

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met today for a Commissioners' Meeting.

Present at today's meeting were:

Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman
Ray D'Agostino, Vice-Chairman
Alice Yoder
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lawrence M. George
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also, present were:

Lori Barr, Resident
BERKS COUNTY

Amanda Frankeny, Director of Food Justice
COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Paul Marler, Director of IT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Donna Morganti, Resident
MOHNTON

Jennifer Mulroney, Chief Deputy District Court Administrator
COURT ADMINISTRATION

Joel Saint, Pastor
Independence Reformed Bible Church (IRBC)

Karlee Shambaugh, Program Facilitator
PRISON

Joseph Shiffer, Deputy Warden
PRISON

Cheryl Steberger, Warden
PRISON

Commissioner Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Parsons announced approval of the December 24, 2025, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes and the December 31, 2025, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2026

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, That Commissioner D'Agostino be elected as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2026

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Parsons;

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, That Commissioner Parsons be elected as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Prison, to approve the following:

Grant Agreement With: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
Harrisburg, PA

Purpose: To apply for the Medication-Assisted Substance Use Treatment (MAT) Grant, which will be used towards costs for medication used in the MAT Program and for drug and alcohol treatment books and supplies for inmates who have a substance use disorder.

Amount/Term: \$158,456.00 for the period April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2028.

Funding: 100% State Funding.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, to approve the following:

Renewal Agreement With: Exacom
Manchester, NH

Purpose: To provide one-year maintenance renewal for the 911 Exacom Recording System to ensure continuous reliability, security updates and technical support and to help prevent service interruptions and maintain compliance with emergency communication standards.

Amount: \$89,166.90 for the period January 31, 2026, until January 31, 2027.

Funding: Act 17 funds and 911 funds.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, to approve the following:

Renewal Agreement With: Uniti Solutions (formerly Windstream)
Little Rock, AR

Purpose: To renew the contract for fiber connecting tower sites in Manheim, Brownstown and Ephrata via a point-to-point connection.

Amount/Term \$3,896.00 per month for the period January 7, 2026, through January 7, 2030.

Funding: Act 17 grant funding.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of Court Administration, to approve the following:

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Fourth Addendum to Lease Agreement With:

J. Harold Bare
Gordonville, PA

Purpose:

To extend the current lease agreement for an additional three-year term.

Amount:

\$37,200.00 per year, or \$3,100.00 per month, an increase from \$2,680.00 per month.

Term:

For the period February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2029.

Funding:

Included in the General Fund.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Drug and Alcohol Commission, to approve the following:

Grant Agreement With:

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP)
Harrisburg, PA

Purpose:

To receive funding for the provision of treatment, prevention and recovery support services.

Term:

The agreement is for the period January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030. The initial term of funding for the grant is January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. Subsequent grant awards will be determined based on appropriations and availability from the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

Funding:

Department budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve the following:

Agreement With:

Community Action Partnership
Lancaster, PA

Purpose:

To approve Community Action Partnership (CAP) to serve as the subrecipient and program manager for the administration of the State Food Purchase Program (SFPP) for Lancaster County, in accordance with the SFPP Grant Agreement (Contract #C940002433) between the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and Lancaster County.

Amount/Term:

\$776,844.12 for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Funding:

PA Department of Agriculture.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed by County of Lancaster that the following mortgages have been fully satisfied by Lancaster Baseball Club LLC.

1. Lime Spring Properties, LP, East Hempfield Township
2. Elway Properties Lancaster LP
3. 53 West James, LP
4. PF Partners, LLC

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Mortgages on these four properties have been held by the County per the terms of the agreement with the Lancaster Baseball Club.

The County of Lancaster further authorizes that the Chief Clerk and/or Deputy Chief Clerk sign all mortgage satisfaction pieces.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner D'Agostino acknowledged the listening session held on the new prison project and offered a special thank you to the staff and consultants who did an excellent job presenting the project. He also thanked the members of the public who attended and provided input.

Commissioner D'Agostino referenced an article published in LNP this morning regarding the new prison project, stating that it was concerning due to false information. He noted that while some readers may not recognize the inaccuracies because they are unfamiliar with the project details, it is important that Lancaster County residents understand the facts. The article stated that Commissioners D'Agostino and Parsons approved the alternates; however, all votes related to the prison project have been unanimous. He also pointed out that the article incorrectly claimed there were minimal changes between the schematic design and the design development phases. Commissioner D'Agostino stated that such misrepresentations are a disservice to the staff and consultants who have been working diligently over the past year. He emphasized the importance of ensuring that the public is accurately informed.

Commissioner Parsons added that the project is extremely important and that the spread of false information within the community is problematic. He stated that the Board and project team have worked hard to provide accurate information and to gather community feedback throughout the process. Commissioner Parsons stated the long-repeated history of misinformation circulating in the community is intentional and malicious. He emphasized the importance of a local newspaper and expressed hope that Mr. Greene, the head of LNP, will restore strong journalistic ethics and standards to the organization.

Commissioner Yoder stated she attended the listening session and felt it was very well run, crediting the project team for their efforts. However, she was disappointed that not many members of the public attended. She also noted her appreciation for the clarity and effectiveness of the information presented and communicated. She added that she would like to further discuss opportunities to incorporate additional natural lighting into the facility.

Pastor Joel Saint spoke about miracles, supernatural events, and how people perceive them.

Commissioner D'Agostino addressed comments made by Donna Morganti and Lori Barr regarding ongoing issues Ms. Morganti is experiencing with the Children and Youth Agency and the courts. He stated for the record that the Board is unable to comment on the matter, as an internal review has already been conducted, and any further discussion is at the discretion of the President Judge.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office