

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, May 12, 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, May 12, 2026, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 9:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting Room. **Administrative Assistant, Ryan Anderson**, called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Chris Sainato, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, County Administrator, Joseph Venasco, Donald Andrews, Amy Love, Amy Stapelton, Lisa Haddad, Jim Bish, Amy Dimuccio, County Controller Dave Prestopine, Treasurer Richard Rapone, Amanda Norman, Linda Van Eman, Shannon Wojouica, and 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 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

FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL

A. Repository Properties:

ACCEPTED

RESOLUTION

R-2026-82

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 Koginos Jr. placed a bid of \$600.00 on property located at S. Jefferson Street, Parcel ID No. 08-087300; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, S. Jefferson Street with Parcel ID No.0-087300; 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 Koginos Jr. in the amount of \$600.00 for Repository Property located at S. Jefferson Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 08-087300, City of New Castle, PA.**

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026-83

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 Koginos Jr. placed a bid of \$600.00 on property located at S. Jefferson Street, Parcel ID No. 08-087600; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at, S. Jefferson Street with Parcel ID No.0-087600; 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 Koginos Jr. in the amount of \$600.00 for Repository Property located at S. Jefferson Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 08-087600, City of New Castle, PA.

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

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

 - 1. May 5, 2026
 - 2. May 8, 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 5, 2026

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

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
 - R.A.R. engineering group, inc- are submitting a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit renewal application to the Pennsylvania DEP for the Cemex Plant, 2001 Portland Park, Wampum, PA.
 - 2. Heidelberg Materials proposes to conduct surface blasting in compliance with all applicable State and Federal laws. The blasting will occur on the McQuiston Surface Mine, in North Beaver Township, Lawrence County, PA.
 - 3. New Castle Sanitation Authority is submitting a Chapter 105 Water Obstruction Encroachment General Permit Application and a Chapter 102 Erosion and sediment Control Permit for the relocation of the sanitary sewer that serves Frew Mill Road. (Shenango Township)

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

VI. REPORTS

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports: None

B. Commissioner Reports: DV,DK,CS

Commissioner Vogler stated that all three Commissioner's attended the retirement of Janet Falotico from Visit Lawrence County last Wednesday at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. He stated that it was a very nice event, and he wishes Janet a long, healthy, and happy retirement. Mr. Vogler wanted to state that there will be no Commissioner's Meeting next Tuesday due to the election and that the courthouse will be open. Additionally, there will be an Election Board Meeting on Monday at 1:30pm and they will go into recess to the call of the chair that way in any event was something to happen, they would be able to reconvene and call a meeting. Mr. Vogler wanted to extend his deepest sympathies to Mary Bullano's family on her passing, she was the Chief Assessor and taught JR Hardester everything he knew, and she was instrumental in his hiring.

Commissioner Kennedy said that they had the opportunity to meet with the Pittsburgh Film Festival representatives, Janet Falotico, Ginny Cialella and Dawn Keezer. They have brought a lot of business into Lawrence County dealing with filming of movies and TV shows.

Commissioner Sainato echoed both Commissioners and said that Janet is a first-class individual. He's worked with her on the Board for two and a half years and has enjoyed watching the growth. He stated that Dawn has got the most cooperation with Lawrence County for the filming of the TV shows and movies. He wanted to commend them on their accomplishments. Mr. Sainato also stated that he had the opportunity to attend a Prayer breakfast over the weekend for Tom Robinson and said that it was a nice event.

RESOLUTION

R-2026-84

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Courts are in need of a maintenance agreement for recording devices; and

WHEREAS, SBM Electronics, 628 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15202, submitted a quote to provide recording device maintenance services; and

WHEREAS, the term of said maintenance agreement shall be one (1) year, effective June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that SBM Electronics will perform planned and/or necessary equipment maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$6,360.00, for the period of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026-85

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to enter into an agreement with Catalis as a third-party vendor to accept credit card services for Lawrence County Tax payments; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement with Catalis is to provide the convenience of County residents in paying their county property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the term of this agreement shall start on June 1, 2026, and will continue through June 1, 2031; and

WHEREAS, all credit card transactions are securely guarded, and county personnel do not have access to personal card or banking information. The vendor is bonded and partnered with the major credit card companies; and

WHEREAS, the County will incur no cost for the use of Catalis. The County negotiated a third-party convenience fee of 2.25%

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

1. the County hereby enter into an agreement with Catalis for the credit card third-party processing; and
2. terms shall be as identified in the attached agreement; and
3. the Chairman is authorized to sign all agreements.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026 -86

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 County of Jefferson 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:

County of Jefferson, on behalf of the Jefferson County Juvenile Detention Center, division
of the Jefferson County Juvenile Court
16001 State Route 7
Steubenville, Ohio 43952

RESOLUTION R-2026 - 87

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 Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (#IMatter & Life Skills) (JPO) 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:

**Lawrence County Social Services, Inc.
PO Box 189, 241 W. Grant Street
New Castle, PA. 16103**

RESOLUTION R-2026 - 88

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 Human Services Center 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:

**Human Services Center
130 W. North Street
New Castle, PA. 16101**

RESOLUTION R-2026 – 89

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 Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (Brain Wise, Nurturing Parenting & Making Parenting a Pleasure) 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:

**Lawrence County Social Services, Inc.
PO Box 189, 241 W. Grant Street
New Castle, PA. 16103**

RESOLUTION R-2026- 90

WHEREAS the County desires to enter into an agreement for advanced professional nurse consultant services to Lawrence County Children and Youth Services (Agency); and

WHEREAS duties shall be assigned by and at the sole discretion of the Agency Director and shall include professional consultation about intake, ongoing, foster care / kinship, and training as assigned; and

WHEREAS this agreement to provide such services to the County shall be authorized and executed.

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

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute this agreement with an unlimited number of cases, as assigned by the Director of Children and Youth Services, to the following professional nurse consultant:

A. Jayne Sheehan

2. Agreement shall contain the following provisions:

- a. As consideration for the services to be rendered under this Agreement, County agrees to pay Contractor \$96/hr. not to exceed \$29,952 annually with payments on or about the 10th day of each month. Invoices will be submitted electronically with an accounting of hours worked. All payments will be by electronic transfer.
- b. The agreement shall be in effect for the period **July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027**, unless terminated sooner by either party.

RESOLUTION

R-2026 - 91

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 Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County shall be in effect for the period of July 01, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
2. That the contract for Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County was approved on 07/15/2025, request to be amended to update the rates effective April 1st, 2026.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County
2010 West State St New Castle, PA. 16101**

RESOLUTION

R-2026 - 92

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 Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (In-Home Service) shall be in effect for the period of July 1st, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
2. That the contract for Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (In-Home Service) was approved on 8/5/2025, request to be amended to update the rates effective April 1st, 2026.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc.
44 S. Beaver Street
New Castle, PA. 16101**

RESOLUTION R-2026 - 93

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 Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (Special Grants) shall be in effect for the period of July 1st, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
2. That the contract for Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (Special Grants) was approved on 8/5/2025, request to be amended to update the rates effective April 1st, 2026.
3. Authorization is hereby given to execute an Agreement with the following service provider:

**Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc.
44 S. Beaver Street
New Castle, PA. 16101**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve Resolutions R-2026-86 through and including R-2026-93. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2026-94

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to enter into an agreement with WesBanco for the Positive Pay Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is a flat fee for all returned checks; and

WHEREAS, the term of this agreement shall start on May 12, 2026, and continue through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the fee shall be \$95.00 per month per account; and

WHEREAS, the accounts will be identified by the county controller; and

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

1. the County hereby enter into an agreement with WesBanco for the Positive Pay Program; and
2. terms shall be as identified in the attached agreement; and
3. the Chairman is authorized to sign all agreements.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026-95

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:

INCREASING CDBG Revenue Fund Account: 56331000.331000 by \$4227.97.00; and

INCREASING County Housing Rehab Expense Fund Account: 56418000.999900 by \$4227.97.

Reason: CDBG Carryover Error

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

Transfers (Administrative)

- a. Public Defender from contingency to association dues for \$35.00
- b. Jail from medical expenses to minor office for \$795.00.

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. There will be NO Commissioner's Meeting on May 19th, 2026, due to election day. The next Commissioner's meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26th, 2026, @10am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

B. There will be a Special Election Board meeting on Monday May 18th @1:30pm in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

C. The Lawrence County Courthouse will be CLOSED on May 25th in observation of Memorial Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shannon Wojtowicz from Mahoning Township read a letter by her to the Commissioners expressing her concerns and her communities concerns about data centers coming to her hometown. Commissioner Kennedy explained to her that it's her local municipalities' choice and has no correlation to the Commissioners. Mr. Kennedy explained it in length to Mrs. Wojtowicz.

Amanda Norman stated that she had written an email to all three Commissioners and Attorney Medure about some concerns that she had and Commissioner Vogler let her know that her email is in review and they will be getting back to her shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, Mar 12, 2026 @ 10:15 AM. Motion carried 3-0.