

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

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

Present at today's meeting were:

Joshua G. Parsons, Vice-Chairman
Alice Yoder
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

Leonard Brown, President Judge
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

William Clark, Executive Director
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Robert Devonshire, Director
GENERAL SERVICES

Tom Lisi, Reporter
LNP

Crystal Natan, Executive Director
CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY

Carmen Simone, Deputy Director
GENERAL SERVICES

Nicole Snyder, Acting Director
DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION

Keith Wilson, Assistant Grounds Superintendent
GENERAL SERVICES

Commissioner Parsons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Parsons announced that the Board of Commissioners did not meet in Executive Session this week.

Commissioner Parsons announced postponing approval of the March 31, 2026, Work Session Minutes.

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

PROCLAMATION

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 7, 2026

WHEREAS, Lancaster County strives to ensure every child in our County can have a healthy and safe upbringing by working together to prevent child abuse; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster County Children and Youth serve over 7,000 children and 5,000 families annually. In 2025,

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Lancaster County Children and Youth investigated over 1,630 cases of suspected abuse. Child abuse is a tragedy for our children and a tragedy for our County. When children can grow and develop in a caring and nurturing home environment, they are much more likely to have brighter futures, and make a positive impact in their community; and

WHEREAS, We must work collaboratively to protect the children of Lancaster County. We applaud Lancaster County's law enforcement community, Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency and other public services, as well as the countless community organizations, schools, businesses and concerned citizens who are joining forces in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created between families, law enforcement, the courts, social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, and the business community, who work hard to nurture and support the victims of child abuse and prevent future abuse; and

WHEREAS, All citizens should become more aware of child abuse and work to prevent it within Lancaster County and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA Do hereby proclaim April 2026 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Lancaster County and call upon all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

Crystal Natan, Executive Director, Leonard Brown, President Judge, and Heather Adams, District Attorney, offered remarks in appreciation of the proclamation.

Commissioner Yoder made the following statement:

"Today's proclamation is both a call to awareness and a call to action. Child abuse is a public health issue that affects the long-term well-being of our entire community.

The reality is prevention must start early and must involve all of us. We know that when families are supported, when communities are connected, and when systems work together, we can reduce risk and create safer environments for children to grow and thrive. There is hope as we look around at the collaborative efforts across Lancaster County from Children and Youth to our schools, healthcare providers, courts and community organizations working together with a shared commitment to prevention. But each of us has a role. We can't "professionalize" our way out of this issue. Whether it's recognizing the signs supporting families or simply being a caring, trusted adult in a child's life. Because we know the earlier we intervene the better the outcome for the child.

Let this month be a reminder and a commitment, that in Lancaster County, we will not look the other way. We will act."

Commissioner Parsons added his thanks to everyone for attending. He said the purpose of these proclamations is to raise awareness and to thank county employees and community partners for being part of the solution. Commissioner Parsons stated that Lancaster County is a very safe community, and that is because of the work of staff, law enforcement, and many other team members. He said the most important thing they do is ensure public safety in Lancaster County, and there is nothing more important within that than the safety of children. He noted that these efforts are making a difference and potentially saving lives, which is appreciated by the Board of Commissioners and the vast majority of Lancaster County's 550,000 residents.

1. Nicole Snyder, Acting Director, presented New and Renewal Contracts.

Commissioner Parsons stated that concerns have been raised to City Council by residents and businesses about how Blueprints for Addiction Recovery Center is operating. He stated that the Board has a responsibility to ensure that the partners they are funding are good partners.

Nicole Snyder stated that Blueprints is aware of the concerns and the negative publicity it is receiving, and is addressing it.

Commissioner Parsons suggested that the contract for Blueprints for Addiction Recovery be removed from tomorrow's agenda to allow the issue to be addressed and then brought back at a later date.

2. William Clark, Executive Director, presented an Agreement with Kittelson and Associates.
3. Carmen Simone, Deputy Director, Robert Devonshire, Director, and Keith Wilson, Assistant Grounds Superintendent,

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presented an Agreement with George Ely Associates, Inc. and an Addendum with RETTEW Associates.

4. April 8, 2026, Evening Commissioners' Meeting Agenda – the Blueprints for Addiction Recovery contract will be removed from the motion for the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Tom Lisi, reporter, asked Commissioner Parsons what kind of questions he would like answered by Blueprints for Addiction Recovery. Commissioner Parsons stated that he wants to hear what Blueprints is doing to mitigate complaints from its neighbors, as it has a responsibility to the community.

5. On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office