

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

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

Present at today's meeting were:

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

Amy M. Campbell
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also, present were:

Heather Adams, District Attorney
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Kevin Eswards, Director
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Tom Lisi, Reporter
LNP

Natalie Littlehale, Grant Coordinator
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Becca Moyer, Program Director
BLUEPRINTS FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY

Joel Saint, Pastor
Independence Reformed Bible Church (IRBC)

Linda Schreiner, Director
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Nicole Snyder, Acting Director
DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION

Deanna Weaver, Program Director, Victim/Witness Services
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the April 15, 2026, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

PROCLAMATION

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 19th – 25th, 2026

WHEREAS, Lancaster County is one of the safest counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania due to our commitment to public safety and criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, the pursuit of justice is not limited to apprehending and prosecuting crime, but also in the support, protections and treatment provided to victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, survivors of a crime can experience lasting effects as a result including physical, financial, psychological issues; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster County is fortunate to have a dedicated team of professionals in the Victims & Witness Services

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Office under the District Attorney who serve to provide information, support and advocacy for victims of a crime; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Victim & Witness Services aided over 5,465 crime victims and significant others with a variety of needs including accompaniment, restitution, preparation for court, connecting victims with counseling services and much more; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster County greatly appreciates the work of our Law Enforcement Community, District Attorney's Office and Victim & Witness Advocates for their work in reducing crime in Lancaster County, holding those responsible accountable and protecting those who have been victimized.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19th – 25th, 2026 as -----
-----**NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**-----
in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and applaud those who work to ensure that victims of a crime are provided the necessary supports and resources needed in the pursuit of justice.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the District Attorney's Office, to approve the following:

Memorandum of Understanding With:

City of Lancaster
Lancaster, PA

Purpose:

To receive funds for the City from the 2025 Byrne Local Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to be utilized for the annual renewal subscription of the Lancaster City Police record management system software.

The allocation and award are based on population and crime statistics, including the average number of Part I violent crimes reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Amount/Term:

The City will receive the one-time award in the amount of \$47,981.00 from the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation.

Note:

The City will serve as the eligible applicant and fiscal agent for the funds.

Motion passed.

- Commissioner D'Agostino – Yes
- Commissioner Parsons – Yes
- Commissioner Yoder – Absent for the vote

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

<u>Renewal Agreements With:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>Amounts Fiscal Year January 1 - June 30, 2026</u>	<u>Percent Increase/Decrease</u>
Blueprints for Addiction Recovery Lancaster, PA	Assessments & Evaluations	\$80.00/Hour	
	Clinical Consultation/Training	\$40.00/Hour	
	Screening	No Charge	
	Transportation	At Cost	
	Two Case Manager Positions	\$73,600.00	-350%
	4 Recovery Support Positions	\$125,120.00	-125%
	Pathways to Recovery (Opioid Settlement Grant)	\$84,000.00	-267.18%
	<u>Outpatient:</u>		

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Individual	\$74.00/Hour	
Group	\$34.00/Hour	
<u>Intensive Outpatient:</u>		
Individual	\$74.00/Hour	
Group	\$34.00/Hour	
<u>Partial:</u>		
Individual	\$66.00/Hour	
Group	\$26.00/Hour	
<u>Adolescent Outpatient:</u>		
Individual	\$76.00/Hour	
Group	\$32.00/Hour	
Total Contract Cap:	\$407,720.00	-217.9%

Motion passed.

Commissioner D'Agostino – Yes
Commissioner Parsons – Yes
Commissioner Yoder – Absent for the vote

RESOLUTION NO. 22 OF 2026

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to recognize the following programs, and direct that the following \$227,325.21 in revenues from the Opioid Settlement Funds already received by the County and appropriated for the purpose seen in the attachment.

- Blueprints – Pathways to Recovery \$9,375.72
- LCP – MAT Program \$217,949.49

Revenue:	Lancaster County General Fund Revenues 6311-A-A1111-45200	\$227,325.21
Expenditures:	Lancaster County General Fund Expenditures 7100 A A1111 45200	\$0.00
	Lancaster County General Fund Expenditures 7300 A A1111 45200	\$0.00

Motion passed.

Commissioner D'Agostino – Yes
Commissioner Parsons – Yes
Commissioner Yoder – Absent for the vote

RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2026

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

WHEREAS, negotiations to settle claims against Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics) (the "Six Remnant Defendants") have been ongoing for several years;

WHEREAS, negotiations with the Six Remnant Defendants have resulted in proposed nationwide settlements of state and local government claims to settle the Litigation;

WHEREAS, copies of the Settlement Agreements as well as summaries of the main terms of the Settlement

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Agreements have been provided to Lancaster County and are made publicly available on the National Opioid Settlement website;

WHEREAS, Lancaster County is an Eligible Local Government will receive its Local Allocation share only when it becomes a Participating Subdivision by signing the Participation Agreements to the Settlements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the settlement and release of Lancaster County's claims against the Settling Defendants in exchange for the consideration set forth in the Settlement Agreements including taking the following measure:

1. The execution of the Participation Form to the individual Settlement Agreements with the Settling Defendants and any and all documents ancillary thereto.

Motion passed.

Commissioner D'Agostino – Yes
Commissioner Parsons – Yes
Commissioner Yoder – Absent for the vote

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Purchasing Department and Property Assessment, to approve the following:

<u>Lease Agreement with:</u>	Lancaster County Firemen's Association Lititz, PA
<u>Purpose:</u>	To approve a short-term lease for meeting space to conduct Property Assessment reviews with the public during the reassessment process.
<u>Amount/Term:</u>	\$125.00 per day for the period of July 1, 2026, through October 31, 2026. Approximate number of days is 85 for an estimated total cost of \$10,625.00.
<u>Funding:</u>	Property Assessment General Fund.

Motion passed.

Commissioner D'Agostino – Yes
Commissioner Parsons – Yes
Commissioner Yoder – Absent for the vote

Kevin Edwards, Director, addressed Tom Lisi's question about the reassessment process, noting that notices will be going out in June. The notice will provide the Property Assessment Office's estimated fair market value of each property. At that point, property owners will have a 40-day right to appeal if they disagree with the assessment value. If they do disagree, the burden of proof lies with the property owner to provide evidence of a different market value. Property owners will have 40 days to file an appeal with the Board of Assessment to be heard.

Commissioner D'Agostino added that once the process is completed, tax duplicates will be generated and sent to municipalities, school districts, and the county. This information will be used to set tax rates. He noted that in a reassessment year, each taxing authority is required to adjust its tax rate so that the total revenue collected is no greater than what was collected in the prior year. This methodology, required by state law, is intended to bring parity among properties throughout the county.

Commissioner Parsons added that reassessment is required periodically as a result of court cases. Pennsylvania does not have a definitive time period for reassessment. He noted that Lancaster County has conducted reassessments regularly, so most people are familiar with the process. He said the common question for taxpayers is whether their taxes will go up. Commissioner Parsons explained that while most property values increase over time, the key question is whether a property's value increased more than others. Because the millage rate for each taxing authority must be adjusted downward to remain revenue neutral, the taxing authority will not collect more revenue than in the prior year.

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He added that during the 2018 reassessment, the Assessment Office did a good job communicating with residents, and meetings were helpful. Overall, people felt they were treated fairly, and that remains the goal this time.

The Commissioners and Kevin Edwards addressed questions from Tom Lisi and Pastor Joel Saint about reassessment.

Pastor Joel Saint made comments regarding rights and responsibilities.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office