

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026**

The Board of County Commissioners met today in their weekly Work Session.

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:

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

**Tania Maser, Executive Director**  
**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

**Cheri Modene, Director**  
**JUVENILE PROBATION**

**Garrett Moore, Senior Managing Consultant**  
**PFM FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC**

**Christina Peddigree, Director**  
**HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

**Lauren Stadel, Managing Director**  
**RAYMMOND JAMES**

**Tim Stuhldreher, Resident**  
**LANCASTER CITY**

**John Trescot, Resident**  
**LANCASTER TOWNSHIP**

**Jay Wenger, Managing Director**  
**RBC CAPITAL MARKETS**

**Brian Wiczkowski, Chief of Police**  
**WEST LAMPETER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 10:29 a.m. to discuss Litigation, which is the Bretz case, docket number 5:25-cv-05845-JFL, Eastern District Court. They also discussed a Personnel matter.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the March 24, 2026, Work Session Minutes.

Commissioner D'Agostino reannounced that there is an Evening Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Cocalico Township Municipal Building, 100 Hill Road, Denver, Pennsylvania. There is no

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Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 9:15 a.m.

1. Cheri Modene, Director, presented an Application for Reimbursement from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.
2. Tania Maser, Executive Director, presented an Amended Agreement with Robert Half, Inc.
3. Christina Peddigree, Director, presented an Agreement with HealthEquity.
4. James Catigano, Buyer II, presented a Corrected Motion for Pool Chemical Contracts.
5. Carmen Simone, Deputy Director, presented an Amended Agreement with RETTEW.
6. On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, the following motion was made to amend Dan Becker's five-year term on the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority Board of Directors from ending on December 31, 2026, to a term that ends December 31, 2027.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, the following new appointment and reappointments were made to the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Advisory Board for a three-year term until January 31, 2029.

Irene Marianos – New Appointment  
Debra Vrendenberg-Rudy – Reappointment  
Hugh Smith – Reappointment

Lancaster County residents.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, the following new appointments were made to the Children and Youth Advisory Board for three-year terms effective immediately through June 30, 2029.

Kristina Szobocsan  
Alyson Meldrum  
Zane Browne  
Ben Siegrist

Lancaster County residents.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, the following new appointments were made to the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission Advisory Board for three-year terms effective immediately through March 31, 2029.

Mitch Crawford  
Joshua Druce  
Julie Kennedy

Lancaster County residents.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Lauren Stadel, Managing Director, Jay Wenger, Managing Director, and Garrett Moore, Senior Managing Consultant, gave a Financial Advisors' Presentation on Potential Financing Options for the Lancaster County Correctional Facility (LCCF).

Commissioner D'Agostino introduced the Financing Team and gave a brief introduction, stating that today's presentation with the Financial Advisors is the first public presentation and discussion regarding the financing of the LCCF. The intention of the presentation is to provide an overview of what financing for this project entails, the

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different options available, and what those options may mean for the County. Commissioner D'Agostino stated that the goal for today is to hear from the experts engaged on this important aspect of the project, review and consider the information presented, and ask any questions that may come to mind, with the intention of returning at a future public meeting to continue the discussion and provide guidance.

The Financing Team discussed the following:

- Borrowing Capacity
- Possible Financing Tools and Strategies
- Determine a Financing Plan
- Use of Existing Reserves
- How Much the County would need to borrow
- Debt Restructuring
- Credit Rating Scales
- The County's Existing Debt
- Key Decision Points for Consideration
- Financing Tools and Techniques
- County Priorities
- Scenario 1: Single Borrowing
- Scenario 2: Multi-Borrowing with Capitalized Interest
- Scenario 3: Multi-Borrowing, Capitalized Interest and Use of Reserves
- Scenario 4: Multi-Borrowing, Capitalized Interest and Debt Restructuring
- Basic Steps for Bond Issuance
- Interest Rate History (2000 - YTD)
- Bond Yield Forecasts for Long-Term Rates
- Disclosures

Commissioner Parsons thanked the team for the presentation. He said there are many moving parts that will continue to evolve as the design is refined. He appreciated the work that is going into pulling these elements together into plan options. Commissioner Parsons stated that this was his first time seeing the material, so he will take some time to digest it before providing feedback.

Commissioner Yoder thanked the team for the presentation and stated that she would like to have one-on-one discussions with the Financing Team within the next couple of weeks to review some of the scenarios.

Garrett Moore answered Commissioner Yoder's questions about reserves, bond ratings, and the capital improvement plan.

Commissioner D'Agostino stated that, beginning in 2020, the Board purposefully paid down debt, built reserves, and created a capital improvement plan. He noted that these actions were taken with both past Boards in mind, and were intended to position the County for a higher credit rating in anticipation of this project.

Commissioner Yoder said she would like to have a better sense from her colleagues about a preferred financing scenario for the project. She added that the Board will also need to approve the facility design, which will provide a clearer sense of the construction timeline.

Commissioner D'Agostino stated that the Board needs to reach consensus on its priorities for borrowing, based on the various available options, as this will help guide the team in developing an optimal financing scenario.

John Trescot, Lancaster Township resident, commented on the various borrowing scenarios and the County's budget.

Brian Wiczkowski, Chief of Police for the West Lampeter Township Police Department, and Robert Goshen, Chief of Police for the Mount Joy Borough Police Department, speaking on behalf of the Lancaster County Chiefs of Police Association, thanked the Financing Team for the presentation and the Board for its continued support of the correctional facility, particularly the Central Booking Unit, which has been a focus of the Chiefs of Police Association for over 20 years.

The Board and the Financing Team addressed Tim Stuhldreher's, Lancaster City resident, questions regarding the interest rates used in the four scenarios, how changes in interest rates could affect them, whether refinancing would be an option, and whether additional financing scenarios are being considered.

The Board thanked everyone for their questions and comments and thanked the Financing Team for the presentation.

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11. April 1, 2026, Commissioners' Meeting Agenda – no changes or corrections.
12. On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.  
  
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lydia Kovalchuk*

Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant  
Commissioners' Office