

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, February 18, 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, February 18, 2025, was called to order by **Commissioner Daniel Vogler**, at 10:00 AM at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Ryan Anderson called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Chris Sainato, Rebecca Shaffer, Chad Strobel, Kelsey Schnur, Craig Conforti 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.

Commissioner Kennedy is out of the office this week.

**ROW OFFICERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kelsey Schnur the Executive Director of CASA Midwest of PA read the following press release (see attached). The Commissioners appreciate the program & Judge Acker's recommendation of this program.

Craig Conforti from Penn State Extension gave an update on the office and thanked the Commissioners' for their support of Penn State Extension.

Terry Busin stated he is having trouble with the kiosk at the Jail. Also, he has a problem with the handling of money onto accounts for prisoners at the Jail. He also voiced his opinion on Ms. Spielvogel not being qualified for the job of Deputy Warden at the Jail.

Mr. Vogler told him he should attend and voice his concerns to the Prison Board.

The Commissioners changed the order of the agenda:

**RESOLUTION R-2025-29**  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE  
PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Lawrence County will be undertaking a project to update the County Comprehensive Plan, as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development makes available grants-in-aid to such projects through the Municipal Assistance Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Lawrence County hereby authorizes submission of an application to the Municipal Assistance Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Lawrence County hereby commits an amount not to exceed seventy five thousand (\$75,000.00) in County resources, contingent upon the award of the DCED Municipal Assistance Program.

Adopted by the County Commissioners of Lawrence County this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

Motion made by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution.  
Motion carried 2-0.

### **RESOLUTION R-2025-30**

**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 Act 53 Pa..C.S.A. § 2301 *et seq.* and

**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. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

**FISCAL/CONTRACTUAL**

A. Repository Property:

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2025-31**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Lykins placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Becker Street, Parcel ID No. 03-044400; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Becker Street, with a Parcel ID No. 03-044400; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Ben Lykins in in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Becker Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 03-044400, City of New Castle.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2025-32**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Adriana B. G. Nardin placed a bid of \$525.00 on property located at Locust Street, Parcel ID No. 01-005400; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Locust Street, with a Parcel ID No. 01-005400; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Adriana B. G. Nardin in the amount of \$525.00 for Repository Property located at Locust Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 01-005400, City of New Castle.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2025-33**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Adriana B. G. Nardin placed a bid of \$525.00 on property located at Locust Street, Parcel ID No. 01-048700; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Locust Street, with a Parcel ID No. 01-048700; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance

Form accepting the bid made by Adriana B. G. Nardin in the amount of \$525.00 for Repository Property located at Locust Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 01-048700, City of New Castle.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2025-34**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Adriana B. G. Nardin placed a bid of \$550.00 on property located at Sumner Avenue, Parcel ID No. 02-043900; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Sumner Avenue, with a Parcel ID No. 02-043900; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Adriana B. G. Nardin in the amount of \$550.00 for Repository Property located at Sumner Avenue, and having a Parcel ID No. 02-043900, City of New Castle.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2025-35**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Adriana B. G. Nardin placed a bid of \$525.00 on property located at E. Wallace Avenue, Parcel ID No. 02-077800; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at E. Wallace Avenue, with a Parcel ID No. 02-077800; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Adriana B. G. Nardin in the amount of \$525.00 for Repository Property located at E. Wallace Avenue, and having a Parcel ID No. 02-077800, City of New Castle.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2025-36**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Adriana B. G. Nardin placed a bid of \$525.00 on property located at Carlisle Street, Parcel ID No. 02-085700; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Carlisle Street, with a Parcel ID No. 02-085700; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Adriana B. G. Nardin in in the amount of \$525.00 for Repository Property located at Carlisle Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 02-085700, City of New Castle.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-37**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Adriana B. G. Nardin placed a bid of \$550.00 on property located at East Lincoln Ave, Parcel ID No. 02-230100; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at E. Lincoln Ave., with a Parcel ID No. 02-230100; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Adriana B. G. Nardin, in the amount of \$550.00 for Repository Property located at Cumberland Ave, and having a Parcel ID No. 02-230100, City of New Castle.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-38**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Adriana B. G. Nardin placed a bid of \$550.00 on property located at East Lincoln Ave, Parcel ID No. 02-250000; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Carlisle Street, with a Parcel ID No. 02-250000; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Adriana B. G. Nardin, in the amount of \$550.00

for Repository Property located at Cumberland Ave, and having a Parcel ID No. 02-250000, City of New Castle.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-39**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Adriana B. G. Nardin placed a bid of \$525.00 on property located at Hillcrest Ave, Parcel ID No. 02-292000; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Hillcrest Ave, with a Parcel ID No. 02-292000; and **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Adriana B. G. Nardin, in the amount of \$525.00 for Repository Property located at Hillcrest Ave, and having a Parcel ID No. 02-292000, City of New Castle.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-40**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Adriana B. G. Nardin placed a bid of \$525.00 on property located at Bluff St, Parcel ID No. 06-011500; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Bluff St, with a Parcel ID No. 06-011500; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Adriana B. G. Nardin, in the amount of \$525.00 for Repository Property located at Bluff St, and having a Parcel ID No. 06-011500, City of New Castle.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-41**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Adriana B. G. Nardin placed a bid of \$525.00 on property located at E. Madison St, Parcel ID No. 07-001000; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at E. Madison St, with a Parcel ID No. 07-001000; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance



Form accepting the bid made by Adriana B. G. Nardin, in the amount of \$525.00 for Repository Property located at E. Madison St, and having a Parcel ID No. 07-001000, City of New Castle.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2024-42**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Lykins placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Becker St, Parcel ID No. 03-044200; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Becker St, with a Parcel ID No. 03-044200; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Ben Lykins, in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Becker St, and having a Parcel ID No. 03-044200, City of New Castle.

**RESOLUTION**

**R-2025-43**

**WHEREAS**, all bids made to purchase property from the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository must be approved by the taxing municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Lykins placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at Becker Street, Parcel ID No. 03-044300; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at Becker Street, with a Parcel ID No. 03-044300; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board is authorized to execute the Bid Acceptance Form accepting the bid made by Ben Lykins in in the amount of \$500.00 for Repository Property located at Becker Street, and having a Parcel ID No. 03-044300, City of New Castle.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve Resolutions R-2025-31 up to and including Resolution R-2025-43.

B. Advertise for bids/proposals: None

C. Receipt for bids/proposals: None



**INCREASING EI Program-State** Revenue Account: 073340000.334101 by \$45,000.00; and

**INCREASING EI Base** Expense Account: 07447046.413500 by \$45,000.00

***Reason: EI Budget***

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

**RESOLUTION R-2025-45**

**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 \$248,740.00 described in detail on the attachment(s) designated as T-2025-02.

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

**TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)**

- a. Juvenile Probation from contingency to materials & supplies for \$2,000.00
- b. Courts from contingency to association dues for \$1,000.00

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to approve said Transfer(s). Motion carried 2-0.

**RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE**

- A. Resolutions on the table:
  - a. Resolution for discussion and possible approval of Repository Property #29-901032. (Pulaski Township)

B. Resolutions to be taken off the table: None

### **ORDINANCES**

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, February 25, 2025 @ 10am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

B. There will be a Retirement Board Meeting immediately following the Commissioners' Meeting today in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

C. There will be a Prison Board Meeting at 12:00 Noon today in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

D. The MHDS Office will have their Advisory Board public meetings on the following dates: March 6<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, September 4<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>. All meetings will be at 12 Noon and held at the MHDS Office.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Vogler to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 10:55 am.