

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 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**  
**Alice Yoder**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Lawrence M. George**  
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK**

**Amy M. Campbell**  
**DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK**

**Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire**  
**COUNTY SOLICITOR**

Also, present were:

**Sandra Brown, Reporter**  
**DELTA SIGMA THETA**

**Vincent Cash, Buyer II**  
**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

**James Catigano, Buyer II**  
**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

**Rev. Roland Forbes, President**  
**INTRACITY PROGRESSIVE PASTOR ASSOCIATION**

**Josh Huter, Director**  
**CRISPUS ATTUCKS COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Nelson Polite, Jr., President**  
**AFICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH-CENTRAL PA**

**Ian Rowell, Technical Services Manager**  
**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**Carmen Simone, Deputy Director**  
**GENERAL SERVICES**

**Linda Schreiner, Director**  
**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

**Blanding Watson, President**  
**NAACP**

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 March 4, 2026, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner D'Agostino reannounced that there is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026, and no Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Black History Month - Centennial Recognition**  
**February 26, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, first established "Negro History Week" and later expanded in 1976 established as "Black History Month" to encourage the recognition of achievements of African-Americans; and

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**WHEREAS**, Abraham L. Polite, one of the founding members of the Lancaster Branch of the NAACP and a key member in the establishment of the Crispus Attucks Center, led Lancaster County to join Dr. Woodson in 1926 in recognizing the contributions of African-Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, February, 2026 marks one hundred years since the first national recognition of the accomplishments and contributions of great African American pioneers and institutions in American History; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, Lancaster County played a significant role in African American history and the cause of freedom for all people. This history includes the underground railroad, and the "Christiana Riot" or "Christiana Resistance," which some consider to be the unofficial first battle of the civil war, where armed citizens of Lancaster County, including many local African Americans, actively resisted southerners seeking to recapture escaped slaves here; and

**WHEREAS**, Lancaster County has been and is home to many prominent Black citizens, including Stephen Smith, William Whipper, Lydia Hamilton Smith in connection with the work of Thaddeus Stevens, Harriet Sweeney, Abraham L. Polite, Ruby M. Payne Cook, and Carrie Foster; and

**WHEREAS**, these individuals and many more men and women have made significant contributions to Lancaster County and to American society, including in medicine, science, art, religion, education, entertainment and served our country in the United States military; and

**WHEREAS**, Lancaster County is fortunate to have many local community, faith-based and historical organizations focused on preserving the history of African-Americans in Lancaster County; and

**WHEREAS**, We are grateful for the leaders in our community throughout. We honor those in Lancaster County and beyond who have worked, led, and served their communities in their respective fields, and fought for freedom and achieving the American Dream.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,** that the County of Lancaster does hereby celebrate the month of February 2026 as

**Black History Month**

in Lancaster County. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners recognize and appreciate the benefits of "Black History Month" to our culture and urge all Lancaster County citizens to take the opportunity to explore this rich history.

Blanding Watson, President; Rev. Roland Forbes, President; Nelson Polite Jr., President; Josh Hunter, Director; and Sandra Brown, Reporter, each offered remarks in support of the Black History Month Proclamation. Their statements reflected appreciation for the recognition of Black history and the continuing importance of honoring the contributions of African Americans within the community.

Commissioner Parsons made the following statement:

"As one who loves American history and the history of Lancaster County, I am glad to help issue proclamations that mark significant events, memorialize important history, and bring us together as a community and nation. And that is the key - bring us together.

Thus, I am happy to be part of this proclamation today. We have a proud history in Lancaster County as one people united in our efforts to live, grow, take care of our families, celebrate our faith, serve our community, serve our nation, and honor God.

We certainly have a lot of important and interesting American history that occurred in Lancaster County, and that includes important black history. This is especially important during the America250 year. Some of this history was noted in the proclamation, including things like the Christiana Riot, where black and white people fought for freedom together well before the start of the civil war. It is appropriate to honor that history, and the strength of our citizens who made that history, and I am glad to do so today.

In short, it is about celebrating our shared history and about bringing our community together. We have always done so, since I have been a commissioner together with the NAACP and Blanding, and I am glad to have had that collaboration and partnership over the years.

Also have some comments on the timing of the proclamation and once again another fake and ginned up controversy by the liars at LNP, but I will make those comments after the we present the proclamation so as not to distract from it."

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Commissioner Yoder made the following statement:

“As we mark 100 years since the founding of Negro History Week in 1926, we now celebrate Black History Month by recognizing the importance of intentionally, honoring, and carrying forward the history and contributions of African Americans.

Here in Lancaster County, that commitment is reflected in our own history — from early local observances to the ongoing work of organizations and leaders who have advanced civil rights, education, and community life. For generations, African-American residents have played a vital role in shaping the character, strength, and progress of our county.

We see that legacy in the educators, faith leaders, historians, and community advocates, as noted in the proclamation, who have preserved culture and expanded opportunity. Their work reminds us that history is not just something we look back on — it is something we continue to build.

I had the honor of attending the Black Excellence Awards Gala hosted by the African American Cultural Alliance last month — an inspiring evening that went beyond recognition and truly highlighted action.

The individuals honored are not just speaking about change — they are living it. They are about turning vision into impact and meeting the needs of our community in real and meaningful ways. What stood out most is that these are not one-time efforts, but sustained contributions that are transforming lives today while shaping possibilities for generations to come.

As we reflect on Black History, it is important to recognize that the legacy we honor is still being written — by leaders like those recognized at the Gala, noted in the proclamation and here in this room today.

Their work reflects a deep commitment to lifting others and strengthening Lancaster County.

At the same time, we know there is more work to be done. Ensuring that opportunity, fairness, and access are truly shared by all residents requires continued effort, honest reflection, and a willingness to move forward together.

Black history is Lancaster County history. I encourage all residents to take time to reflect, to learn, and to recommit ourselves to building a stronger, more inclusive community for everyone.”

Commissioner D’Agostino, thanked all the community members and dignitaries that attending the meeting and echoed the sentiments of his colleagues.

**PROCLAMATION  
Procurement Month  
March 11, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the public procurement profession plays a significant part in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lancaster County Purchasing Department has been a member of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) for over 45-years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lancaster County Purchasing Department recognizes, supports and practices the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency established by NIGP, as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lancaster County Purchasing Department works to ensure that purchases made by and for the County are done with the best interest of Lancaster County taxpayers in mind; and

**WHEREAS**, NIGP has recognized the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the purchasing professional’s important function with governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**, that the County of Lancaster does hereby celebrate the month of March 2026 as -----

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**Procurement Month** ----- in Lancaster County and recognize the substantial role of the purchasing profession within business, industry and government.

Linda Scheiner thanked the Commissioners for recognizing her team. She also expressed her appreciation for her team's hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Parsons expressed his appreciation to Linda and her team for their professionalism, integrity, and depth of knowledge.

Commissioner Yoder made the following statement:

"Public procurement may happen mostly behind the scenes, but it plays a critical role in ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly, transparently, and in the best interest of our community.

From managing contracts to building relationships with vendors, these professionals help keep county government operating efficiently every day.

We're especially proud that our Purchasing Department has been a member of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing for more than 45 years, reflecting a long-standing commitment to the highest standards of accountability, ethics, and professionalism.

Thank you do all the work you do throughout the year."

Commissioner D'Agostino expressed his appreciation for the Purchasing Department and commended the strong teamwork demonstrated within the department.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of Behavioral Health/Developmental Services (BH/DS), to approve the following:

- Grant Award With:** Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority  
Lancaster, PA
- Purpose:** To accept funds from the Home4Good Eviction Prevention Grant that will provide assistance to families in BHDS' mental health program to help them maintain stable housing.
- Amount/Term:** \$19,768.00 for the period from January 27, 2026 through January 12, 2027.
- Funding:** Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA).

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 Children and Youth Agency, to sign a Transportation Plan and approve a Memorandum of Understanding every three years with the 17 Lancaster County school districts to provide cost-effective transportation for foster care youth so they can remain in their school of origin as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. Approval is also given to Lawrence George, County Administrator/Chief Clerk, to sign the County school district's Transportation Plans and Memorandum of Understanding.

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 Purchasing Department and Information Technology, to approve the following:

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**Renewal Agreement with:** CDWG  
Vernon Hills, IL

**Purpose:** To renew VMware Cloud Foundation licensing and support that is used to manage the County's virtual servers.

**Amount/Term:** \$387,302.40 for the period March 20, 2026 through March 19, 2029.  
Increase of \$24,940.80, 25%.

**Funding:** IT budget.  
Cooperative contract.

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 Purchasing Department and Information Technology, to approve the following:

**Renewal Agreement with:** CDWG  
Vernon Hills, IL

**Purpose:** To renew the licensing and maintenance for the firewalls located at the Government Center and the Courthouse.

**Amount/Term:** \$131,546.00 for the period March 29, 2026 through May 28, 2027.  
Increase of \$12,000.00, 8%.

**Funding:** IT budget.  
Cooperative contract.

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 Purchasing Department, to approve the following:

**Agreement With:** Workday, Inc.  
Pleasanton, CA

**Purpose:** To request approval to use ERP contingency funds for the purchase of an additional Workday tenant for the purposes of database testing.

**Amount:** \$28,800.00.

**Funding:** ARPA funding approved through Resolution No. 89 of 2023.

**Original Contingency Fund:** \$1,553,880.00  
Contingency Funds Approved to date:  
\$1,380,264.30  
Contingency Fund Balance: \$173,615.70

Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Agreement With:** Workday, Inc.  
Pleasanton, CA
- Purpose:** To request approval for the use of ERP contingency funds to purchase 150 Workday training credits for staff development.
- Amount:** \$99,000.00.
- Funding:** ARPA funding approved through Resolution No. 89 of 2023.
- Original Contingency Fund:** \$1,553,880.00  
Contingency Funds Approved to date:  
\$1,479,264.30,  
Contingency Fund Balance: \$74,615.70

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 Purchasing Department and General Services, to approve the following:

- Agreement With:** DSC Solutions, LLC  
Lancaster, PA
- Purpose:** To award a contract for custodial services.
- Amount/Term:** \$397,227.48 for a one-year period from March 28, 2026 through March 27, 2027 with four one-year options to extend.  
This is a decrease of \$235,208.52, 37.19% from the present contract due to a reduction in man hours and services being provided.
- Funding:** General Services budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2026**

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to authorize cash rounding for in-person cash payments due to limited penny availability.

**WHEREAS** County accepts in-person payments for taxes, fees, fines, permits, licenses, and other charges; and

**WHEREAS** the United States has discontinued the production of the penny and now experiences shortages of the one-cent coins, making it difficult for customers to provide exact payment amounts in cash and for County offices to reliably provide exact change for cash transactions; and

**WHEREAS** maintaining efficient customer service and sound internal controls requires a consistent, transparent approach to handling cash payments when it comes to pennies; and

**WHEREAS** many businesses and local governments have adopted cash-rounding practices that apply only to the cash tendered while crediting the payer's account for the exact amount owed; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners finds that adopting a uniform cashrounding policy is in the best interest of the County and the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**, that the Board hereby approves the authorization of cash rounding as follows:

Section 1. Authorization of Cash Rounding

A. When a customer makes an in-person payment using cash and is unable to provide the exact amount, County offices are authorized to round the cash tendered to the nearest five cents (\$0.05) in accordance with the rounding rules in Section 2.

B. The customer's account shall be credited for the exact amount owed, regardless of rounding applied to the cash tendered.  
Section 2. Rounding Method Cash totals ending in:

- \$0.01 or \$0.02 will be rounded down to \$0.00
- \$0.03 or \$0.04 will be rounded up to \$0.05
- \$0.06 or \$0.07 will be rounded down to \$0.05
- \$0.08 or \$0.09 will be rounded up to \$0.10

Rounding shall be applied to the total amount due, not to individual line items.

Section 3. Scope of Application

A. This resolution applies only to in-person cash transactions.

B. Electronic payments, checks, credit cards, debit cards, and other non-cash payment methods shall not be rounded and shall be processed for the exact amount due.

C. Customers who present exact change, including pennies, shall be permitted to pay the exact amount owed.

Section 4. Accounting Treatment

Any rounding difference resulting from this policy shall be recorded in accordance with the County's established cash over/short procedures and internal controls.

Section 5. Notice to the Public

County departments that accept cash shall post notice at points of payment advising customers that cash payments may be rounded to the nearest five cents due to limited penny availability.

Section 6. Administration

The Controller's Office is authorized to issue administrative procedures and guidance necessary to implement this resolution consistently across County departments.

Section 7. Effective Date

This resolution shall take effect on March, 11 2026.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Parsons stated:

"So as much as I do not want to, I am also forced to address the false, made up, and malicious little game played by LNP "reporter" Tom Lisi. This unfortunately is not new for anyone in County government as we have been regularly subject to his unethical and narcissistic conduct. I say narcissistic because Tom always has to put himself at the center of every issue and make it about him. He is the make believe hero in all of his make believe stories.

Now, we do many, many proclamations each year. They go through a process whereby the requesting organization submits it, and it has to be approved and edited, etc. That should not be surprising as pretty much every organization that

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issues such proclamations has some sort of procedures. Not every proclamation is given at the same time or place each year. This year, there was back and forth between our staff and Blanding on where and how to give it, and frankly it all took a bit too long and got late. That was unfortunate but things like that happen when you have a lot on your plate as we all do. That is not a big deal and it no one's fault as everyone was working to get it done. So we worked to get it on an agenda when we could and once it was ready to go. As far as I can tell the County and the NAACP were totally aligned on that as we have been every other year I have been a commissioner. We actually also did a ceremony out at the Barney Ewell statute at the end of February with some of our County team to celebrate.

But now LNP and Tom Lisi have done two ginned up malicious stories on the fact that it was not done in February in order to drum up division and drama where none existed.

Mind you, LNP almost never does stories about proclamations. They almost never do stories about the proud history of Lancaster County or about black history in Lancaster County. If only, they put this much effort into covering some interesting and relevant topics that would inform the citizens of Lancaster County. I am sure the NAACP has many great stories you could give LNP. BUT THEY DO NOT WANT THOSE STORIES.

Why? Because while we do things like this to UNIFY, their goal is to DIVIDE. It is straight out of the Marxist playbook they have been using for a number of years now. Divide the county into groups and rather than celebrate shared history and unity, attempt to pit them against each other. Because LNP actually really dislikes the people of Lancaster County. And you know what? The people can tell. It comes through. That is why they are failing. Now they are desperately seeking public money to prop up their dying organization.

I bring this up because although it is unpleasant, it is necessary to confront lies with truth. It is necessary to call out liars who would divide and attack our community. Liars who "generate" the news. Tom Lisi (who hilariously is not allowed to ask questions anymore at our meetings because we so easily show he is lying and it is bad for LNP) has said he generates the news and he doesn't have to sit around and wait for us to say things to report on. Well, he has done it again.

So my hope is that in speaking the truth and in calling out those who divide us as a community, that we are acting in the spirit of this proclamation and that we can embrace unity and all reject the cynical lying division that LNP stokes."

Commissioner Yoder responded to Commissioner Parsons' statement and expressed her support for the role of independent news organizations in Lancaster County.

Commissioner D'Agostino and Parsons discussed LNP and the timing of the proclamation.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Hannah Cody, Executive Assistant  
Commissioners' Office