

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
COLUMBIA BOROUGH
308 LOCUST STREET, COLUMBIA, PENNSYLVANIA

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

Dennis Dougherty, Esquire
FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also, present were:

Sarah Bagge, Resident
LANCASTER CITY

Heather Davis, Resident
Manheim Township

Russ Hauser, Interim Chief Information Officer
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Perry Hazeltine, Resident
LANCASTER CITY

Todd Kirkpatrick, Director
PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

Tania Maser, Executive Director
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Brian Pasquale, Executive Director
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

John Reitzel, Resident
COLUMBIA BOROUGH

Linda Schreiner, Director
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Carmen Simone, Deputy Director
GENERAL SERVICES

Cathy Walker, Resident
Lancaster Township

Rebecca Waybright, Resident
RAPHO TOWNSHIP

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the June 3, 2026, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes and the June 10, 2026, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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The Board of Commissioners thanked Columbia Borough for hosting the evening Commissioners' Meeting and appreciated the partnership.

Columbia Borough Welcome and Opening Remarks

John Reitzel, a member of the Columbia 300th Anniversary Planning Committee, provided an overview of Columbia's history and a summary of upcoming events.

Letter of Commendation for Breezyview Incident

Commissioner D'Agostino introduced the Letter of Commendation to Officers Frank Ember and Austin Miller with the Columbia Borough Police Department for their actions related to a crisis incident

Park Ranger Chief Benjamin Arnold gave a summary of the incident and shared that the officers' timely and compassionate actions helped prevent the individual from taking their own life and brought the crisis incident to a safe resolution.

PROCLAMATION

300th Year Anniversary of Columbia Borough

June 17, 2026

WHEREAS, Columbia Borough, first known as Wright's Ferry, was settled in 1726 by John Wright, a missionary and entrepreneur who traveled from Chester County; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Borough celebrates its 300th anniversary this year, recognizing its impact on history in the County, Commonwealth and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Borough was once considered to be a location for the United States Capital before Washington D.C. was ultimately selected; and

WHEREAS, for centuries Columbia Borough has been an important center of trade, commerce and logistics with its access to railroads, waterways and roadways providing the transport of agricultural and manufactured goods to and from the County; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Borough also played an integral role in the fight for freedom and against slavery. Serving as an important stopping place along the Underground Railroad, those who were able to escape and found themselves in Columbia were provided food and supplies before continuing on their journey north; and

WHEREAS, today, Columbia Borough represents one of Lancaster County's many great towns and often a location visitors to and residents of the County seek to explore by taking advantage of its trails, its access to the river, its shops and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, do hereby commemorate the 300th Anniversary of Columbia Borough recognizing three centuries of history, heritage, and people that make Lancaster County unique. We call on all citizens to mark the anniversary of the Borough with gratitude for its successful past, a hope for continued success.

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

**Memorandum of Agreement
Addendum #6 Between:**

Dauphin County
Harrisburg, PA
and
South Central Counter-Terrorism Task Force (SCTF)

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Commissioner D'Agostino – Yes
Commissioner Parsons – Yes
Commissioner Yoder - No

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to accept the following Design Development Value Engineering option presented as part of the Design Development at the Board of Commissioners Work Session on May 26, 2026:

Reduce the Project's finishes budget but include alternates in the bid documents as determined during the drafting of the construction document phase:

Altering Exterior/Interior Finishes	Estimated Savings: \$1,394,000
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Motion passed.

Commissioner D'Agostino – Yes
Commissioner Parsons – Yes
Commissioner Yoder – No

Commissioner Yoder stated that she voted no because she preferred to retain these items in the base bid and continue the value engineering process through bidding. The project team has already demonstrated success in reducing costs and she is confident that additional saving opportunities will emerge as the project moves forward.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (BHDS), to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the PA Department of Aging, facilitated by Weill Cornell Medicine, to participate in the Lehigh-Berks-Lancaster Counties Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (MDT), which brings together professionals to discuss and identify complex elder abuse cases and create action plans to help move older adults out of those situations. There is no cost to participate and BHDS will not receive financial compensation. Authorization is given to Lawrence M. George, County Administrator/Chief Clerk, to sign the MOU.

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 Behavioral Health/Developmental Services (BH/DS), to approve the following for children and individuals being served by Early Intervention:

<u>Renewal Agreements With:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% Increase/ Decrease</u>
Early Bird Therapy, LLC Camp Hill, PA	Occupational, speech, physical therapy & special instruction services	\$313,276.55	+49.04%
UCP of Central Pennsylvania Camp Hill, PA	Occupational, speech, physical therapy & family instruction/coaching	\$44,982.83	-28.46%
Tenfold Lancaster, PA	Assists adults with serious mental illness who are homeless obtain & maintain housing for individuals served by BHDS' Mental Health Program.	\$331,340.00	+6.39%

NOTES: All terms are for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

All contracts are 90% State Base Funding and 10% County Funding except for Tenfold, which is funded by the following: Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) grant funding (Federal and State), Housing and Urban Development Grants (HUD)(Federal); Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (Federal).

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 Information Technology, to approve the following:

Renewal Agreement with: CDW Government LLC and Zoom
Vernon Hill, IL

Purpose: To renew the Zoom software license used for video conferencing, virtual meetings and presentations by County and Court staff as well as the MDJ offices.

Amount/Term: \$63,944.00 for the period June 17, 2026, through June 17, 2027.

Funding: Information Technology budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed that the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of General Services, to approve the following:

Agreement With: Witmer Restoration, LLC
Mount Joy, PA

Purpose: To approve a proposal to repair and seal the concrete in several areas of the loading dock and parking garage at the Courthouse.

Amount: \$232,800.00.

Funding: 2026 General Fund Capital line items.
COSTARS Cooperative contract.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed to appoint Russ Hauser as Chief Information Officer for the County of Lancaster, effective June 8, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner D'Agostino noted that the Board of Commissioners will also be issuing another proclamation this Saturday, June 20, 2026, celebrating Juneteenth.

As everyone is aware, Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It stems from the historical event when the Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Lincoln on Jan. 1, 1863, reached the people of Texas, the last Confederate state to announce the proclamation on June 19, 1865.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced that the Commissioners would return to Columbia on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the Columbia River Crossing Trails Center at 41 Walnut St. A unique event is planned with folks from the Susquehanna National Heritage Association, including re-enactors, retracing steps of the underground railroad from York County to Lancaster County. The Commissioners will be greeting them here as they reach the land of Lancaster County.

Heather Davis, Manheim Township resident, shared comments regarding concerns about 287G agreements with ICE.

Sarah Bagge, Lancaster City resident, shared comments regarding concerns about 287G agreements with ICE.

Rebecca Waybright, Rapho Township resident, shared comments regarding concerns about 287G agreements with ICE.

Cathy Walker, Lancaster Township resident, shared concerns regarding 287G agreements with ICE.

Perry Hazeltine, Lancaster City resident, shared comments regarding observations of comments during the April 2026 Prison Board about immigration.

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On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy M. Campbell

Amy M. Campbell, Deputy Chief Clerk
Commissioners' Office