

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 1, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held this day at 10:00 am, at the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 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 the Honorable Robert J. Mellon, as well as county row officers who were present: Kim Doran, Acting Controller; Donald Petrille, Jr., Register of Wills; and Thomas Panzer, Treasurer.

PROCLAMATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

Prior to the Commissioners proclaiming June 1st, 2016 as "ROXY'S COMFORT DOGS DAY," a video depicting "Comfort Dogs in the Courts" was presented. Judge Mellon followed this by thanking the Commissioners for their recognition and providing some background on this unique program. He advised that this is the five year anniversary of therapy dogs - now called comfort dogs - in courts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Bucks County was the first to institute a comfort dog program with 37 of the 67 counties in the state following suit. Judge Mellon pointed out that the Roxy Reading Dog program is provided at no cost to the County, courts, or taxpayers, as it is a completely volunteer program. Each of the volunteers then introduced themselves and shared information about their canine companions. Judge Mellon advised that, thanks to charitable contributions, they are able to give each child that comes to Dependency Court a small stuffed dog to help comfort them, and he presented one to each of the Commissioners.

Kathy Salisbury, Horticulture Educator from the Penn State Cooperative Extension, Bucks County, presented the 2016 edition of "Fresh from Bucks County Farms" guide, citing the wide diversity of both products offered and locations of farms in the County. In addition to an alphabetical listing of the County's farms, locations, contact information, social media indicators, and products available, Ms. Salisbury called attention to the map of farms on the last page and the bar graph which indicates what produce is in season throughout the year. She noted that new to the guide this year is the inclusion of local Christmas tree farms. Also included in the guide is information on the Bucks County Agricultural Land Preservation Program, the Master Gardener Horticulture Hotline, and agritainment, such as the wine trail and corn mazes. The guide is available at various locations throughout the County, such as libraries, farm markets, and local municipal buildings. Ms. Salisbury presented the Commissioners with hydroponic tomatoes and basil from Maximuck's Farm Market. Chairman Loughery referenced the recent Farm Summit, reinforcing that agriculture is a big part of the economy and quality of life here in Bucks County.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes for the regular meeting of May 18, 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, provided information on this contract, advising that the water and soil conservation plans are required by the Commonwealth and will be paid using Act 319 funds.

Items 1b & 1c – Mr. Harvey presented information on two agricultural conservation easements. The Garton farm was ranked #8 in the 2015 round of applications and is the 25th farm preserved in Buckingham Township. The Myer farm was ranked #9 in the 2015 round of applications and is the 28th farm preserved in Springfield Township. These will be the 189th and 190th farms preserved by the County to date, totaling 15,600 acres.

Item 12a - Open Space Coordinator Dave Johnson presented information on a Natural Areas Program grant for construction of an active trail system in Richland Township.

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. Bucks County Conservation District Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide soil and water conservation plans for farms under consideration for preservation. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$20,000** (County 100%)
	b. Curtis P. and Regina Garton Pineville, PA	Approve county's portion (33.3%) of a 69.323 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Garton farm located on New Hope Road in Buckingham Township. (TMP 06-018-163)	\$346,615 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
	c. Ray L. Myer Coopersburg, PA	Approve county's portion (100%) of a 23.2498 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Myer farm located on Ebert Road in Springfield Township. (TMPs 42-005-094, 42-005-092, and 42-005-074)	\$34,874.70 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
2. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Epic Health Services Springhouse, PA	Approve contract amendment to reflect the acquisition of Southern Home Care Services d/b/a ResCare Home Care.	
	b. Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania Bristol, PA	Approve contract increase to provide legal services for older adults. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$10,000** (County 0%)
	c. The Wood Company, a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Sodexo Operations, LLC Warrington, PA	Approve contract increase to provide home-delivered meals. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$900** (County 9%)
3. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	a. Milliman, Inc. Wayne, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide actuarial services with respect to the HealthChoices Behavioral Healthcare Program. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$25,000** (County 0%)
	b. The Peace Center Langhorne, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide resource and call center guidance for bullying prevention. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$60,000** (County 0%)
4. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Devereux Foundation, Inc. Villanova, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide highly specialized foster and residential care. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$500,000** (County 16%)
	b. Families United Network, Inc. Muncy, PA	Approve contract renewal for foster and emergency shelter care, diagnostic services, and community based residential services for dependent youth. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$375,000** (County 18%)
5. CORRECTIONS	a. Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission Warminster, PA	Approve contract to provide pilot recovery program. 7/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$150,000** (County 100%)
	b. Global Tel*Link Corporation Mobile, AL	Approve amendment to contract for inmate telecommunication services as required by FCC ruling. 9/6/13 – 9/5/16	
6. FINANCE	a. Wright Flooring Co. Silverdale, PA	Approve contract for the purchase and installation of carpeting at the Quakertown Branch of the Bucks County Free Library.	\$93,505 (County 100%)
7. GENERAL SERVICES	a. PennDot Engineering District 6-0 Harrisburg, PA	Approve authorization for Commissioner Chairman Robert G. Loughery to sign Non-Federal-Aid Bridge Project General Reimbursement Agreement (#061839) Supplement C, and for Lynn T. Bush, Chief Clerk to attest his signature, for replacement of County Bridge #21 located on Rickert Road over Morris Run in Hilltown Township (MPMS #13296).	\$392,000 (Revenue)

8. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a. Bucks County Community College Newtown, PA	Approve contract amendment to modify start date for 2015 CDBG funding for metal product manufacturing job training program. 4/1/16 – 6/30/17	
	b. Bucks County Housing Group Ivyland, PA	Approve contract to provide centralized intake and coordinated assessment services to residents facing a housing crisis. 1/1/16 – 6/30/16	\$28,641 (County 100%)
	c. Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide centralized intake and coordinated assessment services to residents facing a housing crisis. 1/1/16 – 6/30/16	\$28,924 (County 100%)
	d. Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania f/k/a Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract extension to provide fair housing services. 7/1/15 – 2/29/16	
9. HUMAN RESOURCES	a. Bucks County Security Guards Association – Union 08 Philadelphia, PA	Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement for 20 security guards. 1/1/12 – 12/31/16	
	b. Christopher Fox, Esquire c/o Pond Lehocky Stern Giordano Philadelphia, PA	Approve settlement of workers' compensation claim.	\$3,362.15 (County 100%)
	c. Christopher Fox, Esquire c/o Pond Lehocky Stern Giordano Philadelphia, PA	Approve settlement of workers' compensation claim.	\$13,327.57 (County 100%)
	d. Crystal Sacks Richlandtown, PA	Approve settlement of workers' compensation claim.	\$53,310.28 (County 100%)
10. HUMAN SERVICES	a. Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase for additional case management services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$56,922** (County 4.1%)
	b. Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture/Bureau of Food Distribution Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract renewal for The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 10/1/16 – 9/30/21	
11. MH/DP	a. Pediatric Therapeutics, Inc. Newtown, PA	Approve contract increase to provide various early intervention services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$125,000** (County 10%)
	b. SPIN, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase to provide early intervention therapy services for children. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$20,000** (County 10%)
	c. Woods Services Langhorne, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide residential and day program services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$1,730,288** (County 4.1%)
12. OPEN SPACE	a. Heritage Conservancy	Approve Natural Areas Program grant for approximately 43.48 acres in Richland Township. Represents 12% of average appraised value. (TMP 36-039-006)	\$45,000 (County 100%)
13. PLANNING COMMISSION	a. Bucks County Industrial Development Authority Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide services under the Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance program. 7/1/15 – 8/31/16	\$10,000 (County 0%)
	b. Philadelphia Industrial Development Authority Philadelphia, PA	Approve grant award to participate in the Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance program. 7/1/15 – 8/31/16	\$48,914 (Revenue)

	c.	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide funding for annual program of transportation and regional planning. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$137,847 (County 100%)	
14.	POLICE TRAINING	a.	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Bureau of Highway Safety Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant renewal to provide a comprehensive plan for Driving Under the Influence Enforcement program. 10/1/16 – 9/30/17	\$86,973 (Revenue)
15.	PUBLIC DEFENDER	a.	Brenda J. Cappiello Bensalem, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide court stenographic services. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$60,000** (County 100%)
16.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Peace Valley Holistic Center	Approve Payment	\$2,500
			Puerto Rican Cultural Assoc. of Bucks County		\$1,600
			SCORE		\$2,800
			YMCA of Lower Bucks		\$2,500

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

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

**2016 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
Agenda Description
June 1, 2016**

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Budget for Recovery Program

<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adjustment #6	BCCF General Fund	150,000 (150,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

PERSONNEL

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

APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DATE*</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1. Jeffrey T. Bongarzone J.R. #3150	Food Service Attendant – PT Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	06/04/16	12.26 PH
2. Matthew C. Cunningham J.R. #3150	Food Service Attendant – PD Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	06/04/16	12.26 PH
3. Alyssa R. Gogel J.R. #3058	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreation Services 40.0 hrs/wk	05/28/16	9.18 PH
4. Kristina Halner J.R. #3058	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreation Services 40.0 hrs/wk	05/28/16	10.75 PH
5. Julien M. Lopez J.R. #3058	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreation Services 40.0 hrs/wk	05/28/16	9.18 PH
6. Nick Marella J.R. #3058	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreation Services 40.0 hrs/wk	06/04/16	8.25 PH
7. Linda J. McCann J.R. #3179	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	06/27/16	23.43 PH

8.	Brianna D. Rosales J.R. #3163	Food Service Attendant – PD Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	06/04/16	12.26 PH
9.	Robin L. Taylor J.R. #2979	County Caseworker II – PD Unit 00	Children & Youth 20.0 hrs/wk	06/02/16	23.43 PH

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
10.	Dustin N. Vandine J.R. #3128 Sep Date: 09/27/12	Grounds Level II Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	06/11/16	24.00 PH

PER DIEM TO PERM

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
11.	Elezabeth George J.R. #2287	Registered Nurse Unit 06 To Registered Nurse – Pool Unit 60	NM Registered Nurses 40.0 h/wk To NM Nursing Pool 28.0 hrs/wk	06/04/16	32.31 PH To 35.00 PH

POSITION CHANGE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
12.	Clarke W. Bittner J.R. #3058	Seasonal Help Unit 00 To Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreation Services 40 h/w To Parks Recreation Services 40 h/w	05/28/16	8.42 PH To 9.18 PH
13.	Lisa M. Hall	Aging Care Manager II Unit 04 To Aging Care Mgt Supervisor I Unit 84	Area Agency on Aging 37.5 h/w To Area Agency on Aging 37.5 h/w	06/27/16	29.04 PH To 30.81 PH
14.	Julie A. Lichty J.R. #3142	County Casework Supervisor Unit 84 To County SW Supervisor Unit 84	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	06/13/16	33.54 PH To 34.10 PH
15.	Carolyn B. Senske J.R. #3132	County Caseworker II Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	06/02/16	31.62 PH To 32.91 PH
16.	Heather L. Siegman J.R. #3136	Cnty Social Services Aide II Unit 04 To Cnty Social Services Aide III Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	06/02/16	21.21 PH To 22.74 PH
17.	Kelly M. Teel J.R. #3111	County Caseworker II Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	06/02/16	31.62 PH To 32.91 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
18.	Jaime A. Day J.R. #3070	Nursing Assistant –Pool Unit 30 To Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Pool 8.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 h/w	06/11/16	16.00 PH To 14.18 PH
19.	Kristine A. Demarco J.R. #3140	Registered Nurse Unit 06 To RN Assessment Coordinator Unit 06	NM Registered Nurses 40.0 h/w To NM Admin 40.0 hrs/wk	06/06/16	33.22 PH To 35.58 PH
20.	Brian C. Joyce J.R. #3110	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Grounds Level I Unit 02	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	06/11/16	23.26 PH To 26.91 PH
21.	Frank J. Kurnat J.R. #3129	Electronic Tech III Unit 00 To Voice Support Specialist II Unit 00	Emergency Communications 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Technology 40.0 h/w	06/02/16	30.40 PH To 33.26 PH

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
22.	Adam E. Birtell	Cook	Main Jail	05/12/16	Separation
23.	Thomas R. Nicoletti	Seasonal Help	Parks Recreation Services	05/20/16	Separation
24.	Thomas J. Noon	Case Manager Supervisor	Main Jail	06/03/16	Separation
25.	Upton A. Peart Cawley Jr.	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	05/23/16	Separation
26.	Virginia Anne Rosner	Dispatcher II	911 Emergency Response	06/03/16	Separation

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

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

SEPTA Citizen’s Advisory Commission

Lee Wall New Appointment term expires 6/1/18

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Brian Hessenthaler, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following:

The Bucks County Leadership Forum held last week was well attended and excellent feedback was received from those who attended. While there is always room for improvement, Mr. Hessenthaler remarked that the leadership in Bucks County does an excellent job. Referencing a recent article about low customer satisfaction and poor customer service with the Transportation Security Administration but also with government agencies in general, Mr. Hessenthaler asserted that the leadership here in Bucks County is very much an exception to that. A recent example of would be the cat issue in Core Creek Park; county leadership listened to the residents and successfully acted to rectify the situation. Reiterating Chairman Loughery’s earlier comments regarding the County being a leader in the Commonwealth, he commended county staff, division leaders, department heads, row offices and other county officials, and said Bucks County really is the gold standard.

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

The first Household Hazardous Waste collection was held this past Saturday and was attended by 812 families over a six hour period. The success of this program can be attributed to the great partnership of community service volunteers from both the Adult Probation Department and the Planning Commission. As indicated previously, electronics could not be accepted but handouts were provided that directed people to where they could get rid of their electronics. Being a state generated problem, the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) has been engaged to address the disposal of electronics waste issue at a state wide level. The next Household Hazardous Waste event will be held on June 25th at the Upper Bucks Area Vocational-Technical High School.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia reported that the Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk will be held this Sunday, June 5th, at Lower Bucks Lower Bucks County Technical High School. Registration starts at 10:00 am with the walk beginning at 11:00 am. In excess of \$30,000 has already been raised, which more than triples the original goal of \$10,000. Participating school districts include Pennsbury, Neshaminy, Bensalem, and Bristol Township, along with Lower Bucks Lower Bucks County Technical High School and Conwell-Egan Catholic High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Boyle from Lower Makefield Township addressed the Commissioners and Lynn Bush, Executive Director of the Bucks County Planning Commission, regarding the progress of the Newtown Rail Trail. He referenced presentations that have been held in some municipalities by the Bucks County Planning Commission and said he hoped to clarify some misinformation, particularly with regard to Northampton Township. Chairman Loughery provided an explanation of the County’s involvement in the project. Ms. Bush, as well as Commissioners Martin and Marseglia, weighed in during the extensive conversation that ensued. After indicating that any potential progress with this project is dependent on the municipalities’ willingness to cooperate, Chairman Loughery agreed to send an email to officials in Northampton Township in an effort to resolve any misunderstandings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15th at the Morrisville Borough Municipal Building in Morrisville.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: June 15, 2016

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, *Chief Clerk*