



# County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County  
Government Center  
123 Wyoming Ave  
Scranton, Pennsylvania  
18503

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Commissioners

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Monday, January 6, 2025

10:00 AM

Commissioners' Conference Room

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#### Reorganization

##### Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

**Present** 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

##### Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Matt McGloin, seconded by Commissioner Chris Chermak, to Dispense with the Reading and Approve as Prepared. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

##### Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board (Agenda Items Only)

No comments

##### Motions

##### [25-0001](#)

Motion to appoint a Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

**Commissioner Matt McGloin made a motion for Commissioner Bill Gaughan to be Chairman of the Board of Commissioners in 2025.**

**Aye:** 2 - Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

**No response:** 1 - Chris Chermak

##### [25-0002](#)

Motion to appoint a Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

**Commissioner Bill Gaughan made a motion to appoint Commissioner Matt McGloin as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2025.**

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

##### [25-0003](#)

Motion to follow Robert's Rules of Order for conducting the Board of Commissioner's meetings.

**Attachments:**     [roberts-rules-of-order procedures.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bill Gaughan, seconded by Commissioner Matt McGloin, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

[25-0004](#)

Motion to set the meeting days of the Board of Commissioners, to be held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Commissioner's Conference Room, unless otherwise specified.

**Attachments:**     [2025 COUNTY MEETINGS.docx](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bill Gaughan, seconded by Commissioner Matt McGloin, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin

### **Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board**

**Joan Hodowanitz:** I just wanted to make a general comment this morning as we reorganize. I watch these meetings or attend them when I can. I watch many people come up here and vent their frustrations and complaints and that is their constitutional rights and I'm glad that they take the time to voice their issues, but people should understand, it's one thing to point out what is wrong. It's another thing to be willing to be a part of the solution. When I was a young lieutenant in the army, we had a general office tell us, "don't ever bring a problem out unless you have a solution to recommend." Running for public office and all that entails, all of the conflicts and negative publicity and arguments and everything that follows, I must compliment the three of you for being willing to run for public office, to serve public office because I know you all know that it's going to be a bumpy road. You can't please everybody all the time and a lot of people are going to be very angry with you, whatever you decide to do. I wish you a fruitful 2025. Hopefully we can all focus on what we need to do for Lackawanna County and its residents and I do want to thank for having taken the plunge into public service.

### **Commissioners' Other Business**

**Commissioner Chris Chermak:** Happy New Year, everyone. As we begin 2025, I want to take a moment to express what an honor and a privilege it is for me to serve as your county commissioner. Looking ahead, I'm committed to making this year as productive and impactful as possible for the people of Lackawanna

County. I look forward to working hard to tackle the challenges before us while ensuring we create opportunities to serve our residents. Let's make 2025 a year of progress and positive change for the community. I wish everyone a successful and prosperous year ahead.

Commissioner Matt McGloin: Well said, Commissioner Chermak and I just want to thank you again for your support and vote of confidence to continue as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners here in Lackawanna County in 2025. Commissioner Gaughan, thank you as well for your vote and support as Vice Chairman as well. Just a Happy New Year to everybody and go Lions!

### Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.

Aye: 3 - Chris Chermak, Bill Gaughan and Matt McGloin