

**LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, December 30, 2014**

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 December 30, 2014 was called to order by Commissioner Dan Vogler, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. Office Manager Carol MacDonald called the Roll. Those in attendance were, Commissioners, **Dan Vogler, Robert Del Signore, Sr., Steve Craig;** **Chief Clerk/County Administrator James Gagliano, Clarence Nelson, Don Dougherty, Donielle Russel, David Prestopine, J.R. Hardester, Brian Melcer, and Reed Steele, news media NONE.** 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 he 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**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of Tuesday, December 23, 2014.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to accept and file the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**Proclamations and Certificates**

None

**Staff Report**

None

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Del Signore had none.

Mr. Craig had none.

Mr. Vogler stated he was not happy with the information concerning the casino in the New Castle News.

Resolutions to be taken off the table: None

Moved by Mr. Del Signore seconded by Mr. Craig to amend the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

**R E S O L U T I O N R-2014-305**

WHEREAS, PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK is the owner of a parcel of land in the City of New Castle with the Parcel ID Number of 08-023500; and

WHEREAS, PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK is a charitable organization under Section 507 (c) and a Non-Profit Corporation under the Pennsylvania Non-Profit Corporation Law of 1988; and

WHEREAS, PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK was previously exempt from real estate taxes, it was placed on the tax rolls for the tax year 2013; and

WHEREAS, PRIMARY HEATH NETWORK requested an exemption from real estate taxes, which was denied by the Board of Assessment Appeals, and was then appealed to the Court of Common Pleas; and

WHEREAS, the NEW CASTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE and THE COUNTY OF LAWRENCE have reached an agreement with PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK; and

WHEREAS, PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK has agreed to provide Services in Lieu of Taxes consisting of extended medical and Primary Health services within the facilities maintained by the NEW CASTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, the taxing authorities will in exchange provide that the real estate of PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK will be tax exempt for the tax year 2015 and all subsequent years until and unless reviewed by the Lawrence County Board of Tax Appeals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Agreement with PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK be executed and signed by the Board of Commissioners.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION R-2014-306**

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 Armstrong County, Fayette County, Indiana County, Somerset County, Westmoreland County and Lawrence County; and

Whereas, Lawrence County has previously authorized joining ICORRS in Resolution #2014-1833 on August 26, 2014, while the ICORRS was in the process of updating its master radio site maintenance agreement; and

Whereas, Lawrence County has previously authorized a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. of Schaumburg, IL, in Resolution #2014-089 (June 10, 2014) to provide for the installation of a Digital P25, Radio System; and

Whereas, Lawrence County, through its participation in ICORRS has realized significant savings in both capital and ongoing maintenance, and wishes to enter into the attached and updated Motorola Master Site Service Agreement, under the same conditions of the 8/26/2014 Resolution with the change being in the amount of the overall agreement due to extension;; and

Whereas, Lawrence County will not be required to pay the first two years after acceptance of said master site maintenance, as per the agreement with the ICORRS counties signed on 8/26/2014/ and

Whereas, through its participation in ICORRS, Lawrence County has been able to negotiate a better price for ongoing maintenance and lifecycle upgrades of its P25 Digital Radio system, specific to the hardware NOT shared by ICORRS counties, which reflects a savings of \$185,743 in years 2-10 maintenance, and a savings of \$38,247 in lifecycle costs, from Motorola's original Best and Final Response to the Request for Proposal subsequently contracted by Lawrence County on 6/10/2014.

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

1. The Chair is authorized to sign the attached Motorola Master Site Service Agreement, under the same conditions of the 8/26/2014 resolution with the change being in the amount of the overall agreement due to extension.
2. The Chair is authorized to sign the attached Motorola Lawrence County Specific Service Agreement and Service Level Agreement to provide for years 2-10 maintenance on the Lawrence County System and Lifecycle Costs (SUAll) for those same 10 years.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION R-2014-307**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with the "Sunshine Law," hereby sets forth the **2015** schedule of public meetings;

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

The **2015** calendar year meetings of the Commissioners, and specified Boards, shall be held in the Commissioners meeting room, First Floor, Lawrence County Government Center, 430 Court Street, New Castle, Pennsylvania, except as noted. Said meetings will be held on the days and times as herein provided:

**COMMISSIONERS**.....Every **Tuesday** at 12:00 p.m. (noon), **except:**

- **No meeting on March 24, May 19, November 3, and November 24.**
- **Meetings** have been scheduled for **12:00 p.m. (noon)** at local Township offices throughout the County, on the **last Tuesday** of each month, March through October. The specific site of each meeting will be announced.

**SALARY BOARD**..... At 9:00 a.m., **Monday, January 5, 2015.**

**RETIREMENT BOARD**.....Immediately following the Commissioners and/or other regularly-scheduled public meetings, on the following dates: **February 10, May 12, August 18, and November 10, 2015.**

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**.....Tuesdays, as needed, immediately following the Commissioners and/or other regularly-scheduled public meetings.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION R-2014-308**

**BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED**, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAWRENCE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, that:

**SECTION 1:** That a tax be, and is hereby levied, on all real property within the County subject to taxation for County purposes for the fiscal year 2015. The tax rate for County purposes shall be as follows:

- a. For General Purposes, the sum of six and one hundred, fifty-four thousandths (6.086) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (or the sum of sixty and eighty-six hundredths cents [60.86¢] per each one hundred dollars [\$100.00] of assessed value.)

- b. For Debt Purposes, the sum of five hundred and two thousandths (.502) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (or the sum of five and two hundredths cents [5.02¢] per each one hundred dollars [\$100.00] of assessed value.)
- c. For Special Purposes (libraries), the sum of one hundred and ten thousandths (.110) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (or the sum of one and ten hundredths cents [1.10¢] per each one hundred dollars [\$100.00] of assessed value.)

The *total millage* for all County purposes shall be six and six-hundred, ninety-eight thousandths (6.698) mills (or the sum of sixty-six and ninety-eight hundredths cents [66.98¢] per each one hundred dollars [\$100.00] of assessed value.)

**SECTION 2:** That, for the expenses of the County for the fiscal year 2015, the amounts are hereby appropriated from the revenues available for the specific purposes set forth above, which amounts are more fully itemized in the County Budget on file in the office of the Commissioners.

**SECTION 3:** That any resolution, or parts thereof, conflicting with this Resolution, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, insofar as the same affects this Resolution.

Moved by **Mr. Del Signore** seconded by Mr. Craig to approve said resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

**Ordinances**

- A. On the Table: None
- B. Remove from Table: None
- C. For final action: None

**Fiscal Reports**

- A. Proposals: None
- B. Receipt of bids/proposals: None
- C. Fiscal report: None
- D. Report on Quotes: None
- E. Warrant Register: None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The next Commissioners' Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- B. The Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2015 in observance of New Years.
- C. The Annual Salary Board will meet on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
- D. The Lawrence County Commissioners and staff wish everyone a very healthy and prosperous New Year.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by **Mr. Craig** seconded by Mr. Del Signore to adjourn the Lawrence County Commissioners meeting dated Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 10:53 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.