

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 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

Lawrence M. George
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also, present were:

Jan Baily, Deputy Director of Mental Health
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Malinda Harnish Clatterbuck, Executive Director
CONESTOGA RIVER CLUB

Kathy Kunkel, Chief Deputy Controller
CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

Linda Schreiner, Director
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Carmen Simone, Deputy Director
GENERAL SERVICES

Christopher Thompson, District Manager
LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Daniella Tristaino, Portfolio Officer
EDC FINANCE CORPORATION

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 22, 2026, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

PROCLAMATION

Conservation District Week

April 26 – May 2, 2026

WHEREAS, conservation districts are locally led units of government established under state law to promote the good stewardship and protection of the region's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the districts are each led by a volunteer board of directors with members representing agriculture, business, municipal and county government, that develops a strategic plan which identifies local conservation needs, programs and services to offer; and

WHEREAS, conservation district staff work directly with landowners and local governments by providing resources and guidance to manage and protect land and water resources on private and public lands; and

WHEREAS, directly investing in managing, protecting and preserving our natural resources helps keep Lancaster County a great place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Lancaster County Conservation District invested over \$15.5 million to help manage and protect land and water resources on public and private lands; and

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WHEREAS, the district assists and coordinates with many partners including government agencies, private organizations, farms and businesses – to accomplish the important mission of supporting and helping landowners to conserve Lancaster County’s beautiful and bountiful natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA that the week of April 26 – May 2, 2026 be proclaimed as -----“**Conservation District Week**” ----- acknowledging the important work accomplished by the Lancaster County Conservation District.

RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2026

**FUNDING THROUGH THE
NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM**

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

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$1,100,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for John K. and Elizabeth S. King. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$600,000.00. The farm is located at 224 Lamparter Road, Bart Township, Quarryville, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has determined that the application/project conforms to the public purpose, eligibility, and financial responsibility requirements of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Law and has approved the above application/project at a publicly advertised meeting; and

WHEREAS, the project’s details are set forth in the public notice announcement on file in the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, that the Board hereby approves the revenue obligation or tax-exempt issues as stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval granted hereby shall not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor shall the County be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued by the Authority.

Motion passed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25 OF 2026

**FUNDING THROUGH THE
NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM**

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

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$1,900,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Ross R. Frey. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$682,000.00. The farm is located at 11 Radcliff Road, Willow Street, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has determined that the application/project conforms to the public purpose, eligibility, and financial responsibility requirements of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Law and has approved the above application/project at a publicly advertised meeting; and

WHEREAS, the project’s details are set forth in the public notice announcement on file in the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority Office.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, that the Board hereby approves the revenue obligation or tax-exempt issues as stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval granted hereby shall not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor shall the County be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued by the Authority.

Motion passed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2026

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2026
FUNDING THROUGH THE
NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM**

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

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, adopted Resolution No. 12 of 2026 approving the revenue obligation or tax-exempt issues stated within the resolution. This was based upon Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authorities' public hearing on an application/project for Justin L. and Angela Oberholtzer for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Penn Industrial Development Authorities.

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2026, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority amended the Project Narrative because the Oberholtzers have created Buch Mill Farm LLC and will be owning and operating the property under that entity.

WHEREAS, the County of Lancaster needs to amend this Resolution to adopt Penn Township Industrial Development Authority's changes.

WHEREAS, the project's details are set forth in the public notice announcement on file in the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, that the Board hereby approves the amendment to Resolution No. 12 of 2026 to include the amended language of Penn Township Industrial Authority's Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval granted hereby shall not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor shall the County be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued by the Authority.

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 Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (BH/DS), to approve the following:

**Grant Agreement and
Memorandum of
Understanding With:**

Lancaster County Housing & Redevelopment
Authority
and
Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition
Lancaster, PA

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Purpose: To name BHDS the subgrantee for the transitional housing grant, which will assist families being served by BHDS' Mental Health Program who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and to approve an MOU with the Homelessness Coalition to utilize Empower Lancaster, an Internet-based Homeless Management information System (HMIS), for client tracking and case management throughout the Lancaster County Continuum of Care.

Amount/Term: Total amount of the grant is \$43,376.00 for the period April 6, 2026, through April 5, 2027. The Homelessness Coalition will cover the cost of the HMIS system in the MOU.

Funding: PA Housing Affordability & Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund (PHARE) via the Lancaster County Housing & Redevelopment Authority.

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 Planning Department, to approve the following:

Amended Agreement With: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Washington, D.C.
and
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Purpose: To sign off on the amendment to close out the 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant agreement between the FHWA and the Lancaster County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and to de-obligate federal funding in the amount of \$8,442.20.

Amount: \$241,558.80.

Funding: Federal Highway Administration.

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 General Services, to authorize the following actions so the Conestoga River Club can move forward with plans to construct a paddle craft launch site in the area known as Reigart's Landing near the Strawberry Street Bridge in Lancaster County Central Park:

- To approve a Grant Application submittal for \$60,000.00 with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Park Rehabilitation and Development grant.
- To enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Conestoga River Club for the design, installation and indefinite maintenance of the paddle craft launch site in Lancaster County Central Park.
- To enter into a Grant Management Agreement with the Conestoga River Club to allow them the ability to manage the DCNR grant.

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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 General Services, to approve the following:

Memorandum of Understanding With:

WellSpan Health
York, PA

Purpose:

To allow WellSpan Health, who is partnering with the Library System of Lancaster County, to conduct the GO Lancaster 2026 program, an outdoor scavenger hunt utilizing Lancaster County Central Park and Lancaster County Junction Trail.

Amount/Term:

There is no cost to the County. The program is scheduled to run from June 1, 2026, through September 1, 2026. The MOU will become effective upon signing.

Note:

Authorization is given to Lawrence M. George, County Administrator/Chief Clerk, to sign the MOU.

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, to approve the following:

Change Order With:

Pension Technology Group
Billerica, MA

Purpose:

To request approval for the use of ERP contingency funds for a change order associated with the PensionPro System implemented during the Workday deployment.

Amount:

\$4,000.00.

Funding:

ARPA funding approved through Resolution No. 89 of 2023.

Original Contingency Fund: \$1,553,880.00
Contingency Funds Approved to date: \$1,451,859.92
Contingency Fund Balance: \$102,020.08

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, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Motion passed.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Kovalchuk

Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office