



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
August 10, 2021  
Council Meeting Room  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
200 N. River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701  
AND  
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

**5:30 PM CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE** amending the 2021 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (911).

*This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on the matter listed on the Agenda. Each speaker shall have three (3) minutes to address Council. Speakers may not yield or transfer their time to another speaker.*

*Those attending in person are asked to complete and submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk of Council before the first speaker is called.*

*Those attending virtually are asked to refer to the Public Meetings Online page of County's Website at <https://www.luzernecounty.org/1279/Public-Meetings-Online> for more information on how to participate in Public Comment via technology.*

**ADJOURNMENT**



## AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE</b>	<b>AGENDA NUMBER</b>
Ordinance authorizing an increase in revenue and expense budgets within the 260.50.4286- 911 fund 2021 fiscal year budget.	July 13, 2021	
<b>Dept:</b>	Luzerne County 9-1-1	
<b>Contact:</b>	Fred J. Rosencrans, 9-1-1 Executive Director	
<b>Phone:</b>	570-826-3058	

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

Luzerne County 9-1-1 recommends that Luzerne County Council approve the funding and budget amendment necessary to offset increased costs for the Motorola P25 digital radio project, using funding from the 260 fund budget. This is specifically authorized under Chapter 53 of Title 35- Act-12 of 2015. As per the act and to summarize: "911 system expenditures may include allocations to capital and operating reserves for anti-windfall purposes".

### **SUMMARY:**

This amendment is required to accurately reflect the increase in 9-1-1 funding from PA Emergency Management Agency 9-1-1 program (PEMA) 911 fund, and grant access to the same in expenditure authority for authorized project expenses.

### **FINANCING:**

\$600,000 in additional funding was realized through sound fiscal management.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Act-12 of 2015 authorizes 9-1-1 Communication Centers (PSAP) to maintain reserves and deferrals for future or anticipated capital projects authorized under the 911 program. Luzerne County 9-1-1 will utilize \$600,000 by amending:

260.50.4286.450.80 Cash balance carry forward increase by \$600,000

260.50.4286.550.15 Other Contractual increase by \$600,000

This will offset and fund unanticipated and increased costs in tower site construction for the Motorola P25 digital radio project.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Luzerne County Council may choose not to approve; however, it is not recommended since this funding is needed to cover unanticipated and unbudgeted costs for the project, and no General Fund budgetary funding is required at this time.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

None.

No. 2021-  
**ORDINANCE**

*An Ordinance of County Council for the County of Luzerne  
Amending the 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets for Luzerne County*

WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 Administration has PEMA funding to offset increased costs for the Motorola P25 digital radio project in the 260 fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, County Council adopted the 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets which accounted for anticipated revenue and expenses; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.10 of the Home Rule Charter States County Council may amend any of the budgets at any time during the fiscal year by ordinance adopted by an administrative vote of at least a majority plus one of its current members after a public hearing has been held; and

WHEREAS, County Council for Luzerne desires to amend the budget at the appropriate line items in order to account for the receipt of funds to the 2021 Fiscal Year budget.

WHEREAS, therefore, the following is hereby ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Luzerne County Council:

**SECTION ONE. Incorporation of Preamble.**

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this ordinance are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety

**SECTION TWO. Amendment of line in budget.**

A public hearing having been held on \_\_\_\_\_ County Council hereby amends the following line items in the 2021 fiscal year budget in order to account for receipt of funds from PEMA for the 260 9-1-1 fund,

REVENUES:

Line Item- **260.50.4286.450.80** Carry Forward Balance shall be increased by \$600,000

EXPENDITURES:

Line Item- **260.50.4286.550.15** Other Contractual shall be increased by \$600,000

**SECTION THREE. Remainder of Budget.**

All other items in the 2021 Fiscal Year Luzerne County Budget shall remain unchanged.

**SECTION FOUR. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after enactment.

ROLL CALL VOTE

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Tim McGinley, Chair

ATTEST:

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Sharon Lawrence,

Clerk to County Council

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Chris Perry, Vice-Chair