

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, April 29, 2025

The Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Lawrence County Commissioners' Meeting of Tuesday, April 29, 2025, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Chad Strobel, Scott Baldwin, Linda Abraham and Debbie Wachter from the New Castle News**. It was stated for the record that the meeting is being taped. Those wishing to speak shall be given five minutes. If they need more time, they are to see the Deputy Chief Clerk at another time, and she will arrange for them to meet with the Commissioners. Those speaking are to state for the record their names, addresses and the nature of their business.

ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FISCAL AND CONTRACTUAL

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| A. Repository Properties: | None |
| B. Advertise for bids/proposals: | None |
| C. Receipt for bids/proposals: | |
| D. Warrant Registers: | |
| 1. April 21, 2025 | |
| 2. April 23, 2025 | |

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 2-0.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Approval of Minutes:
1. April 22, 2025

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve and file said minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

- B. Presentation of Written Communications:
1. Amerikohl Aggregates, Inc.-Renew blast plan at Welsh Quarry (Wayne Twp.)
 2. Amerikohl Aggregates, Inc.-Renew blast plan at Moscipan Quarry (Shenango Twp.)

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to file written communication(s). Motion carried 2-0.

REPORTS

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| A. Staff Reports: | None |
| B. Commissioner Reports | DK,DV |

Commissioner Kennedy stated he attended the United Way 100th Anniversary meeting, congratulations to them. He went to the SPC meeting yesterday, it was a good meeting that discussed a new medical field of study for students at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The subject discussed rural hospitals in western Pennsylvania. He also attended the Lawrence County Career & Technical Center's breakfast meeting this morning and Anna Barendsfeld did a wonderful job.

Commissioner Vogler stated last Wednesday he attended the quarterly meeting for the Northwest Commission in Elk County.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

R-2025-85

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 allows for the purchase of appropriate services; and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services contracts for certain services; and,

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of County residents who are mentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to make amendments to the original Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Mental Health and Developmental Services currently has a Base contract with **Patches Place** for the period from **July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. It is specifically understood and agreed that the stated maximum of **\$537,100.** for various services shall be adjusted to **\$587,100.** Revised budget page(s) is/are attached to support these changes. There is no language change to this contract.
2. All provisions of the agreement dated **July 1, 2024,** between the parties shall remain as heretofore established.

RESOLUTION R-2025-86

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 allows for the purchase of appropriate services; and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services contracts for certain services; and,

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of County residents who are mentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to make amendments to the original Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Mental Health and Developmental Services currently has a Base contract with **Northview Estates Limited Partnership** for the period from **July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. It is specifically understood and agreed that the stated maximum of **\$50,000.** for various services shall be adjusted to **\$60,000.** Revised budget page(s) is/are attached to support these changes. There is no language change to this contract.
2. All provisions of the agreement dated **July 1, 2024,** between the parties shall remain as heretofore established.

RESOLUTION R-2025-87

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 allows for the purchase of appropriate services; and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services contracts for certain services; and,

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of County residents who are mentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to make amendments to the original Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Mental Health and Developmental Services currently has a Base contract with **Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County** for the period from **July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

3. It is specifically understood and agreed that the stated maximum of **\$70,000.** for various services shall be adjusted to **\$95,000.** Revised budget page(s) is/are attached to support these changes. There is no language change to this contract.
4. All provisions of the agreement dated **July 1, 2024,** between the parties shall remain as heretofore established.

RESOLUTION R-2025-88

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 allows for the purchase of appropriate services; and

WHEREAS Lawrence County, through its Mental Health and Developmental Services contracts for certain services; and,

WHEREAS the Mental Health and Developmental Services is responsible for the diagnosis, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of County residents who are mentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to make amendments to the original Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Mental Health and Developmental Services currently has a Base contract with **Psych-Med Associates** for the period from July **1, 2024** through **June 30, 2025**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. It is specifically understood and agreed that the stated maximum **\$125,000.00** for various services shall be adjusted to **\$140,000.00**. Revised budget page(s) is/are attached to support these changes. There is no language change to this contract.
2. All provisions of the agreement dated **July 1, 2024** between the parties shall remain as heretofore established.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolutions R-2025-85 through and including up to Resolution R-2025-88. Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION R-2025-89

A Resolution of the County of Lawrence Providing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Allegheny County, Armstrong County, Butler County, Cambria County, Fayette County, Indiana County, Mercer County, Somerset County, Washington County and Westmoreland County pertaining to the governance, operation and maintenance of a Regional Public Safety Radio System Controller Switch for the Inter-County Regional Radio System (ICORRS).

WHEREAS, the Inter-county Regional Radio System (ICORRS) is a regional digital interoperability public safety radio system providing for delivery of voice and data services to support the on-going public safety and non-public safety related activities in Allegheny County, Armstrong County, Butler County, Cambria County, Fayette County, Indiana County, Lawrence County, Mercer County, Somerset County, Washington County and Westmoreland County; and

WHEREAS, in mutual cooperation with Armstrong County, Butler County, Cambria County, Indiana County, Lawrence County, Mercer County, Fayette County, Somerset County, Washington and Westmoreland County (hereinafter "Participating Counties") as members of ICORRS, the governance, operation and maintenance of hardware and software for a Project 25 digital radio network joint communications master site (Hereinafter "P25"), located at the Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety 911 Center, and the DSR Master, located at Allegheny County Department of Public Safety, 9-1-1 Center, the cost of which is to be shared equally by the Participating Counties on an annual payment basis. The master site and/or DSR upgrade and expansion created a common, standards driven, P25 platform that will support the continued growth of a wide-area fully interoperable regional radio communications system among the participating counties, and contains all of the network servers, routers, switching infrastructure, system controllers, and management components that will make the wide-area P25 network fully operational.", and

WHEREAS, cost sharing agreements are authorized pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation

WHEREAS, routine development of long range system plans, monitoring of system operations and development and support of interoperability processes and procedures will be governed by the Radio Communications Charter and Governance Procedures for ICORRS Users, attached as Exhibit "A" hereto, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Participating Counties agree to enter into an Inter-County ICORRS MOU with respect to the ICORRS regional digital interoperability public safety radio system providing for delivery of voice and data services to support the on-going public safety and non-public safety related activities in substantially the form set forth in the Current ICORRS Motorola Service Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and

1. The Participating Counties agree to share the costs of operating and maintaining a Regional Public Safety Radio System Controller Switch for ICORRS and provide assurances to one another to support same equally splitting the reasonable and necessary costs associated therewith.. Should any additional counties of the Commonwealth join this MOU, the cost to each participating county will be proportionally reduced. Thus, the cost to a participating county will be the fractional quotient of the numerator, which shall be 1, divided by the denominator which shall be the total number of counties then participating in this MOU.
2. The duration of this MOU shall continue until jointly terminated by the parties by mutual agreement.
3. Any county may withdraw from its participation in this MOU but shall provide a one-year written notification to the other participating counties as to their intent to terminate their participation in this MOU.
4. A Participating County that elects to withdraw from participation in this MOU will have no rights to utilize the regional switch or to retain its portion of ownership in any said equipment as that equipment supports vital public operations for the remaining parties to this MOU. Any Participating County that withdraws from this MOU agrees to pay for the cost of system reconfiguration and agrees to procure its own system switch. Said payment of system reconfiguration costs and cost to obtain its own system switch by a county that has withdrawn from participation in this MOU shall be considered by the remaining counties to be the liquidated damages to which the remaining counties are entitled with no further recourse available to the remaining counties against any county or counties that choose to withdraw from participation in this MOU.
5. The parties to this MOU agree that its main purpose is to provide for the sharing of the operations and maintenance of a Regional Public Safety Radio System Controller Switch and Disaster Support Recovery for ICORRS.
6. Subject to those obligations placed on a participating County contained in Exhibit "A", no organizational structure is necessary for the administration or implementation of this MOU.
7. Subject to the fractional share of costs as contemplated in paragraph 1, no additional real or personal property of any Participating County shall be pledged or otherwise used to carry out its obligations hereunder.

8. No new governmental entity will be formed to effectuate this MOU.
9. This MOU shall not be binding on any of the Participating Counties until all Participating Counties have executed this MOU.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that authorization is given to execute on behalf of the Lawrence County Department of Public Safety, all documents related to the attached Motorola Master Site Service Agreement. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all documentation.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION R-2025-90

WHEREAS, the County has entered into a lease agreement with De Lage Landen to provide copiers for Magisterial District Judges and Central Court offices: and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that

1. Authorization is hereby given to execute a sixty (60) month lease agreement with De Lage Landen for the offices of Magisterial District Judges and Central Court:
2. The Chairman Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute all documents pertained to the attached Lease Agreement
3. See attached lease agreements

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-2025-91

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County Code, *Supplemental Appropriations Transfer of Funds; Appropriation Limits*, authorizes the Board of Commissioners, by resolution, to make supplemental appropriations for any lawful purpose from any funds on hand or estimated to be received within the fiscal year and not otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to adjust the existing FY2025 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2025 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING Pre Disaster Mitigation General Revenue Fund Account:
01331058.331000.97047 by \$29,250.00; and

INCREASING Pre Disaster Mitigation General Expense Fund Account:
01421500.999900.97047 by \$29,250.00

Reason: Pre Disaster Mitigation Grant

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

WHEREAS, budgets cannot always anticipate every extraordinary, ordinary, or contingency situation which arises throughout the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 1784 of the County code permits the Commissioners by resolution to authorize budget transfers from any encumbered balance; and

WHEREAS, the need to provide additional appropriations to certain accounts now exists; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that:

1. Authorization is hereby given to the appropriate administrative officials to transfer a total of \$30,411.42 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2025-06.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

- a. Jail from IRP overtime to IRP materials & supplies for \$4,500.00
- b. Voters from capital expenditures contingency to capital expenditure major equipment for \$14,328.06
- c. Voters from capital expenditures contingency to capital expenditure minor equipment for \$30,872.00

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve administrative transfers. Motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE

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| A. Resolutions on the table: | None |
| B. Resolutions to be taken off the table: | None |
| C. Motion to amend the agenda: | |

ORDINANCES

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| A. Discussion: | None |
| B. On the Table: | None |
| C. For Introduction: | None |
| D. For Final Action: | None |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 @ 10:00 am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

B. The Commissioners' meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2025 has been **CANCELLED**.

C. There will be a Lawrence County Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 @ 12:00 Noon @ the Wilmington Township Community Building, 669 Wilson Mill Rd., Wilmington Twp.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 10:35 am.