.

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

RESOLUTION R-2026- 256

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

WHEREAS, Andrew Wansitler Sr. placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at N Ray Street, Parcel ID No. 03-164300; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at N Ray Street, with a Parcel ID No. 03-164300; 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 Andrew Wansitler Sr. in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at N Ray St, and having a Parcel ID No. 03-164300, City of New Castle.

Moved by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Vogler to reject said resolution R-2026-257. Motion carried 2-0.

Advertise for bids/proposals: None

Receipt for bids/proposals: None

Warrant Registers:

1. October 6th, 2026

2. October 8th, 2026

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

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. October 6th, 2026

Moved by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Vogler to approve said minutes.
Motion carried 2-0.

B. Presentation of Written Communications: None

VI. REPORTS

REPORTS

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| A. Staff Reports: | None |
| B. Commissioner Reports: | DV, DK |

Commissioner Vogler reported that:

Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Vogler will attend the quarterly West Central Job Partnership Governing Board meeting at the Mercer County Courthouse that afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

The Lawrence County Planning Commission will meet October 14 at noon at the Washington Township Municipal Building on George Washington Road.

Commissioners planned to attend the quarterly Northwest County Commissioners Association meeting on October 19, hosted by McKean County at the University of Pittsburgh's Bradford campus.

Commissioner Kennedy had no additional comments.

RESOLUTION R-2026- 257

WHEREAS, Lawrence County, through its Children and Youth Services Department, desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Isaiah 117 House for a period of one year; and

WHEREAS, Isaiah 117 House provides transitional housing space for children in custody at no cost to Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS, Isaiah 117 House has no responsibility for the care or supervision of children in the custody of Lawrence County Children and Youth Services (LCCYS); and

WHEREAS, Isaiah 117 House provides temporary space where LCCYS caseworkers and children may be together in a child-friendly environment while placement is being sought; and

WHEREAS, Isaiah 117 House provides a minimum of two trained volunteers during each shift who have all required clearances and background checks; and

WHEREAS, Isaiah 117 House is not governed by rules applicable to state-licensed child-care facilities or child-placing agencies;

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

1. Lawrence County Children and Youth Services (LCCYS) is authorized to enter into a voluntary agreement in the form of a one-year Memorandum of Understanding, with no financial obligation to Lawrence County, with Isaiah 117 House, located at: Isaiah 117 House 296 Holyoke Road Butler, PA 16001

Moved by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Vogler to approve said Resolution.
Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION R-2026-258

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania State Budget has passed and the Lawrence County Commissioners wish to enter into an agreement with the Department of Agriculture for their State Food Purchase Program; and

WHEREAS, the attached agreement allows funds of up to \$179,948.75 in State Food Purchase Program (SFPP) to the County for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025; and

WHEREAS, the department shall disburse SFPP funds to the County as advanced payments in equal, or nearly equal, quarterly installments starting July 1 of 2026 through June 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, the Department may extend the Term for up to 90 days by providing written notice of extension to the county without need to amend this agreement.

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

1. The attached "State Food Purchase Program Grant Agreement" with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Agriculture, located at 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, is hereby approved.
2. The appropriate County Officials are authorized to sign the necessary agreement forms.
3. All terms and conditions are in the attached agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

TRANSFER (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Central Court from contingency to materials & supplies for \$500.00.
- b. Public Defender from contingency to Land/Building Rental for \$7.00.
- c. Public Defender from contingency to subscriptions for \$100.00
- d. Court Administration from contingency to stenographer supplies for \$1,100.00
- e. Register and Recorder from staples to material and supplies for \$800.00.

Moved by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Vogler, to approve said administrative transfers. Motion carried 2-0

ORDINANCES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular Commissioners meeting will be held October 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

No Commissioners meeting will be held on Election Day, November 3, 2026. The courthouse will remain open.

The October 21 Prison Board meeting has been canceled. The Board will meet next on the third Wednesday of November.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dorothy Burchett asked why the County uses Isaiah 117 House in Butler County and whether Lawrence County has a similar facility. The Commissioners explained that Lawrence County does not have a comparable facility and that Isaiah 117 House is a private organization offering temporary space at no cost while County staff arrange placement.

Mrs. Burchett also asked about food distribution locations under the State Food Purchase Program, including local churches. The Commissioners discussed the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank's role and suggested contacting the organization or visiting its website for specific distribution information.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 @ 10:21 AM. Motion carried 2-0.