

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 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:

Heather Adams, District Attorney
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Megan Keller, Resident
LANCASTER COUNTY

Jessica Lopez, Resident
LANCASTER CITY

Jennifer Nissley, Deputy Director
ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE SERVICES

Linda Schreiner, Director
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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 May 27, 2026, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced that there is an Evening Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia Borough Municipal Building, 308 Locust Street, Columbia, Pennsylvania. There is no Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 9:15 a.m.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the District Attorney's Office, to accept the transfer of one vehicle for SERT and to include the vehicle on the County's insurance policy. The donation is from Ephrata Borough and will be used by SERT's crisis negotiators.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of Adult Probation and Parole Services (APPS), to approve the following:

New Grant Application With:

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD)
Harrisburg, PA

Purpose:

To apply for funding through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative to support a wide range of operational and safety enhancements including security upgrades to the APPS building and officer safety equipment upgrades. The grant would also fund training and workforce development initiatives.

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Amount/Term: \$777,103.00 for the period April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2029.

Funding: 100% State funding.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to accept the following Add Alternates, initially presented as part of the Schematic Design, into the final Design Development plans:

1. Additional Medical Beds
2. Work Release Area
3. Support Clusters two (2) Male & one (1) Female
4. Central Booking Space
5. Dedicated On-Site Maintenance Space

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner D'Agostino noted that the Value Engineering options were discussed by the Board of Commissioners during a Work Session. The project team will gather additional information and bring the matter back before the Board within the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner Parsons stated that the Board will continue reviewing all available options to reduce costs wherever possible. He explained that the items identified for Value Engineering are largely integrated into the project, difficult to remove, necessary to the overall design, or would result in only marginal savings. He added that the Board will likely reach a consensus on the Value Engineering recommendations and bring them back for consideration.

Commissioner Parsons also stated that three major components of the project are progressing simultaneously: the design work, the site work in coordination with Lancaster Township, and the financing. He noted that the financing plan will be presented at an upcoming public meeting. He also noted that, in his view, the financing includes the continued work on the County's budget, as one cannot be an enthusiastic supporter of a major capital project without also ensuring that the budget is under control. He stated that the budget is directly tied to the financing of the project and to ensuring that the financing plan works.

Commissioner Yoder added that, when considering the five elements in the motion, they all relate to the framework and vision for the work being done within the facility and throughout the community, particularly with respect to work release and central booking. She expressed appreciation for the team's detailed work on the project, including its collaboration with several consultants and its efforts to obtain input from prison staff as well as members of the community.

Jessica Lopez, Lancaster City Resident, spoke about her hopes and concerns regarding the proposed new prison project.

Megan Keller, Lancaster County Resident, emphasized the importance of including intellectual disability screening services in the prison wellness center.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office