

LAWRENCE COUNTY SALARY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF April 6, 2026

The Lawrence County Salary Board Meeting of Monday, April 6, 2026, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 8:30 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless called the Roll. Those in attendance were, **Controller David Prestopine**, **Commissioner Chris Sainato**, **Commissioner Dan Kennedy**, **President Judge J. Craig Cox**, **Amy DiMuccio**, **RJ Johnson**, **Jodi Klabon-Esoldo**, **Tammy Crawford**, **Vince Martwinski**, **Melissa Ciallella**, **Mike Occhibone** 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 Deputy 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.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Vogler stated Executive Sessions were held on January 21st, February 3rd, February 26th and March 26th, 2026. The legal ad was placed in Saturday, April 4, 2026 New Castle News.

MINUTES

1. January 5, 2026

Moved by Mr. Prestopine, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

SALARY BOARD

Courts

R-2026-13

WHEREAS, Section 1624 of the County Code states that the Salary Board may meet from time to time between Annual Salary Board meetings at the request of any Judge, County Officer, or Executive Head of any separate board, commission, or division to fix compensation of any deputy, assistant, clerk, and employee; and

WHEREAS, the President Judge would like to add a temporary position to his office

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

1. The position of Judicial Executive Secretary Trainee shall be created at a base rate of \$40,000
2. This position will be eliminated once it is vacated

Moved by Judge Cox, seconded by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

SALARY BOARD

Domestic Relations

R-2026-14

WHEREAS, Section 1624 of the County Code states that the Salary Board may meet from time to time between Annual Salary Board meetings at the request of any Judge, County Officer, or

Executive Head of any separate board, commission, or division to fix compensation of any deputy, assistant, clerk, and employee; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Court of Common Pleas has deemed it necessary to adjust the pay of an position in Domestic Relations

WHEREAS, this position is fully funded from the Domestic Relations Incentive Fund

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

1. The salary of the current Locate Officer shall be increased \$3,800
2. This increase is effective retroactively to 1/1/2026

Moved by Judge Cox, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

SALARY BOARD
Adult Probation
R-2026-15

WHEREAS, Section 1624 of the County Code states that the Salary Board may meet from time to time between Annual Salary Board meetings at the request of any Judge, County Officer, or Executive Head of any separate board, commission, or division to fix compensation of any deputy, assistant, clerk, and employee; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Probation wishes to adjust the base rate for a position within the office

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

1. The base rate of the Deputy Director of APO shall be set at \$62,500
2. After the Deputy Director of APO position is filled, following the effective date of this resolution, the base rate shall be set at \$60,000.

Moved by Judge Cox, seconded by Mr. Prestopine to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

SALARY BOARD
Adult Probation
R-2026-16

WHEREAS, Section 1624 of the County Code states that the Salary Board may meet from time to time between Annual Salary Board meetings at the request of any Judge, County Officer, or Executive Head of any separate board, commission, or division to fix compensation of any deputy, assistant, clerk, and employee; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Probation wishes to adjust the base rate for a position within the office

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

1. The base rate of the IPP Coordinator be set at \$55,000

Moved by Judge Cox, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

SALARY BOARD
Coroner
R-2026-17

WHEREAS, Section 1624 of the County Code states that the Salary Board may meet from time to time between Annual Salary Board meetings at the request of any Judge, County Officer, or Executive Head of any separate board, commission, or division to fix compensation of any deputy, assistant, clerk, and employee; and

WHEREAS, Salary Board resolution 2015-021 established a per diem system for the Coroner

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

1. Create three (3) per diem positions at a flat rate of \$175 per day
2. This rate will also apply to current salaried deputies that are on call during an unscheduled shift
3. This resolution is retroactively effective 1/1/2026

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

SALARY BOARD
Coroner
R-2026-18

WHEREAS, Section 1624 of the County Code states that the Salary Board may meet from time to time between Annual Salary Board meetings at the request of any Judge, County Officer, or Executive Head of any separate board, commission, or division to fix compensation of any deputy, assistant, clerk, and employee; and

WHEREAS, the base salary of the solicitor has not been adjusted in a considerable time

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

1. The base rate of the Solicitor for the Coroner shall be set at \$6,000
2. This resolution is retroactively effective 1/1/2026

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

SALARY BOARD
Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts/Clerk of Orphans Court
R-2026-19

WHEREAS, Section 1624 of the County Code states that the Salary Board may meet from time to time between Annual Salary Board meetings at the request of any Judge, County Officer, or Executive Head of any separate board, commission, or division to fix compensation of any deputy, assistant, clerk, and employee; and

WHEREAS, the base salary of the solicitor has not been adjusted in a considerable time

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

1. The base rate of the Solicitor for the Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts/Clerk of Orphans Court shall be set at \$6,000
2. The salary of the current Solicitor for the Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts/Clerk Orphans Courts shall be increased to the newly established base rate
3. This resolution is retroactively effective 1/1/2026

Moved by Mrs. Esoldo, seconded by Mr. Prestopine to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

SALARY BOARD
Register & Recorder
R-2026-20

WHEREAS, Section 1624 of the County Code states that the Salary Board may meet from time to time between Annual Salary Board meetings at the request of any Judge, County Officer, or Executive Head of any separate board, commission, or division to fix compensation of any deputy, assistant, clerk, and employee; and

WHEREAS, the Register & Recorder would like to temporarily adjust the base salary of a position within the office

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

1. The base rate of the Chief Deputy Recorder be temporarily set at \$48,814.67
2. The base rate of the Chief Deputy Recorder will revert back to \$45,000 after the position is filled following the effective date of this resolution

Moved by Mrs. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

SALARY BOARD
Register & Recorder
R-2026-21

WHEREAS, Section 1624 of the County Code states that the Salary Board may meet from time to time between Annual Salary Board meetings at the request of any Judge, County Officer, or Executive Head of any separate board, commission, or division to fix compensation of any deputy, assistant, clerk, and employee; and

WHEREAS, the base salary of the solicitor has not been adjusted in a considerable time

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

1. The base rate of the Solicitor for the Register & Recorder shall be set at \$6,000

Moved by Mrs. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

SALARY BOARD
Sheriff
R-2026-22

WHEREAS, Section 1624 of the County Code states that the Salary Board may meet from time to time between Annual Salary Board meetings at the request of any Judge, County Officer, or Executive Head of any separate board, commission, or division to fix compensation of any deputy, assistant, clerk, and employee; and

WHEREAS, the base salary of the solicitor has not been adjusted in a considerable time

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

1. The base rate of the Solicitor for the Sheriff shall be set at \$6,000
2. This resolution is retroactively effective 1/1/2026

Moved by Mr. Martwinski, seconded by Mr. Prestopine to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

SALARY BOARD
Treasurer
R-2026-23

WHEREAS, Section 1624 of the County Code states that the Salary Board may meet from time to time between Annual Salary Board meetings at the request of any Judge, County Officer, or Executive Head of any separate board, commission, or division to fix compensation of any deputy, assistant, clerk, and employee; and

WHEREAS, the base salary of the solicitor has not been adjusted in a considerable time

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

1. The base rate of the Solicitor for the Treasurer shall be set at \$6,000

Moved by Mrs. Ciallella, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

SALARY BOARD
Controller
R-2026-24

WHEREAS, Section 1624 of the County Code states that the Salary Board may meet from time to time between Annual Salary Board meetings at the request of any Judge, County Officer, or Executive Head of any separate board, commission, or division to fix compensation of any deputy, assistant, clerk, and employee; and

WHEREAS, the base salary of the solicitor has not been adjusted in a considerable time

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

1. The base rate of the Solicitor for the Controller shall be set at \$6,000

Moved by Mr. Prestopine, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Prestopine to adjourn the Lawrence County Salary Board Meeting dated Monday, April 6, 2026 at 9:05 AM. Motion carried 4-0.