

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 16, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held this day at 10:00 am, at the Bucks County Courthouse, 55 E. Court Street, Doylestown, Pennsylvania. In attendance were Commissioner Robert G. Loughery, Chairman; Commissioner Charles H. Martin, Vice Chairman; and Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia. Chairman Loughery opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Loughery recognized county row officers who were present: Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts, and Donald Petrille, Jr., Register of Wills.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed March 2016 as “AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH” throughout the County of Bucks, dedicating the month to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Accepting the proclamation was Peter Brown, executive director of the American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley. Mr. Brown provided some brief history on Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, and spoke about their Home Fire Preparedness campaign, which is set to kick off this spring.

The Commissioners proclaimed March 16, 2016 as “MAE KRIER ‘ROSIE THE RIVETER’ TRIBUTE DAY,” in recognition of the contributions of the 16 million women who labored or volunteered in factories, farms, shipyards, airplane factories, banks, and other institutions in support of the armed forces overseas. Ms. Krier, of Levittown, accepted the proclamation and spoke briefly about her time building bombers at the Boeing plant during World War II.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes for the regular meeting of March 2, 2016 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Loughery read through the agenda, providing clarification and addressing questions and comments.

Item 1a – Rich Harvey, Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation Program, presented information on the County’s portion of a 45.746 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Burland Farm in Quakertown. He shared some particulars about the farm, noting it ranked seventh on the list of 2015 farm applications, and said it will be the 188th farm preserved to date, bringing the total acreage to 15,508.

Item 2a – In response to questions from Commissioners Marseglia and Martin, Human Services Director Jon Rubin provided additional clarification.

Item 8a – Kevin Spencer, General Services Director of Operations, responded to questions from Commissioner Marseglia and provided more detail regarding the renovations to the bathrooms at 55 E. Court Street.

Item 10a & b – A discussion regarding this program took place between Youth Center Director Ted Rice and Commissioners Marseglia and Martin.

Item 11a - Open Space Coordinator Dave Johnson presented information on a Municipal Open Space Program grant on the Diprato property in Warrington Township. This entirely wooded property is contiguous to previously preserved land and will eventually provide a walkway for residents in the area of Stump and Bristol Roads. In response to Commissioner Martin’s question, Mr. Johnson advised that this is the first project Warrington has submitted but they are in negotiations for other potential easement acquisitions.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION	a. William A. and Lisa Burland Quakertown, PA	Approve county’s portion (60%) of a 45.746 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Burland farm located on Old Bethlehem Road in Springfield Township. (TMP 42-020-013)	\$233,304.60 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)

2.	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	a. Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. Wrightstown, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide start-up housing assistance to eligible adults. 1/1/16 – 6/30/16	\$40,098* (County 0%)
3.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Bethany Christian Services Elkins Park, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster care services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$56,000** (County 10%)
		b. The Children’s Choice, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$23,000** (County 20%)
		c. Concern Professional Services for Children, Youth, and Families Fleetwood, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster care and community residential care. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$350,000** (County 16%)
		d. Lutheran Children and Family Service Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide family preservation/after-care and intensive permanency programs. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$551,000** (County 3%)
		e. The Salvation Army Allentown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster care services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$16,000** (County 10%)
		f. Tabor Children’s Services Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide intensive family services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$480,000** (County 5%)
		g. University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	Approve contract between Donna Wiggins and University of Pittsburgh for child welfare education program. 1/1/16 – Graduation	
		h. Valley Youth House Allentown, PA	Approve contract amendment to add PATHS Group Home full rate to the original agreement. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	
4.	COMMISSIONERS	a. Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks Bristol, PA	Approve a cooperation agreement allowing RDA to implement a PennWorks grant from PA DCED.	
5.	COURTS	a. Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, Director of Judicial Programs Philadelphia, PA	Approve application for Senior Judge reimbursable costs. 1/1/15 – 12/31/15	\$74,988 (Revenue)
		b. Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, Court Access Coordinator Harrisburg, PA	Approve application for Language Access reimbursable costs. 1/1/15 – 12/31/15	\$205,214 (Revenue)
6.	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Narrowbanding	a. Motorola Solutions, Inc. Schaumburg, IL	Approve contract decrease for Change Order #7 for County Wide Emergency Radio System project.	(\$16,405)
7.	FINANCE	a. Western World Insurance Co. Franklin Lakes, NJ	Approve Swett & Crawford as payee for insurance premium. 3/31/16 – 3/31/17	
8.	GENERAL SERVICES	a. Chris Wolff Plumbing, Inc. Perkasie, PA	Approve contract increase for additional plumbing work required for the interior renovations at 30 and 55 E. Court St. Change Order – PL #1	\$55,088.93 (County 100%)
9.	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a. A Woman’s Place Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for 2015 Emergency Solutions Grant Program for shelter operations. 1/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$5,000 (County 0%)

	b. Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. Ivyland, PA	Approve contract for 2015 Emergency Solutions Grant Program for shelter operations. 1/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$25,000 (County 0%)
	c. Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for 2015 Emergency Solutions Grant Program to provide funding for Rapid Rehousing. 1/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$45,236 (County 0%)
	d. Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract for 2015 Emergency Solutions Grant Program for shelter operations. 1/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$70,000 (County 0%)
	e. Warminster Heights Development Corp. Warminster, PA	Approve CDBG contract extension to complete additional roof replacements. 12/1/15 – 5/31/16	
10. JUVENILE PROBATION	a. Karen J. Ishler, Ph.D. Cleveland, OH	Approve contract to provide consultation and technical support in the development and maintenance of a data analysis program. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$6,250** (County 100%)
	b. Amy Blank Wilson, Ph.D. Chapel Hill, NC	Approve contract to provide consultation and technical support in the development and maintenance of a data analysis program. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$6,250** (County 100%)
11. OPEN SPACE	a. Warrington Township	Approve Municipal Open Space grant for acquisition of the Diprato property. County share is 75% of purchase price. (TMP 50-048-006)	\$93,750 (County 100%)
12. PURCHASING	a. Office Depot Trevose, PA	Approve purchase of office supplies for various departments. 1/1/16 – 2/28/18	\$197,000* (County 100%)
13. OTHER CIVICS	a. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Bucks County Campus Walk:	Approve Payment	
	- Bristol Township School District		\$100
	- Bucks County Technical High School		\$100
	- Neshaminy School District		\$100
	- Pennsbury School District		\$100
	American Red Cross		\$1,000
	Anne Silverman Community Health Clinic		\$7,000
	Health Link		\$4,000
	Washington Crossing Council, Boy Scouts of America		\$4,000

*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes only. ** Unit Cost/Not to Exceed

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Upon motion of Chairman Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Budget Adjustments were adopted:

**2016 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
Agenda Description
March 16, 2016**

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Capital Budget for 2016 Bond Issue

<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adjustment #1	2016 Bond	31,350,000
	2016 Bond (Revenue)	(31,350,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

David Boscola, Finance Director, provided additional clarification.

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PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following Personnel Actions were approved:

APPOINTMENTS

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
1.	Vanessa D. Boggi J.R. #3077	Health Clerk Unit 03	Health 40.0 hrs/wk	03/21/16	20.70 PH
2.	Janine Alexander J.R. #3050	Contract Coordinator Unit 00	Purchasing 40.0 hrs/wk	03/19/16	23.94 PH
3.	Dashina T. Brabham J.R. #2990	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	03/22/16	13.90 PH
4.	Nicolette C. Kampf J.R. #3081	Registrar – PD Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 28.0 hrs/wk	03/17/16	11.50 PH
5.	Lisa A. McCloskey J.R. #3082	PHN II Unit 06	Health 40.0 hrs/wk	03/21/16	30.61 PH

REHIRE

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
6.	Kerri M. Kalbach J.R. #3052 Sep Date 10/23/15	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	04/04/16	23.43 PH

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	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
7.	Sheryl M. Anderson	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	03/28/16	13.89 PH
To		Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk		To
8.	Taria S. Redding	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	03/28/16	13.89 PH
To		Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk		To
9.	Jean B. Virgile	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	03/28/16	13.89 PH
To		Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk		To

POSITION CHANGE

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
10.	Peter J. Batschelet	Network Support Specialist Unit 46	Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk	03/21/16	37.38 PH
To		Desktop Support Specialist Unit 46	Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk		To
11.	Richard W. Harrison Jr. J.R. #3083	Trades Level I – Carpenter Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	03/21/16	29.17 PH
To		Custodian Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk		To
12.	Ryan Paul Leach	Desktop Support Specialist Unit 46	Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk	03/21/16	34.31 PH
To		Network Support Specialist Unit 46	Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk		To
13.	Matthew R. Smith J.R. #3021	Warehouseman Unit 03	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	03/21/16	19.57 PH
To		Laundry Machine Operator Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk		To
14.	Stacy Lyn Wilson J.R. #3098	County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	03/17/16	32.91 PH
To		County Social Services Aide II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk		To

TRANSFER

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
15.	Kathryn M. Hannah J.R. #2994	Counter Area Clerk V Unit 05	Clerk of Courts 40.0 hrs/wk	04/04/16	22.75 PH
To		County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk		To
16.	Manny Rodriguez J.R. #3049	Food Service Attendant Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 40.0 hrs/wk	03/21/16	18.06 PH
To		Warehouseman Unit 03	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk		To

OUT OF CLASS/TEMP ASSIGNMENT

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
17. Susan H. Yahrling	Office Manager Unit 00	Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk	12/11/15	29.03 PH
	To	To		To
	Assistant Office Manager Unit 00	Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk		28.40 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
18. Connie A. Plies	Director Health Info Mgmt Unit 00	NM Physician Services 40.0 hrs/wk	03/21/16	53,060.00 PA
	To	To		To
	Director Health Info Mgmt Unit 00	NM Physician Services 40.0 hrs/wk		56,000.00 PA

SEPARATIONS

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
19. Michael J. Drab	Grounds Level I	General Services	04/01/16	Separation
20. Thomas V. Hackett	Food Service Attendant – PD	NM Dietary Services	03/16/16	Separation
21. Dominique D. Kirby-Stewart	Food Service Attendant – PD	NM Dietary Services	03/04/16	Separation
22. Megan E. McDonnell	Seasonal Help	Parks Recreation Services	03/04/16	Separation
23. Michael A. Smith	Food Service Attendant – PT	NM Dietary Services	03/09/16	Separation
24. Geraldine B. Weidemoyer	Administrative Assistant	Public Defender	04/08/16	Separation

CORRECTIONS

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
25. Jeffrey A. Adams	Position change	Assistant Printer to Printer I	28.19 PH to 28.75 PH	Effective 02/22/16
26. Matthew G. Alfano	Appointment	County Caseworker II	23.43 PH	Effective 02/22/16
27. Laura Cartagena	Appointment	County Caseworker II	23.43 PH	Effective 02/22/16

*estimated date **Never Started ***Agreement ****Reinstatement

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EXECUTIVE REPORTS**Brian Hessenthaler, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following:**

Voter Registration – March 28th is the final day to register to vote in the primary election.

House Bill 1296 – This bill to expand investment vehicles for municipalities and school districts in the state was passed by the House and Senate, and is waiting for Governor Wolf’s signature. This is good news, as it allows for new investment vehicles with better returns and no increased risk.

Lynn T. Bush, Chief Clerk, reported on the following:

Farm Summit – The Farm Summit is coming up on March 30th from 3 to 6 pm at the Bucks County Community College, Upper Bucks Campus. The purpose of this summit is to follow through on our commitment to economic development, especially as it relates to agriculture in the county. We will have speakers presenting information about the farmland preservation program, and economic incentives and assistance available to the farming community. In addition to farmers, there will be people there from Delaware Valley University, food co-ops, and from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. There will also be round table discussions to share relevant issues and concerns. The summit is open to everyone but pre-registration is suggested, either by going through the county website or calling the Planning Commission.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin raised the issue about the curtailment of electronic waste collections and suggested something be put on the website to curtail the public perception. He also suggested that a letter be sent to our legislators pointing out the difficulty that has been created by this legislation. Chairman Loughery provided additional information on the issue and agreed that they should let the legislators know that something needs to change. Lynn Bush concurred that it is a problem across the state. She has spoken individually with our legislators and they are aware of the issue. She further advised that there is a hearing in Harrisburg next week that will be webcast due to the high demand for opportunities to testify. She has reserved a spot for Bucks County and will be preparing information for the Commissioners to review. To further clarify the issue, Ms. Bush advised that the problem was created by well intentioned efforts to make the manufacturers responsible for their products by taking them back, but there are some flaws in the legislation which need to be addressed. Chairman Loughery summarized that Ms. Bush will draft something to review and Public Information Director Chris Edwards will address the matter on the county website. Commissioner Martin suggested the newspaper might address the issue too.

Commissioner Martin wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several concerned residents presented information and expressed concerns with Elcon Corporation’s proposed

hazardous waste processing facility in Falls Township. They included: Lynda Mintz from Bensalem, Steve Cickay from Newtown, Barbara Stakes from Bensalem, Clare Finkel from Levittown, and Fred Stein from the Delaware Riverkeeper Network in Bristol. Chairman Loughery advised that the Commissioners have been gathering information and data on this matter and offered assurance that they are sensitive to the concerns being raised. He said that they recently met to discuss this issue with representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and added that several county officials were present at the recent public meeting hosted by Elcon. Commissioner Martin indicated that while he was sympathetic to the concerns being raised he was also impressed with the DEP staff they met with. He offered that they appear to have a good understanding of the issues and he has a high degree of confidence that they will do a very thorough job evaluating the submission if and when the time comes. He is not opposed to the county taking a position on the matter as the project moves forward but to do so at this time would be premature. Commissioner Marseglia commented that some of the information they presented is not entirely valid, but she appreciates what the group is doing. She conceded that their work has been helpful, and referenced their success with getting Elcon to agree not to dump anything in the Delaware River. Commissioner Marseglia agreed that the DEP is on top of this and said she will wait to see what they have to say as this matter moves forward. Chairman Loughery concluded the discussion by reiterating that the Commissioners share the same concerns as the group and will continue to carefully monitor the issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.

Approved: April 6, 2016

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, *Chief Clerk*