

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, February 25, 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 25, 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 Chris Sainato, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Mike Grippo, Bill Humphrey, Chad Strobel, James Constant, Bill Bloise, 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:   | None |
| D. Warrant Registers:            |      |

1. February 14, 2025
2. February 20, 2025

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

**MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Approval of Minutes:
  1. February 18, 2025

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

B. Presentation of Written Communications:

1. International Metal Reclamation Company, LLC-Transfer of Ownership to American Metal Recycling, LLC-Class I Permit Modification (Ellwood City Borough).

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to file written correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

**REPORTS**

A. Staff Reports:

Mr. Strobel, 911 Director gave an update on a feasibility study to combine Lawrence County and Mercer County 911 centers. The State is requesting counties to combine and there are incentives for counties to combine. The State is paying for the study. Expenses are continuing to rise for the 911 center, while revenues are not. Technologically, the combining of the (2) entities would be easy. There are many factors that need to be sorted out and would be part of the study. The Commissioners gave Chad permission to move forward with the State taking the necessary steps to conduct the study. A resolution will make the authorization formal next week.

B. Commissioner Reports

DK,DV,CS

Commissioner Kennedy attended the NFL Draft meeting in Pittsburgh at Acrisure Stadium yesterday. The meeting was very well attended. They are requesting a 10 county region to help with emergency services during the draft on April 23-25, 2026. Chad is aware of this and has been meeting with the 911 Director of Allegheny County since this was announced. He will make all resources available. He further stated Wilmington Township has received a multi modal grant and was the only municipality in Lawrence County to receive the grant. Congratulations to the Township.

Commissioner Vogler thanked Dan Kennedy for attending the NFL Draft meeting yesterday. The grant Wilmington Township received will be going towards work on the Poverty Point bridge and road in the Township. He further stated there will be a special Elections Board tomorrow, Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 11:00AM for a polling location change and an increase in wages for poll workers and Judge of Elections. Mr. Vogler attended the PCOMP Board meeting last week in Harrisburg. He has stepped aside as the Chairman of that Board, as he chaired the Board for the last 11 years. They appointed Jeff Snyder, Clinton County Commissioner as his replacement.

Commissioner Sainato thanked Dan Vogler for his service on the PCOMP Board over the years. He attended the Cornerstone ribbon cutting ceremony last week. This is a new business downtown that specializes in senior citizens and healthcare. Saturday, he attended the Firefighters Benefit and yesterday he attended Career Fair at Neshannock High School.

## **NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION R-2025-46**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners desire to enter into a professional contract with Northwest Media, Inc, with its principal place of business at 326 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract for Foster Parent College Online Training Course for March 2, 2025, will expire on March 1, 2026. Northwest Media Inc. will be providing access to 84 individuals, through our Lawrence County Foster Care Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the fixed annual cost for usage is \$4,200; and

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners enter into a professional contract with Northwest Media, Inc.

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

### **RESOLUTION R-2025-47**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTING A QUOTE FROM GREEN ACRES CONTRACTING, FOR THE WORK AT COOKS CROSSING BRIDGE IN LITTLE BEAVER TOWNSHIP, LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Commissioners' Engineering Firm, Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc. received two (2) quotes from guide rail contractors for the services required to replace/repair damaged guide rail along the approaches to the County owned Cooks Crossing Bridge in Little Beaver Township, Lawrence County; and

**WHEREAS**, Green Acres Contracting, submitted a quote to complete the project, such quote being reviewed and recommended by Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc.; and

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

1. Green Acres Contracting, Pennsylvania Avenue, PO Box 463, Scottdale, PA 15683-0462, is authorized to complete the guide rail repair work at Cooks Crossing Bridge, Little Beaver Township, Lawrence County; and

2. The quote is for 30 calendar days and the total base quote amount is \$7,260.00 for the guide rail repair work at Cooks Crossing Bridge, Little Beaver Township, Lawrence County.

Bill Humphrey gave an update on the bridges in the County that the Commissioners had a couple questions on. The Cooks Crossing Bridge is over 100 years old and is an historic bridge. The decision to go with a new hybrid bridge was made and will structurally be a brand new bridge with the historic decorative tresses attached. The new bridge should be completed in 2-3 years.

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

### **TRANSFERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)**

- a. Tax Claim from Contingency to Travel & Training for \$1,500.00.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Transfer(s). Motion carried 3-0.

### **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:
  - a. Resolution for discussion and possible approval of Repository Property #29-901032. (Pulaski Township)

### **RESOLUTION**

**R-2025-25**

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

**WHEREAS**, Paul Maldonado placed a bid of \$500.00 on property located at 113 Elm Drive, Parcel Id No. 29-901032; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lawrence wishes to accept the above bid for property located at 113 Elm Drive, with a Parcel ID No. 29-901032; 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 Paul Maldonado, in the amount of \$500.00 for

Repository Property located at 113 Elm Drive, and having a Parcel ID No. 29-901032, Pulaski Township.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to remove from the table. Motion carried 3-0.

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

### **ORDINANCES**

A. Discussion:	None
B. On the Table:	None
C. For Introduction:	None
<b>D.</b> For Final Action:	None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 @ 10am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners' meeting dated Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 11:00 am.