

RESOLUTION NO. 58 of 2025
ADDRESSING PENNSYLVANIA'S BUDGET IMPASSE

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

WHEREAS, the counties, school districts, and municipalities of Pennsylvania must enact timely budgets every year; and

WHEREAS, each year, Lancaster County's Commissioners, Row Officers, Courts and Departments come together to put together a budget that is delivered on time and with the best interests of Lancaster County taxpayers in mind; and

WHEREAS, state government has a legal responsibility to provide funding to counties for critical services that they provide; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Governor to bring both sides of the legislature together and for our elected officials in Harrisburg to pass a budget on time and without additional delay; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has missed at least a dozen budget deadlines in the last 25 years; and

WHEREAS, with counties receiving a large portion of their funding from the state, these delays have cost county taxpayers, with counties often not reimbursed for the financial impacts of budget delays; and

WHEREAS, some counties have been forced to borrow money to continue operations due to these delays; and

WHEREAS, severe delays in the past have threatened to increase property taxes for county residents, with the potential for this to occur again in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the Governor to bring the Legislature together and failure of leaders in Harrisburg to pass a budget on time exacerbates these issues; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania House and Senate are still in recess, without a budget; and

WHEREAS, the current system is deemed irresponsible and detrimental to the welfare of county taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, urges the Governor and the Legislature of Pennsylvania to prioritize their responsibilities and work collaboratively to finalize a budget without further delay and that they do not adjourn until a budget is in place.

Motion passed unanimously

ADOPTED this 3rd day of September 2025, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:



Lawrence M. George
County Administrator/Chief Clerk
County of Lancaster, PA



Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman



Ray D'Agostino, Vice Chairman



Alice Yoder, Commissioner

Board of Commissioners of
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