

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 19, 2017

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

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed April 2017 as “CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH.” In doing so, they join advocates and communities in taking action to prevent sexual violence and encourage all citizens to cherish children and join in protecting them from all forms of abuse. Steve Doerner, Director of the Bucks County Children’s Advocacy Center, accepted the proclamation and said Bucks County is a shining example of a coordinated team approach to child abuse. He thanked their partners in this effort, including the professionals at Children and Youth, NOVA, the District Attorney’s office, law enforcement agencies and the County Commissioners. Children & Youth Director Lynne Rainey also thanked the staff at Children and Youth, especially Rob Yochum, and spoke about their long hours and dedication to their work.

The Commissioners proclaimed April 17th through 23rd as “HEALTHCARE DECISIONS WEEK.” In doing so, they encourage all residents to have positive conversations with their families and healthcare providers about their healthcare decisions and advance directives. Accepting the proclamation was Eric Stark, Executive Director of BCHIP (Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership), who thanked the Commissioners for their support over the years. He spoke briefly about the need to have advance directives in place. Dr. David Damsker, BCHIP Board Chair and Bucks County Health Department Director, also spoke briefly in support of advanced directives.

The Commissioners proclaimed April 9th through 15th as “NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK.” In doing so, they thank the Pennsylvania Library Association and its PA Forward initiative which provides a collective voice for libraries to tell their stories and build capacity for the work they do, fueling growth and opportunity in their local areas. Chief Executive Officer of the Bucks County Library System, Martina Kominiarek, thanked the Commissioners for their ongoing support and presented them each with a collection of library buttons. Ms. Kominiarek spoke about their new community help desk, as well as their new “binge watching” collection of TV episodes. Roberta Foerst, Board Chair, spoke briefly about the library board, and said that each member is appointed by the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners proclaimed Megan Lunny as the “2017 HIGH SCHOOL POET OF THE YEAR,” commending her creative gift of poetry and her contribution to the literary tradition of the community. Dr. Ethel Rackin of Bucks County Community College thanked the Commissioners for their support and advised that more entries were received this year than ever before in the 30 year history of the program. Ms. Lunny, a sophomore at Central Bucks East High School, read her poem “These and Other Dreams.”

PRESENTATIONS

Rich Scott of Doylestown VFW Post 175, also a United States Marine and Vietnam veteran, presented information on the “March for 22,” event being held on October 22nd, to raise awareness of the 22 members of the United States military that take their own lives every day. 22 individuals will march 22 kilometers from Washington Crossing Park to Doylestown, wearing 22 pounds of gear. He introduced Sgt. Ed Lopez, who shared a story about an experience he had on his way home from the first Gulf War and how it inspired him to put together this event. Several other members of the board explained their roles in organizing this march. These included Guiliana Sophy, a school counselor with the Neshaminy School District; Matt Fisher, Captain in the United States Army; Master Sgt. William Fuentes, a 30 year veteran of the United States Army; and County Director of Military and Veterans Affairs, Mr. Dan Fraley, also a United States Marine and Vietnam Veteran. At the conclusion of the presentation Commissioner Loughery agreed to participate in the event and Commissioner Marseglia invited them to join in the “Walk To Make a Difference” on April 30th, which is sponsored by the Bucks County Suicide Prevention Task Force. Chairman Martin wished the group well with their march and offered the county’s support.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes for the regular meeting of April 5, 2017 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Item 9a - Open Space Coordinator Dave Johnson presented information on a Municipal Open Space Program grant on the Hockman farm in Hilltown Township.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia seconded by Commissioner Loughery, with the vote being 3-0, the Bucks County Board of Commissioners upon the recommendation of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, approve the following:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. ADULT PROBATION	a. Connectrex Corp. San Francisco, CA	Approve contract to create new functionality within the Adult Information Management System.	\$63,000 (County 0%)
2. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Bucks County Free Library Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to develop and implement programs and services for older adults. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$1,500** (County 0%)
	b. Bucks County Transport, Inc. Holicong, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide subsidized transportation services for seniors. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$140,000** (County 0%)
	c. Gail Titus Newtown, PA	Approve contract increase to provide services as Assistant Contract Ombudsman. 12/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$2,200** (County 0%)
	d. Gail Titus Newtown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide services as Assistant Contract Ombudsman. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$10,600** (County 0%)
	e. Jane Fox-Laquer Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase to provide services as Primary Contract Ombudsman. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$4,000** (County 0%)
	f. Jane Fox-Laquer Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide services as Primary Contract Ombudsman. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$33,000** (County 0%)
	g. Patsy H. Long Warrington, PA	Approve contract increase to provide services as Assistant Contract Ombudsman. 12/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$700** (County 0%)
	h. Patsy H. Long Warrington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide services as Assistant Contract Ombudsman. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$10,600** (County 0%)
	i. Virginia J. Watkins Perkasie, PA	Approve contract increase to provide services as Assistant Contract Ombudsman. 12/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$3,700** (County 0%)
	j. Virginia J. Watkins Perkasie, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide services as Assistant Contract Ombudsman. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$10,600** (County 0%)
	k. Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania Bristol, PA	Approve contract increase to provide legal services for seniors. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$10,000** (County 0%)
	l. Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania Bristol, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide legal services for seniors. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$70,200** (County 0%)
	m. Linton’s Managed Services Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide dietitian services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$10,000** (County 0%)
n. Regional Cooperative, LLC Altoona, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide screening of contracted providers and employees. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$10,000** (County 0%)	

	o.	Woodside Meals on Wheels Newtown, PA	Approve contract increase and extension for home-delivered meals. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$25,500** (County 9%)	
3.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a.	Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to operate the Family Friends/Kids In Care program. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$50,000** (County 20%)
		b.	Pinkney's Vineyard of Faith Ministries Red Lion, PA	Approve contract to provide group home services for dependent youth. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$30,000** (County 20%)
4.	FINANCE	a.	Fidelity Burglar & Fire Alarm Company Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase for replacement of fire alarm system at the Doylestown Branch of the Bucks County Free Library.	\$2,125 (County 100%)
		b.	Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract increase for auditing services for the 2016 calendar year.	\$11,000 (County 100%)
5.	GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Excel Communications Worldwide, Inc. Harleysville, PA	Approve declaration of emergency and contract to provide emergency relocation of 911 fiber optic cable from 89 E. Court Street in Doylestown.	\$40,736 (County 100%)
		b.	INTEX Environmental Group, Inc. Pipersville, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide services as required by the Pennsylvania DEP at the Hidden Valley Landfill. 5/1/17 – 4/30/18	\$30,450** (County 100%)
		c.	M&M Landscaping, LLC Lansdale, PA	Approve contract to provide mowing and maintenance services. 4/15/17 – 4/14/20	\$36,540* (County 100%)
		d.	M&M Lawn Care East Inc. Churchville, PA	Approve contract to provide mowing and maintenance services. 4/15/17 – 4/14/20	\$24,400* (County 100%)
		e.	TE Construction Services, LLC Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase for 30 E. Court Street renovation project. Change Order – GC #3	\$30,742.18 (County 100%)
		f.	Wescott Electric Company Glen Riddle, PA	Approve contract increase for 30 E. Court Street renovation project. Change Order – EL #3	\$38,740.53 (County 100%)
6.	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a.	Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. Ivyland, PA	Approve contract increase for 2016 Emergency Solutions Grant Program to provide Rapid Re-Housing services. 7/1/16 – 12/31/17	\$8,470.40** (County 0%)
		b.	Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania Bristol, PA	Approve contract extension for 2016 CDBG funding to provide legal representation for housing related issues. 1/1/17 – 5/1/17	
		c.	Nockamixon Township Upper Black Eddy, PA	Approve contract for 2016 CDBG funding for Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Center operations. 3/1/17 – 2/28/18	\$22,800 (County 0%)
		d.	Interfaith Housing Visions Bristol, PA (check payable to Bucks County Tax Claim Bureau)	Approve contract increase and reallocation of remaining funds with regard to affordable housing for Bucks County residents. 10/26/16 – 10/26/17	\$178,126.32 (County 100%)
		e.	Morrisville Borough	Approve Commissioners' signature authorization on Memorandum of Understanding with the State Historic Preservation Officer for demolition of the M.R. Reiter School.	
7.	MH/DP	a.	Lenape Valley Foundation Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase to add grant funding to expand the Mobile Crisis program. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$37,426** (County 0%)

8.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a. Arcadia Health Services, Inc. d/b/a Arcadia Home Care and Staffing Southfield, MI	Approve contract amendment to add two holidays at overtime rate. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	
		b. Nursing Care Services, Inc. Lansdale, PA	Approve contract amendment to add two holidays at overtime rate. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	
9.	OPEN SPACE	a. Hilltown Township	Approve Municipal Open Space grant for a conservation easement on 67.54 acre portion of the Hockman farm. Amount represents 50% of appraised value. (TMPs 15-035-012, 15- 035-060-002, 15-035-060-004, 15-035-062- 001 & 15-035-063-003)	\$686,281 (County 100%)
10.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a. West Rockhill Township	Approve contract to prepare a Comprehensive Plan update.	\$14,339 (Revenue)
11.	OTHER CIVICS	a. Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic	Approve payment	\$7,000

*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.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

After Solicitor Michael Klimpl presented Ordinance No. 153, Mr. Brad Remig, with PFM, clarified that the ordinance will serve to refinance bonds and save the County money, which they anticipate will be around \$1 million. He added that the County's "AAA" bond ratings have been affirmed by both Moody's and Standard & Poor's and is a good reflection on the County. Mr. Remig thanked Mr. Hessenthaler and Mr. Boscola and their staff for their work in getting them to this point. He also thanked the Commissioners for putting together an excellent team, including George Werner from Piper Jaffray, Henry Van Blunk from Eastburn and Gray, and Vince Magyar from Hill Wallack. Mr. Hessenthaler and Mr. Boscola both expressed their appreciation to the team and Mr. Boscola confirmed that the estimated savings from this deal has been built into the 2017 budget.

Approve Ordinance No. 153, authorizing and directing the incurrence of nonelectoral and electoral debt of the County Of Bucks, Pennsylvania (the "County"), by the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series Of 2017, in the approximate aggregate principal amount not to exceed [thirty-nine million] and 00/100 dollars (\$39,000,000.00) (the "Bonds") for the purposes of providing funds for and towards financing: The advance refunding of all or a portion of The County's Outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series Of 2011, and paying costs, fees and expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds; Authorizing the refunding program; Authorizing the Bonds; Determining that a portion of the indebtedness represented by the Bonds shall be designated as and constitute nonelectoral debt of The County and a portion of the indebtedness represented by The Bonds shall be designated as and constitute electoral debt of The County; Setting forth parameters for the maximum principal maturity amounts and dates and maximum interest rates and other details of The Bonds; Stating that The Bonds will be General Obligation Bonds; Designating and authorizing certain officers of The County who shall execute The Bonds, requiring authentication of The Bonds by the paying agent and authorizing the preparation, certification and filing of a debt statement and other documentation with the Pennsylvania Department Of Community And Economic Development; Setting forth the substantial form of The Bonds; Stating the terms by which The Bonds may be transferred, exchanged and registered; Appointing a paying agent and sinking fund depository; Covenanting to create a sinking fund; Covenanting to budget, appropriate and pay debt service on The Bonds and pledging The County's full faith, credit and taxing power for The Bonds; Authorizing the approved officers of The County to execute The Bonds and to take other appropriate or necessary actions and executing all necessary documents to carry out the purposes of The Ordinance and authorizing and directing bond counsel to prepare all documents bond counsel deems are required or appropriate in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of The Bonds and this Ordinance.

Chairman Loughery made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Commissioner Marseglia. By roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Martin - aye, Commissioner Loughery - aye, and Commissioner Marseglia - aye, the following item was approved with the vote being 3 - 0.

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

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Commissioner Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, 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. Etelka Bailey J.R. #3476	Caseworker Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	4/24/17	23.90 PH
2. Alyssa L. Bangert J.R. #3478	Food Service Attendant - PD Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	4/20/17	12.75 PH
3. Jeanne Calixte J.R. #3383	Registered Nurse – Pool Unit 60	NM Nursing Pool 14.0 hrs/wk	5/15/17	37.00 PH
4. Christopher R. Edwards J.R. #3486	Receptionist – Clerical – PD Unit 03	NM Business Office 12.0 hrs/wk	4/20/17	12.73 PH
5. Kelcey M. Knight J.R. #3422	911 Financial Technician Unit 00	911 Emergency Response 40.0 hrs/wk	4/24/17	19.25 PH
6. Lucilia Matson J.R. #3416	LPN – Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing Pool 14.0 hrs/wk	5/02/17	29.13 PH
7. Zena M. Wise J.R. #3383	Registered Nurse – Pool Unit 60	NM Nursing Pool 14.0 hrs/wk	5/30/17	37.00 PH

PER DIEM TO PERM

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
8. Jacquelyn R. Wiest	Human Resources Intern Unit 00 To HR Generalist Unit 00	Human Resources 28.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	5/15/17	9.00 PH To 17.78 PH

POSITION CHANGE

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
9. Maryellen Lott	HR Generalist Unit 00 To Senior HR Generalist Unit 00	Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	4/20/17	20.59 PH To 23.07 PH
10. Vibha A. Mistry	Senior HR Generalist Unit 00 To HR Manager Unit 00	Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	4/20/17	25.19 PH To 55,000.00 PA
11. Lauren M. Smith J.R. #3463	HR Manager Unit 00 To Asst Human Resources Director Unit 00	Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	4/20/17	56,610.00 PA To 66,300.00 PA Eff. 10/19/17 68,289.00 PA
12. Annie F. Tiers	HR Generalist Unit 00 To HR Generalist Unit 00	Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	4/20/17	17.16 PH To 18.50 PH

END OUT OF CLASS/TEMP ASSIGNMENT

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
13. Karen F. Brady	Office Manager Unit 00 To Senior Accountant Unit 00	Tax Claim Bureau 40.0 hrs/wk To Tax Claim Bureau 40.0 hrs/wk	3/30/17	23.90 PH To 23.23 PH
14. Barbara L. DiNoia	Director Unit 11 To Office Manager Unit 00	Tax Claim Bureau 40.0 hrs/wk To Tax Claim Bureau 40.0 hrs/wk	3/30/17	60,154.00 PA To 51,094.00 PA
15. Lauren M. Smith	Asst Human Resources Director Unit 00 To HR Manager Unit 00	Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	4/19/17	61,455.00 PA To 56,610.00 PA

ADDITIONAL POSITION

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
16. Bernadette T. Riley J.R. #3457	Secretary – Temp Unit 03	Main Jail 34.0 hrs/wk	04/20/17	21.17 PH

SEPARATIONS

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
17. Jamilla F. Allen	Registered Nurse – Pool	NM Nursing Pool	03/21/17	Separation
18. Sareeta Banks	Registered Nurse – Pool	NM Nursing Pool	04/03/17	Separation
19. Samantha E. Cassel	Activities Assistant – PD	NM Activities	04/30/17	Separation
20. Angela T. Johnson	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	04/03/17	Separation
21. Walter M. Johnson	Financial Analyst III	Finance	05/02/17	Separation
22. William Plantier	Director of Corrections	Corrections Administration	04/17/17	Separation
23. Amanda L. Purdy	Social Worker	Children & Youth	04/17/17	Separation

Correction:

24. Michele Erhard ID Program Specialist I MH DP Admin Rescinded 05/05/17 Resignation

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

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EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

Drug Take Back - The next installment of the County’s highly successful drug take-back program will be held on April 29th from 10 am till 2 pm. Collection boxes have been placed in 50 different locations throughout the County. More information can be found on the website at www.buckscounty.org or by calling the Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission.

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

Household Hazardous Waste - The first of five collections for the year will be held on Saturday, May 27th at Harry S. Truman High School in Bristol Township. This is just for hazardous waste, no electronics.

SEPTA Public Hearing - Hearings will be held tomorrow in Doylestown at 2 pm and 6 pm to discuss the budget and proposed fare increases.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Loughery thanked Kevin Spencer and Pete McElroy for the progress they have made regarding the donation of older county vehicles to some of the local non-profit organizations.

Commissioner Loughery reiterated that the County has maintained its “AAA” bond ratings and spoke about how challenging it is to do so in the current environment.

Commissioner Marseglia reminded everyone that the “Hold On You Matter” suicide prevention walk will be held on April 30th and said they are hoping to beat the \$40,000 they made last year. Please sign up or make a donation.

Commissioner Martin advised that he recently received a letter from CCAP, congratulating Bucks County as the winner of the Detention and Alternative Programs Best Practices Award for 2017. A formal awards presentation is planned for June in State College.

Commissioner Martin referenced a recent newspaper article and asked District Attorney Matt Weintraub to speak about the kick off of a ten-day opioid awareness event. Mr. Weintraub said there are meetings scheduled throughout the County to raise awareness about the current drug epidemic and to provide resources for anyone who might need some information. He also advised that there will be Narcan training available.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alisha Gasparovic from Langhorne Manor presented information on gerrymandering and requested the Commissioners support efforts to end it in the County and the Commonwealth. This was followed by a brief discussion and Ms. Gasparovic provided the Commissioners with information on Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Neshaminy Manor Nursing Home in Warrington.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: May 3, 2017

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Charles H. Martin
Chairman

Robert G. Loughery
Vice Chairman

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, *Chief Clerk*