

LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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, March 3, 2026, 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, Commissioner Chris Sainato, County Administrator, Joseph Venasco, Michael Occhibone, Chad Strobel, Donald Andrews, Rebecca Shaffer, Jerry Zona, Megan Gahring 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 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/CONTRACTUAL

- A. Repository Properties: None
- B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None
- C. Receipt for bids/proposals:

1. Planning-Opening of Bids for the County Parks/Boat Launch Maintenance

Two (2) bids were received:

- a. Beyond Corp-Edinburg, PA-\$68,360.00
- b. Piatt's Landscaping-New Castle, PA-\$70,959.00

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to table said bids for further review. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Warrant Registers:

- 1. February 24, 2026
- 2. February 26, 2026
- 3. February 27, 2026

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve and file said warrant register(s). Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Minutes:

- 1. February 24, 2026

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

- a. PVEDI-Ellwood Remelt Steel-Act 14 Notification-40 Furnace Street (City of New Castle)

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

VI. REPORTS

REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports: None
B. Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Sainato stated he attended the NACO Conference last week and it was a great event. He attended the fire department event to honor firefighters and it was a very nice event.

Commissioner Kennedy stated he and Commissioner Sainato attended the meeting at Acrisure Stadium last night regarding the NFL draft.

Commissioner Vogler stated there is a Conservation Meeting tomorrow, next Tuesday, March 10th @ 8:30M there will be a Special Election Board Meeting to designate a polling location for Shenango Township, Precinct 3. On Wednesday, March 11th, there will be a Planning Commission Meeting at the Hutchison Center in Neshannock Township.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

R-2026-25

WHEREAS, Lawrence County wishes to update the Lawrence County Government Employee Handbook; and

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

1. The Lawrence County Commissioners authorize the update of the Lawrence County Government Employee Handbook to read as follows:

104 ADA/Statement of Reasonable Accommodations

Determining the Existence of an ADA Disability and Related Matters:

Job applicants will not be required to undergo pre-employment offer medical or psychological testing, though they may be required to undergo job-specific skills testing. Job applicants who are offered positions with the County may be required, subsequent to the job offer, to participate in a medical examination. This medical examination may involve either or both physical or psychological analyses. In such an event, the employment offer will be made contingent upon the results of the medical examination. The County will not withdraw the tentative job offer, based upon this examination, without engaging in the Americans with Disabilities Act "interactive process" which involves discussing with the applicant whether there are reasonable accommodations that would allow the applicant to perform all of the essential functions of the job.

107 Political Activity

Court/ Court-Appointed Employees are prohibited from participating in any Bi-partisan Political Activity

210 Hiring Process for Departments

It is a requirement of each department hiring a new employee, to complete a New Hire Form filled out for that employee with all of the necessary information. This New Hire Form must be signed by the Row Officer that oversees that department. When scheduling a new hire for Human Resources, a background check should be completed first.

An appointment will then be given for the employee to fill out a New Hire packet and they will be processed for Pre-employment testing. It is important to understand that the process takes time, so a start date should be discussed with HR so that ample time is given to ensure all paperwork can be completed timely.

301 Wage and Salary Adjustments

As many Contracts involve periodic increases and or position or salary adjustments and also include stipends for Certifications and Degrees, it is up to the Department Head to notify Human Resources of said adjustments prior to the date of said change, so that it allow enough time for the paperwork to be processed and given to the Controller's Office. The Information should include the employees name, salary and or position change or certification and or degree and should include the amount and the effective date of said change.

303 Time Keeping - Executime

Lawrence County uses an electronic time and attendance system to record employee's time. It is the employee's responsibility to log their time accurately and initial their timesheet electronically to certify the accuracy of all time recorded. Each employee is required to enter their own time. No one is permitted to enter anyone else's time. If an employee is off for a period of time or is unable to enter their own time for some reason, the supervisor will need to have PRIOR permission of the County Administrator to enter that employees time. The supervisor will review and electronically initial the time sheet prior to submitting it for payroll processing. In addition, if corrections or modifications were made to the time record, both the employee and the supervisor mut verify the accuracy of the changes by initiating the timesheet.

Payment to all employees will be based on approved timesheets. Any timesheet not approved ty the Department Had/Elected Official will not be processed.

304 Pay Schedules

The pay period for all employees is bi-weekly (every two weeks) and begins Sunday at midnight. (Unless otherwise specified in your CBA). Employees receive their pay for the two-week period no later than Friday following the end of the pay period. Timesheets must be completed and submitted to the Controller's Office by 10:00 am. Monday following the end of the pay period. Any additions or changes to the payroll must be submitted on a "Payroll Correction Form" signed by the employees and approved by the Department Head or Elected Official. "Payroll Correction Forms will be accepted until the close of business Monday following the end of the pay period. Payroll Correction Forms received after that will be processed during the following pay period.

Reimbursements will be paid on the 2nd pay of the month.

To ensure proper payment to employees, new hires should start at the beginning of the new pay period. If an employee starts or changes status in the middle of the pay period, the change will go into effect at the start of the next pay period and any retro pay will be paid at that time.

305 Payroll Deductions

Health, Vision and Life insurance contributions will be deducted from the 1st pay of the month; Dental insurance contributions will be deducted from the 2nd pay of the month; however, this may be subject to change if there are billing issues.

306 Pay Error Corrections – Safe Harbor

If any employee believes that he or she has not been paid correctly or that an improper deduction has been made, he or she should immediately report it in writing to the Director of Human Resources. Such complaints will be promptly investigated and remedied as appropriate, with the assistance and involvement of the County Controller. Following the discovery of a mistake, the County will take steps to ensure that the mistake is not repeated in the future.

A “Payroll Correction Form” must be submitted to the Controller’s Office with the signature of the employee and Department Head/Elected Official and explaining any correction needing to be made.

307 Direct Deposit

Three direct deposit accounts may be used. Two accounts may be at different banks, and the third must be GNC Federal Credit Union. The first account must receive the balance of your paycheck. The second and third accounts are optional and can either be a percent or a specific dollar amount of your paycheck.

With each direct deposit, the employee will receive, via email, their pay statement showing gross pay, itemized deductions and net pay. In addition, the statement will show the number of hours for which you are being paid, including sick time, vacation, holiday hours, if applicable and personal days. It will also show the accruals for each. Paystubs will be issued no later than Friday following the pay period.

Employees must consent to receive their paystubs and W2’s electronically via email and ESS (Employee Self Service) Otherwise, paystubs and W2’s will be mailed to the address on file.

If upon termination of employment for any reason, the employee does not return all county owned property, the employee’s last pay check will be held , and not disbursed, until all county owned property is returned.

404 Bereavement

Lawrence County’s permanent full time employees are eligible for five (5) consecutive days of paid bereavement leave for the death of an immediate family member. They are eligible for two (2) days of paid leave for the loss of an extended family member. The specific family members are as follows:

Immediate Family Member: Spouse, Mother, Father, Children, Brother, Sister, Grand Parents/Children, Great Grand Parent, Father/Mother-in-Law, Step Sister/Brother, Step Parents/Children, Daughter/Son-in-Law*, Brother/Sister-in-Law, and Spouse's Grandparent

*in laws shall include the in law of the employee's current or deceased spouse

Extended Family Member: *Aunt, Uncle, Nephew, Niece, First Cousin, and Non-relative residing in the home of the employee.

*these terms do not include the aunt, uncle, nieces, nephews, sister/brother-in-law or first cousin of the employee's spouse

The employee is required to provide an obituary notice and/or proof of the relationship between the deceased and the employee to their Department Head for approval. Once approved, the Department Head, will submit the obituary to the Controller's Office.

409 Short Term Disability (STD)

Employees should obtain and complete the necessary paperwork from the Human Resources Department. Any employee on a medical leave of absence must regularly update the Director of Human Resources or Deputy Director of Human Resources regarding the status of their medical condition and must provide appropriate medical documentation to the Human Resources office prior to returning to work. SHORT TERM DISABILITY DOES NOT PRESERVE YOUR EMPLOYMENT/FMLA HELPS PRESERVE EMPLOYMENT IF THE ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS ARE MET.

410 Family and Medical Leave Act

Any County employee with at least one (1) year of service and who has worked at least 1,250 hours in the preceding twelve (12) months will be eligible to take up to 12 workweeks of FMLA leave during a 12-month period for any of the following reasons, with the exception of military caregiver leave, or 26 workweeks during a 12-month period for military caregiver leave:

Any County employee with at least one (1) year of service and who has worked at least 1,250 hours in the preceding twelve (12) months and who is the spouse, son, daughter, parent or next of kin (nearest blood relative) of a covered service member will be eligible for up to twenty-six (26) work weeks of leave during a single twelve (12) month period to care for a service member who is:

Employees requesting FMLA leave due to care for a covered family member are required to first utilize any accrued personal days and vacation time as part of their twelve (12) workweeks of FMLA leave, or twenty-six (26) workweeks of leave to care for a covered service member. Employees requesting FMLA leave due to their own serious health condition must first utilize any accrued sick leave, and then accrued personal leave and vacation leave, as part of their twelve (12) week FMLA leave. Once accrued paid leave has been exhausted, the remainder of any FMLA leave shall be unpaid.

FMLA runs concurrently with Short Term Disability and Worker's Compensation, provided the reason for the absence is due to a qualifying serious illness or injury.

502 County Retirement Plans

The Lawrence County Pension Law requires employees regularly working over 1,000 hours

annually to contribute a mandatory 8% of their salary. Employees can opt to contribute up to an additional 10% of their salary on a voluntary basis, for a total of 18%; however, **only 8%** is tax deferred. Employees can change their contribution on a quarterly basis. For additional information, contact the Controller's Office.

504 Life Insurance

The County provides \$20,000 of life insurance for all full-time employees in addition to the part time AFSCME-represented employees.

601 Safety

Safety Committee: The safety committee meets quarterly and includes employer and employee representatives who are responsible for recommending safety and health improvements in the workplace. The committee is also responsible for identifying hazards and unsafe work practices removing obstacles to incident prevention and helping the County evaluate the accident and illness prevention program.

605 Attendance/Punctuality/Work Schedule

Working hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Employees may have schedules that vary from above, based on workflow requirements. Employees have one (1) hour for lunch and a fifteen (15) minute break in the morning and afternoon.

The employees should be at their workstation by 8:00 a.m. As different departments have different needs, it is up to the department head to enforce what is needed for their department. Disciplinary action can be taken if necessary, by the Department Head.

It is the County's policy to view an employee who is absent two (2) consecutive days without prior approval, or an approved leave, as having abandoned his/her job. Job abandonment is immediate voluntary termination on the employee's part. The County will modify this result if there is a reasonable basis for the employee's failure to properly report off.

THIS INCLUDE MISSING DAYS, EVEN WITH A DR.'S EXCUSE, IF YOU HAVE NO PTO OR SICK DAYS TO USE, UNLESS UNDER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFIED BY A ROW OFFICER, WHICH MAY INCLUDE FMLA.

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- If an employee is off for 3 or more days, the employee is required to provide proof to their department head for the absence (Dr.'s excuse). This excuse is for the Department Head and does not have to go to HR or the Controller's Office, unless it is proceeding or following a holiday, in which case the excuse would be necessary for the Controller's Office, or if it involves disciplinary action, in which case it would be necessary for HR.

606 Business Travel Expenses

Upon presentation of itemized receipts, employees will be eligible to be compensated for legitimate reasonable expenses. However, employees/officials will be compensated only a maximum of \$30.00 per day for food. Payment/reimbursement for the purchase of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited. You must utilize the county established procurement policy when registering and paying for conferences, seminars, trainings, or other work-related functions. A county credit must be used when purchasing airfare and hotel accommodations.

These expenses cannot be submitted as reimbursements unless in an emergency situation and must be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Mileage will be reimbursed at the County approved rate set by the Board of Commissioners. When calculating mileage, the shortest route on Google Maps is what will be paid. You must report the address to and from travel locations.

Procurement Policy

The goal of the procurement policy is to provide a centralized process of requesting the purchase of a product or service for County and department use.

All requisitions must be approved by a Department Head/Elected Official before submitting to the Controller's Office to be encumbered.

Once encumbered, requisitions are given to the Commissioner's Office for proper approval.

*Requisitions under \$250.00 may be approved by the County Administrator/Chief Clerk or Deputy County Administrator/Deputy Chief Clerk.

*Requisitions over \$250.00 must also be approved by two (2) Commissioners, in addition to the County Administrator/Chief Clerk or Deputy County Administrator/Deputy Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner's Office will return the requisition to the department once approved. Only then can the department make a purchase. If the purchase is denied, the department may not move forward with the purchase. Once the purchase is made, attach the invoice to the proper Purchase Order and submit it to the Controller's Office for payment.

If the invoice is less than the encumbered amount on the Purchase Order, the amount of the invoice will be liquidated, and the difference will be returned to the proper line item.

If the invoice is more than the encumbered amount on the Purchase Order by 10% or \$100.00, the department must get additional approval from the Commissioner's Office. Once the approval is received, submit to the Controller's Office for payment.

County Credit Card Policy

Definition:

A county credit card is a purchasing tool that is utilized for the purpose of providing both the user and vendor with an effective and efficient means to procure a good and/or service.

Guidelines:

A county credit card may be issued by the controller based upon a Department's needs for this purchasing tool. Only authorized County employees are permitted to utilize the credit card.

Procedures:

1. The Department Head/Elected official shall provide the following information in writing to the Controller or Deputy Controller requesting a credit card to be issued to the department:

- Specific reasons for the requirement of a credit card.
 - Authorized employees within the department permitted to utilize the credit card.
2. The Controller's Office shall manage the following:
Review the request and determine if opening a credit card for the Department is in the best interest of the County.

Determine the credit limit of the card based upon a Department's need.

Coordinate with the credit organization to establish credit card.

Notify the Department when the credit card has been approved.

Maintain a file for each Department's credit card as established.

Maintain a physical credit card for department.

3. The Department Head/Elected Official is responsible for the following:

Ensure that only authorized employees make purchases and that cards are not shared with other employees.

Notify the Controller's Office immediately of any lost/stolen credit cards.

Notify the Controller's Office in writing for any charges not authorized through the Procurement Policy (Charges made in error)

A request for a credit limit increase must be justified and submitted by the Department Head/Elected official in writing to the Controller.

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Credit Card Usage:

Credit card usage is authorized for, but not limited to, the following purchasing conditions:

- True emergencies as determined by the Department Head/elected Official. Procurement Procedure still must be followed.
- Purchases where the vendor will not accept a Purchase Order and require a credit card.
- The credit card may only be used for procurement transactions permitted under County purchasing policies. Examples of credit card usage include, but are not limited to, airline tickets, motel rooms, automobile rentals, meals, registrations, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Please note: The County is tax exempt and when using the credit card for the purchase of a product and/or supplies, you should communicate to the vendor that this is a tax-exempt purchase. A tax-exempt certificate may be requested by the Department and issued by the Controller's office.

Credit cards are not authorized for the following purchases:

- Any current bid or contract item
- Personal items or services
- Legal or professional services

- Insurance

The Department Head/Elected Official, or authorized user, must sign their credit card out from the Controller's Office. An approved Purchase Order must be presented at that time. Once the purchase has been made, the credit card must be returned to the Controller's Office. All invoices must be submitted at that time. The Controller reserves the right to accept or reject the use of credit card purchases based on the rules outlined in the Procurement & County Credit Card Procedures.

- The credit card must be used responsibly. Any improper or illegal use of the credit card will result in the immediate termination of the account.
- Do not save the credit card information to any computer, website, or account for any reason

Roles & Responsibilities:

Department Head/Elected Official:

- Requests a credit card from the Controller.
- Uses the credit card ONLY for approved business-related goods and services.
- Maintains a record of purchases and returns.
- Obtains receipts and verifies orders for accuracy.
- Adheres to credit card guidelines.
- Ensure only authorized users in the department make purchases.

Controller's Office:

- Determines credit card issuance based upon Departments need.
- Controls establishment, issuance, cancellation, and physical control of credit cards.
- Records expenses on general ledger.
- Pays all credit care statements with terms & conditions.
- Conducts periodic audits of credit card.
- Determine misuse of credit card.

Procedures for signing out the County Credit Card:

Employees must follow the standard county procedure for procurement

Must have an approved Purchase Order- the vendor must be Corporate Payment Systems

Must be signed by the department head

Must be encumbered

Purchase Order Amount is Over \$250.00- 2 Commissioner's must approve, in addition to Chief Clerk or Deputy Chief Clerk.

Purchase Order Amount is Under \$250.00- Chief Clerk or Deputy Chief Clerk must approve.

If you are unsure exactly how much money will be spent when filling out the PO make an estimate and if it is more once the invoice comes in, the employee can change the PO to the correct amount and have it reapproved with the new amount. If it is less than the estimated amount when the invoice comes in, the amount on the invoice will be liquidated and the remainder of the money on the PO will return to the proper line item.

- 1 After being encumbered and receiving the appropriate signatures, the PO will then be returned to the purchasing department. The employee needing to use the credit card must bring the purchase order to the Controller's office and request to sign out the credit card

The employee may sign the credit card out for multiple POs (all must be appropriately signed)- Each PO will need to be a separate line on the Controller's sign out sheet- and the appropriate receipts will need to be attached to the correlating PO when returning the card.

The Controller's office WILL NOT sign out any of the credit cards without an appropriately approved PO.

You must physically give the Controller's office the approved PO or an approved copy to sign out the credit card. The Controller's office keeps the original PO- the green copy will be returned to you after the transaction is paid on the credit card.

- 2 Credit Card must be returned to the Controller's office as soon as possible- if the card will be out longer than the end of the workday, or if you will have it signed out over the weekend, you must let Bethanie (extension- 1914) in the Controller's office know either when you sign the card out, by phone, or email.

The employee who signs out the credit card must be able to be reached by phone or email by the Controller's office.

- 3 When returning the credit card, you must have all receipts for each transaction used. Attach receipts to the PO and write the PO number on the top of the receipt. Receipts must be itemized.

- 4 Put the date the credit card is returned on the sign out sheet. This is important so the Controller's office knows who had the card in their possession on what dates in case of an unauthorized purchase.

- DO NOT save the numbers, take a picture of, or save any information from a county credit card. To use the credit card, the employee must physically sign the card out every time it is used.
- DO NOT sign the card out and then give the credit card to another employee to use or use the card for a different PO than it was signed out for. The employee that signed the card out is responsible for the card and any transactions made during the dates it was signed out under their name. If an unauthorized purchase is made, the employee that signed the credit card out for that date is responsible.

Credit cards issued in the name of COUNTY OF LAWRENCE shall be used only for the official business of the COUNTY OF LAWRENCE. The Controller's office reserves the right to revoke credit card use privileges if the procedures are not followed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Controller's office.

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

RESOLUTION R-2026-26

WHEREAS, the County of Lawrence has entered into a Contract with Schneider Electric/Gemco-Renmark Sales or Gen-Mark, Sunset Building, 2559A Brandt School Rd, Suite 101, Wexford, PA 15090 (hereinafter the "CONTRACTOR" or "Schneider").

WHEREAS, the County and Schneider/Gemco-Renmark have entered into a Contract and Price Quote attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS in consideration of their mutual promises, covenants, and agreements, the parties hereto intending to be legally bound, do hereby agree and consent for themselves, their successors and assigns as follows:

1. The services to be provided by Schneider/Gemco-Renmark pursuant to this Contract and Price Quote are set forth in the document attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and identified as the Contract Billing Frequency. Schneider/Gemco-Renmark agrees to provide the services set forth in the Price Quote.

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

RESOLUTION R-2026-27

WHEREAS, Megan Shaner, a full-time Caseworker III, is requesting to attend the Child Welfare Education and Leadership Program (CWEL) to pursue an advanced degree in Social Work; and

WHEREAS, Megan will participate in the program part-time while continuing to work fulltime, and

WHEREAS, this resolution is contingent upon acceptance to the CWEL program and participating university program, and

WHEREAS, Megan shall maintain County employment post-graduation for a period of time established by her CWEL contract which is equal to the period of time that a fulltime student would take to complete the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. Authorization is hereby given to Megan Shaner to participate in the CWEL program as outlined in this attachment beginning the 2026-2027 academic year.

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

RESOLUTION R-2026-28

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Lawrence County to enter into a Site Agreement with the Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) for the Glass Recycling Drop-off Program.

WHEREAS, the County and Wayne Township VFD (Sponsor) are committed to a spirit of cooperation toward the Glass Recycling Drop-off Program (Program) and mutual goal for recovering glass containers within Lawrence County for recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Program shall be operated and administered by the Lawrence-Mercer Recycling/Solid Waste Department and in cooperation with the Sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of establishing the terms and conditions for hosting a glass recycling drop-off container.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Lawrence County enters into the Site Agreement with Wayne Township VFD, and that Dan Vogler, Chairman, be authorized to sign such Agreement.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026-29

WHEREAS, Lawrence County has been an active litigant against manufacturers of opioids responsible for an epidemic that affected countless lives and cost County taxpayers significantly, and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners created a Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Committee on August 23, 2022 via Resolution R-2022-246; and

WHEREAS, Resolution R-2022-246 shall be amended and updated to reflect as follows:

WHEREAS, the current Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Committee shall consist of the following individuals:

Joshua Lamancusa
Dan Kennedy
Joseph Venasco
Judge J. Craig Cox or designate
John Bout
Scott Baldwin
Rebecca Abramson
Loretta Spielvogel

WHEREAS, the organizational meeting of the Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Committee shall be held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, on a time and date duly advertised in a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, upon organization of the Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Committee, the committee shall elect a chairperson and adopt a meeting schedule, with all meetings of the committee conducted in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act; and

WHEREAS, a settlement amount has been negotiated between the County, private attorneys, state Attorney Generals and representatives of the major opioid manufacturers, and

WHEREAS, the committee shall make recommendations to the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners on appropriations of opioid settlement funding; the Board of Commissioners reserves all rights and privileges related to the final determination of opioid settlement disbursements; and

WHEREAS, before any action is taken by the Board of Commissioners on the disbursement of opioid settlement funding, the Board of Commissioners must receive an advisory opinion from the advisory committee on the disbursement of such funds; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Lawrence County Commissioners are authorized to amend and update Resolution R-2022-246 to reflect the above listed members of the Lawrence County Opioid Advisory Committee.

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

RESOLUTION

R-2026-30

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 FY2026 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to amend the 2026 Lawrence County Budget as follows:

INCREASING Grant Disbursement 911 Revenue Fund Account: 50341000.355002 by \$98,168.00; and

INCREASING Lawrence NG911 GIS Post Migration Project (2026) 911 Expense Fund Account: 50421693.403000.5039 by \$25,000.00; and

INCREASING WestCore ESInet Maintenance Project (2026) 911 Expense Fund Account: 50421693.403000.5076 by \$2,147.00; and

INCREASING ICORRS Master Site Maintenance Project (2026) 911 Expense Fund Account: 50421693.403000.5120 by \$58,437.00; and

INCREASING Butler/Lawrence Shared Recorder Project (2026) 911 Expense Fund Account: 50421693.403000.5111 by \$12,584.00

Reason: WestCore Upgrade and Maintenance

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

Transfers (Administrative)

None

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 on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 @ 10AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, March 3, 2026 @ 10:40 AM. Motion carried 3-0.