

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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:

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 January 28, 2026, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2026

FUNDING THROUGH THE
NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder;

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$700,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Jacob S and Rachel S. Beiler. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$682,000.00. The farm is located at 812 Vintage Road, Christiana, 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 unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2026

FUNDING THROUGH THE
NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons;

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WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$790,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Ivan S. and Jemima S. Stoltzfus. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$682,000.00. The farm is located at 1846 Georgetown Road, Christiana, 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 unanimously.

Commissioner Parsons made a comment regarding Commissioner D'Agostino's remarks at the January 7, 2026, Commissioners' meeting about an article published in LNP concerning the new prison project. The article claimed that Commissioners D'Agostino and Parsons approved the add alternates. Commissioner Parsons stated that this claim is false, as all votes related to the prison project have been unanimous. In his view, this was an effort to create the perception that the project was somehow politically motivated.

Commissioner Parsons stated that this has happened again. He referenced an article published this week entitled Smucker Files Lawsuit Against LNP, which mentioned attorney Wally Zimolong and included accusations that Commissioner Parsons described as a smear. The article also stated that Zimolong was hired by Lancaster County Commissioners Josh Parsons and Ray D'Agostino in 2024 to defend the County's rejection of some mail ballots. Commissioner Parsons stated that there was no reason to include this information in the article and characterized it as an absolute political piece. He noted that the facts are reflected in the public record. The motion to hire Zimolong LLC as outside counsel in connection with litigation matters was voted on by the Board at the time, which included Commissioner D'Agostino, Commissioner Parsons, and Commissioner Trescot, the Democrat on the Board, and the vote was unanimous. He also noted that the Board was unanimous in the litigation matter because the Elections Board has consistently guided election matters by determining what the law is and following the law.

Commissioner Parsons stated that what LNP is seeking to do is, again, misrepresent the facts in a very direct way by making claims that are false and already on the public record, for political reasons. He added that the new owner of LNP, David Greene, has stated on several occasions that he wants to rebuild trust; however, that trust is not rebuilt by continuing to allow staff to repeatedly misrepresent and twist facts.

Commissioner D'Agostino stated that this has been pervasive throughout at least several years of LNP, which is unfortunate. He said he is not sure why it was important to note Attorney Zimolong, when they could have simply said that he worked for the County. He added that there is a reason they are pointing out Commissioners Parsons and D'Agostino, and that is to create the article in a way that leads people to a conclusion that is not true.

Commissioner Yoder made the following statement:

"As a nurse and as your county commissioner, I've dedicated my life to protecting public health. Early in my career, as a hospital administrator, I oversaw immunization outreach into Lancaster rural communities in the mid-1990s. That work helped boost vaccination rates in Lancaster County to strong levels and kept our children and families safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Today, however, we face a concerning trend — vaccination coverage has declined locally and nationally, leaving gaps in the protection that keeps measles and other diseases at bay. In Lancaster County, measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccination rates among kindergarteners were around 90.5% in 2023-24, below the level needed for community immunity — and significantly lower in some communities where uptake has been especially low.

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As a nurse, I trust the science and facts: the measles vaccine is safe, highly effective, and one of the most important tools we have to protect our community — especially infants, older adults, and those with weakened immune systems. As a county commissioner, I care deeply about our collective well-being. Vaccination protects not only the individuals who receive it, but also our neighbors, schools, and communities.

We've made tremendous progress in public health over the past decades, and we must not lose the gains we've worked so hard to achieve. Getting the measles vaccine is the best way to keep our families healthy and prevent outbreaks of this highly contagious disease.

For most updated information on vaccines please go to the PA DOH website."

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