

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 20, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held today at 10:00 am, at the Bucks County Free Library, 301 S. Pine Street, Langhorne, 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.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Martin introduced Martina Kominiarek, Chief Executive Officer of the Bucks County Free Library. Ms. Kominiarek spoke about the collaborative funding that helped to make the renovations to the library such a success and she thanked the Commissioners for their support. She presented highlights, including the new Children's Village and outdoor meadow at the Langhorne branch; the sensory story times being piloted at the Doylestown branch; and the new system-wide download service for e-books. Ms. Kominiarek introduced the Langhorne Branch Manager, Judy Benfield, and President of the Bucks County Library Board, Roberta Foerst.

Chairman Martin recognized county row officers who were present: Michael Gallagher, Controller; Matthew Weintraub, District Attorney; and Thomas Panzer, Treasurer, as well as Langhorne Borough Mayor Joe Taylor, Board Member Kathleen Horwatt, and State Representative Frank Farry.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed September 2017, as "NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH", encouraging residents to support PRO-ACT in its ongoing efforts to help people recover from substance abuse. They congratulated the Council of Southeast Pennsylvania for its role in this month-long awareness campaign.

PRESENTATIONS

Kathleen Horwatt, from Langhorne Borough Council, introduced Dot Gaboda, both of whom serve on the Women's History Board. Ms. Horwatt said that each year they present an award to an outstanding woman in Bucks County to recognize non-profit volunteer services. Since 1982, they have placed the names of the recipients on a plaque displayed in the courthouse. She advised that the next recipient will be presented on March 22nd and she requested that the plaque, which had been removed for safe-keeping during the renovations, be put back on display. Commissioner Martin referred her to General Services Director, Kevin Spencer.

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 September 6, 2017 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

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

3a – Allen Toadvine, Solicitor for the Redevelopment Authority, provided additional information on the plan to have this site designated as a certified redevelopment area. Doing so will facilitate its clean-up and eventual transfer to Bensalem Township as open space. Mr. Toadvine confirmed that this plan has already been approved by the Planning Commission and Bensalem Township.

6b – District Attorney Matt Weintraub explained that these costs were for expedited DNA analysis related to the event in Solebury.

6c – Mr. Weintraub also provided background on this grant which will allow for a specialized assistant district attorney to handle auto-involved prosecutions.

10d – General Services Director Kevin Spencer responded to Commissioner Martin's question regarding a start date for this project.

13j – Chief Operating Officer Brian Hessenthaler responded to Commissioner Martin's question regarding efforts to reduce paper usage.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Baird Respiratory Therapy, Inc. Glenside, PA	Approve contract to provide delivery of medical supplies and equipment to homebound seniors. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$10,000** (County 0%)
	b. Homemaker Service of the Metropolitan Area, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide personal assistance services to homebound seniors. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$35,000** (County 0%)
	c. Lehigh Valley Visiting Nurses, Inc. Whitehall, PA	Approve contract to provide healthcare, personal care, and support services to homebound seniors. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$15,000** (County 5%)
2. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. K/S MST, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract increase to provide therapy services to youth and families. 7/1/16 - 6/30/17	\$23,345** (County 4%)
3. COMMISSIONERS	a. Bucks County Redevelopment Authority Bristol, PA	Approve redevelopment area plan and proposal for the Galloway Road Certified Redevelopment Area.	
	b. Bucks County Redevelopment Authority Bristol, PA	Approve submission of grant applications for gaming money. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	
	i. County of Bucks Lower Bucks Public Safety Training Facility	- Support public safety activities and facilities	
	ii. Bucks County Health Improvement Project	- Support medical and behavioral health services for uninsured at the BCHIP adult clinic in Bensalem.	
	iii. Bucks County Major Incident Response Team	- Provide protection equipment for responding to crowd control, force protection, and security for large planned events.	
4. CORONER	a.	Approve out-of-county travel expenses for Deputy Coroner to attend the PA Coroner’s Basic Education Course.	\$2,727.71** (County 0%)
	b.	Approve out-of-county travel expenses for Deputy Coroner to attend the PA Coroner’s Basic Education Course.	\$2,727.71** (County 0%)
5. CORRECTIONS	a. Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission Warminster, PA	Approve reimbursement to Inmate Welfare Fund for therapeutic consultant expenses. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$99,360 (Revenue)
	b. Cassandra Howell Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide drug and alcohol intervention services to inmates. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$43,680* (County 0%)
	c. Gregory Rearick New Hope, PA	Approve contract to provide drug and alcohol intervention services to inmates. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$9,360* (County 0%)
	d. Isabella Evans Lansdale, PA	Approve contract to provide drug and alcohol intervention services to inmates. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$7,280* (County 0%)
	e. Joyce Beeman Furlong, PA	Approve contract to provide drug and alcohol intervention services to inmates. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$36,400* (County 0%)
6. DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a.	Approve out-of-county travel expenses for County Detective to attend Basic Polygraph Examiner Course.	\$5,967.50** (County 100%)

	b.	Bode Cellmark Forensics Lorton, VA	Approve payment for forensic analysis services.	\$22,346.50 (County 100%)	
	c.	The Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority Mechanicsburg, PA	Approve grant award for auto theft investigations. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$120,450 (Revenue)	
7.	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	a.	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement to reimburse salaries and benefits for approved staff. 10/1/16 – 9/30/17	\$153,776 (Revenue)
	b.	U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Geological Survey New Cumberland, PA	Approve contract renewal for the operation and maintenance of six gauging stations in the Neshaminy Creek Basin. 10/1/17 – 9/30/18	\$59,550 (County 100%)	
8.	FINANCE	a.	JB Roofing Systems, LLC Souderton, PA	Approve contract for roof replacement at the Bensalem branch of the Bucks County Free Library.	\$114,236 (County 100%)
9.	FIRE MARSHAL	a.	Anaconda Protective Concepts, Inc. Newark, DE	Approve contract increase for inspection and maintenance of county fire suppression systems. 1/1/17 – 12/31/19	\$50,000** (County 100%)
	b.	Fortress Protection, LLC Cherry Hill, NJ	Approve contract increase for inspection and maintenance of county fire and burglar alarm systems. 1/1/17 – 12/31/19	\$45,000** (County 100%)	
10.	GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Four Seasons Construction Group, Inc. Huntington Valley, PA	Approve contract to replace barn roof for county rental property at 404 Holland Road in Holland.	\$57,998.35 (County 100%)
	b.	Kimberly A. Thurnau Holland, PA	Approve contract for rental of county property located at 404 Holland Road in Holland. 1/1/18 – 12/31/22	\$138,000 (Revenue)	
	c.	Lowe's Companies, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract increase for repair and maintenance supplies. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$8,000** (County 100%)	
	d.	Professional Construction Contractors, Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract for repairs to Bridge #358, located on Old Jacksonville Road East over Little Neshaminy Creek in Northampton Township.	\$591,747.10* (County 0%)	
11.	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a.	Interfaith Housing Visions Bristol, PA	Approve contract to provide reserve funds for the 2015 Community Housing Development Organization Operating Funds under the HOME Investment Partnership Program. 9/20/17 – 9/19/20	\$110,000 (County 0%)
	b.	Interfaith Housing Visions Bristol, PA	Approve contract extension for 2016 Community Housing Development Organization Operating funding under the HOME Investment Partnership Program. 7/1/16 – 6/30/18		
	c.	Bucks County Redevelopment Authority Bristol, PA	Approve contract for 2016, 2017, 2018 CDBG funding for the administration of the Revolving Loan Fund. 1/1/16 – 7/1/18	\$250,000 (County 0%)	
12.	HUMAN SERVICES	a.	Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve reimbursement for IT consulting services. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$16,000 (Revenue)
	b.	Bucks County Transport, Inc. Holicong, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide transportation services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$2,491,123** (County 0%)	

	c.	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services – Division of Medical Assistance Transportation Harrisburg, PA	Approve Participation Grant Agreement to provide transportation services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$2,491,123 (Revenue)
13. PURCHASING	a.	ATD-American Company Wyncote, PA	Approve contract to provide bedding and linens. 10/1/17 – 9/30/20	\$5,802* (County 0%)
	b.	Bob Barker Company, Inc. Fuquay Varina, NC	Approve contract to provide bedding and linens. 10/1/17 – 9/30/20	\$2,009.82* (County 0%)
	c.	Harbor Linen LLC Marlton, NJ	Approve contract to provide bedding and linens. 10/1/17 – 9/30/20	\$41,755.20* (County 88.7%)
	d.	King of Prussia Pharmacy Services Paoli, PA	Approve contract to provide bedding and linens. 10/1/17 – 9/30/20	\$1,299.90* (County 0%)
	e.	McKesson Medical-Surgical Minnesota Supply Inc. Golden Valley, MN	Approve contract to provide bedding and linens. 10/1/17 – 9/30/20	\$114.84* (County 0%)
	f.	Mill Distributor Inc. Aurora, OH	Approve contract to provide bedding and linens. 10/1/17 – 9/30/20	\$799.20* (County 0%)
	g.	Standard Textile Company, Inc. Cincinnati, OH	Approve contract to provide bedding and linens. 10/1/17 – 9/30/20	\$5,012.40* (County 18%)
	h.	Tabb Textiles Company, Inc. Opelika, AL	Approve contract to provide bedding and linens. 10/1/17 – 9/30/20	\$148,618.75* (County 43.9%)
	i.	Victory Supply Inc. Mount Pleasant, TN	Approve contract to provide bedding and linens. 10/1/17 – 9/30/20	\$17,914.50* (County 0%)
	j.	W.B. Mason Co. Inc. York, PA	Approve county’s portion of the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board’s bid for photocopy paper. 10/1/17 – 9/30/18	\$136,939.82* (County 100%)
14. SOLICITOR	a.	Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP Philadelphia, PA	Approve fee agreement to provide outside counsel in connection with labor, employment, litigation, and other matters. 4/7/17 - Open (Final form of agreement to be approved by County Solicitor)	\$250- \$350/hour + expenses (County 100%)
15. OTHER CIVICS	a.	BC Association for the Blind BC Choral Society BC NAACP Council Rock School District Foundations Community Partnership Neshaminy School District	Approve payment	\$1,600 \$1,000 \$1,200 \$790.71 \$250 \$334.21

The above Other Civics contributions were approved with a vote of 3-0, with the exception of Council Rock and Neshaminy School Districts, which were 2-1 with Commissioner Martin opposing.

*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. 155**, Mr. Ernest Closser, with Curtin & Heffner furnished additional information on the refinancing project. Commissioner Loughery commended the Bucks County Housing Development Corporation and board chairman Steve Marzullo for the work they have done over the last

couple of years. Mr. Hessenthaler noted a possible savings of approximately \$1.4 million, which Vincent Magyar from Hill Wallack noted will be realized over the course of the bonds, which are scheduled to come due in 2041.

There were no comments in response to Commissioner Martin’s call for public comment. Upon motion of Commissioner Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, and by roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Marseglia - aye, Commissioner Martin - aye, and Commissioner Loughery – aye, the following item was approved with the vote being 3-0.

Approve **Ordinance No. 155**, approving the issuance by the Bucks County Industrial Development Authority of its Guaranteed Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds (New Hope Manor project) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,500,000 for the current refunding of The Authority’s outstanding Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds (New Hope Manor project) series 2001a; authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for the purchase of the 2017 Bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Guaranty Agreement in which The County will guarantee the payment of debt service on the 2017 Bonds; covenanting to budget, appropriate, and pay amounts due under said Guaranty Agreement; authorizing the preparation and filing of a Debt Statement and a Transcript of Proceedings with the Department of Community and Economic Development; and authorizing other necessary action.

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

David Boscola, Finance Director, provided additional clarification on the following budget adjustments:

2017 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
Agenda Description
September 20, 2017

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT - Adjust operating budget to cover additional expenditures

<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adjustment #13	Liquid Fuels	150,000
	Liquid Fuels (Revenue)	(150,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Loughery, with the vote being 3-0, these budget adjustments were approved.

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PERSONNEL

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

COMMISSIONERS LIST								
September 20, 2017								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources								
Item numbers 1 through 18								
APPOINTMENTS								
	REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION
1	3631	Caroline Criste	Assistant Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	9/21/2017	51,000.00 PA
2	3618	Julia M. Neenhold	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	03	24.0	9/23/2017	12.75 PH
3	3611	James P. Smith	Security Screener - PD	Security	00	12.5	9/25/2017	12.98 PH
4	3618	Albert A. Weaver	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	03	24.0	9/23/2017	12.75 PH
POSITION CHANGE								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION
5	N/A	Neal B. Davis	Aging Care Manager TO Aging Care Management Supervisor	Area Agency on Aging TO Area Agency on Aging	04 TO 84	37.5 TO 37.5	9/25/2017	32.78 PH TO 33.34 PH

PERMANENT TO PER DIEM								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
6	3620	Francis D. Peters	Nursing Assistant TO Nursing Assistant - Pool	NM Nursing Assistants TO NM Nursing Pool	03 TO 30	40.0 TO 14.0	9/30/2017	19.97 PH TO 21.00 PH
SEPARATION								
NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE	REMARKS				
7	Tom Beauseigneur	Grounds Level I	General Services	9/12/2017	Separation			
8	Jeffrey T. Bongarzone	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	9/10/2017	Separation			
9	Debra J. Boscola	Administrative Assistant - Scheduling PD	NM Social Work Services	9/1/2017	Separation			
10	Shella Charles	LPN	NM Licensed Practical Nurses	9/6/2017	Separation			
11	Etyia Faison	Caseworker	Children & Youth	9/11/2017	Separation**			
12	Virginia C. Gindele	Activities Assistant - PD	NM Activities	9/18/2017	Separation**			
13	Janelyn O. Hays	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	9/7/2017	Separation			
14	Emily A. Marziani	Social Worker	Children & Youth	9/11/2017	Separation**			
15	William C. Nabinger	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	8/25/2017	Separation			
16	Maureen T. Sims	Registered Nurse	NM Nursing Pool	9/18/2017	Separation**			
17	John W. Speich	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	8/28/2017	Separation			
18	George C. Tarpeh	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	9/6/2017	Separation			

*Estimated Date **Never Started ***Agreement ****Reinstatement

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

MH/DP

Robert Frank Yochum

Reappointment

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EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

Historic Books Relocated – During the renovation of the 5th floor, a number of old, historic books were moved from the vault and have now been sent to the Bucks County Historical Society for keeping at the Spruance Library. The 180 books, some dating back as far as 1684, include old commissioner meeting minutes, hospital records, and sheep orders, and are available for the public to see. Commissioner Martin mentioned the old law books from the law library and asked if they could dispose of them in some way. General Services Director Kevin Spencer responded that they have been working to see what they can get rid of. He added that they have already disposed of several thousand of these books, as there isn't a market for them.

Budget – The County is in the middle of the 2018 budget planning process and is following what is happening with the state budget. Much of what has been put out there does not work for the county or municipalities and it is hoped that the state makes its way toward a budget that works for all and makes sense.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Loughery initiated a discussion regarding a recent newspaper article about the number of people in Bucks County living below the poverty line. He said that while Bucks County is still well below the national average, there are many in the county who are in need. He referenced the various initiatives that have been implemented in recent years to create jobs and business opportunities. Commissioner Marseglia spoke about conversations held with students in her social work class regarding the difficulties in gathering funds, such as security deposits, that are needed to lease apartments. Commissioner Loughery spoke about a man who emailed him recently regarding some of the challenges in settling down in this area. He added that there are some things that could be done with Housing and Community Development, such as the first time home buyer program. Commissioner Marseglia spoke about some things they have also done with the Opportunity Council to assist people.

Commissioner Martin announced that Neshaminy Manor was recently the winner in three categories of the Best of Bucks contest. These include “One of the Best” awards for Adult Care Facility/Senior Center, Alzheimer Care Facility, and Nursing Rehab. He congratulated Health Department Director Dr. David Damsker, and asked that he convey that to employees at The Manor.

Commissioner Martin reported that Recorder of Deeds Joe Szafran hosted a great event last week to recognize those veterans who attended the Vietnam Tour of Honor in Washington, D.C. Another Tour of Honor trip is scheduled for October 2nd and six busloads of veterans are scheduled to go.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alisha Gasparovic, from Langhorne Manor, thanked the Commissioners for holding their meetings at different locations throughout the county so more people can attend. She spoke about gerrymandering reform and independent citizens redistricting commissions being proposed in Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722, and she introduced Kristin

Nielsen from Northampton Township. Ms. Nielsen also spoke about the mission of “Fair Districts PA,” which she said is a nonpartisan citizens group working to stop gerrymandering. She requested that the Commissioners pass a resolution to support the legislation. A discussion ensued, with the Commissioners each explaining their opposition to the proposed legislation and responding to the information presented.

Toni Battiste, from Falls Township, spoke in opposition to the YMCA’s proposal to rent county property to build a new facility. Commissioner Loughery clarified that this property was not purchased with open space funds. Commissioner Martin assured her that they will take her comments into consideration if the project moves forward. He added that the Bucks County Park Preservation Foundation hold easements for park properties.

Roberta Forest, from Solebury, complimented Matt Weintraub on his handling of the recent events in Solebury and said she was proud that he is the District Attorney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Loughery, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: October 4, 2017

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Charles H. Martin
Chairman

Robert G. Loughery
Vice Chairman

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Brian Hessenthaler
Chief Operating Officer
Acting Chief Clerk