

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 7, 2018

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 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes for the regular meeting of January 17, 2018 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Items 4a – Commissioner Loughery noted that this is the first building to be constructed in the Sellersville Business Park; this property is a joint local, county, and state venture.

Item 4b – Commissioner Loughery spoke about the enormous costs incurred by the County due to the opioid crisis and the many things the County is doing to fight this epidemic. Litigation against the drug manufacturers and distributors is the latest effort. Judy Scolnick, from the law firm Scott + Scott, spoke about what they hope to accomplish with this litigation and explained why they believe the manufacturers and distributors are responsible for this man-made epidemic. In response to Commissioner Martin’s questions, Ms. Scolnick advised that they plan to file litigation in state court within the next month. In response to District Attorney Matt Weintraub’s question, Ms. Scolnick advised that there is no possibility for punitive damages but they will be seeking treble damages. Mr. Weintraub voiced his support of this litigation and spoke about personal accountability.

Item 6e – To highlight the costs being incurred by the County as a result of the opioid crisis, Commissioner Loughery noted that all the Redwood Toxicology contracts on this agenda alone add up to almost \$700,000.

Item 7c – Court Administrator Tom Stoehr responded to Commissioner Marseglia’s question regarding why this item is under Courts.

Item 8b – In response to Commissioner Marseglia’s questions, District Attorney Matt Weintraub provided additional information regarding this program and responded to the Commissioner’s request to receive additional feedback.

Items 10d, e & f – Commissioner Loughery clarified that these contracts are for phase 2 of the demolition required for the 1st, 4th, 6th and 7th floors renovation of the Administration Building, which is anticipated to take 18 to 24 months. Commissioner Marseglia commented on the disparity in the bid for the electrical demolition contract. She noted that this electrical demolition bid is half the amount of the other electrical bids submitted and this type of situation sometimes results in multiple change orders.

Item 20e – In response to Commissioner Martin’s inquiry, Purchasing Director Maureen McIlvaine advised that this contract with Charm-Tex is for the purchase of inmate work coats.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, and with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners with the exception of item 4b which was approved with a vote of 2-1.

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. ADULT PROBATION	a. Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. Santa Rosa, CA	Approve contract to provide drug screenings and supplies. 2/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$264,000** (County 100%)

2.	AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Metz Culinary Management, Inc. Dallas, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide congregate and home- delivered meals. 4/1/18 – 3/31/19	\$780,000 ** (County 9%)
3.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley Elkins Park, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide funding for the Safe Families Program. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$40,000** (County 20%)
		b. Libertae Bensalem, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide parenting group services. 7/1/17 - 6/30/18	\$32,205** (County 20%)
		c. Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. Santa Rosa, CA	Approve contract to provide drug screenings and supplies. 2/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$80,000** (County 20%)
		d. The Doctors Eig, LLC Washington Crossing, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster parent evaluations and screening services. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$20,000** (County 20%)
		e. Youth Services Agency Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide funding for the Kids First Community Program. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$77,050** (County 20%)
4.	COMMISSIONERS	a. Bucks County Industrial Development Authority Doylestown, PA	Approve resolution designating Chairman of the County Commissioners, solely for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to approve bonds issued on behalf of Bucks Technical Associates, LLC and Solar Atmospheres Manufacturing, Inc.	
		b. Scott + Scott, Attorneys at Law, LLP New York, NY	Approve agreement to represent Bucks County in connection with Bucks County’s claim against various manufacturers and distributors of opioid products.	Contingency fee is 22.5% of financial recovery + costs if financial recovery
5.	COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	a. Bristol Borough	Approve contract for 2017 CDBG funding to install ADA curb ramps at seven intersections within the Borough. 1/1/18 – 6/30/19	\$121,000** (County 0%)
6.	CORRECTIONS	a. Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission Warminster, PA	Approve agreement for Pre-Trial Program. 7/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$83,115** (County 100%)
		b. Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission Warminster, PA	Approve agreement for Pre-Trial Program. 1/1/18 – 6/30/18	\$93,500** (County 100%)
		c. DataWorks Plus, LLC Greenville, SC	Approve contract to provide support for CPIN and LiveScan applications. 2/1/18 – 1/31/19	\$10,860.52 (County 100%)
		d. Glenn Matis Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for chaplain to provide services. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$3,600** (County 0%)
		e. Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. Santa Rosa, CA	Approve contract to provide drug screenings and supplies. 2/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$80,000* (County 100%)
7.	COURTS	a. Court Conciliation & Evaluation Service d/b/a Ronald E. (Reb) Brooks Doylestown, PA	Approve revision of vendor name. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	
		b. Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. Santa Rosa, CA	Approve contract to provide drug screenings and supplies. 2/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$198,000** (County 0%)

	c.	Span Associates, LLC Ann Arbor, MI	Approve contract renewal to administer drug testing program. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$80,000** (County 0%)
8. DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a.	Ashley L. Pitcher Pipersville, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide financial support services. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$7,500** (County 0%)
	b.	Roberta Kostick New Britain, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide consulting services for domestic violence investigations. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$900/completed investigation + travel expenses* (County 0%)
9. FINANCE	a.	JB Roofing Systems, LLC Souderton, PA	Approve contract decrease for roof replacement at the Bensalem branch of the Bucks County Free Library.	(\$5,000)
10. GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Cherry Weber & Associates Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase for engineering design and construction consultation services for Bucks County Bridge #172, on Old Carversville Road in Solebury, and Bucks County Bridge #282 on Flushing Road in Bensalem.	\$3,200* (County 100%)
	b.	Ettore Ventresca & Sons, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract for repairs to Bridge #162, located on Street Road over Pidcock Creek in Buckingham and Solebury Townships.	\$144,825* (County 100%)
	c.	Professional Construction Contractors, Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract increase for repairs to Bridge #358, located on Old Jacksonville Road over Little Neshaminy Creek in Northampton Township.	\$21,562.03* (County 100%)
	d.	Albarell Electric, Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve electrical contract for interior demolition project at Administration Building.	\$166,420 (County 100%)
	e.	Clipper Pipe & Service, LLC Crum Lynne, PA	Approve mechanical contract for interior demolition project at Administration Building.	\$139,000 (County 100%)
	f.	Plymouth Environmental Co., Inc. Norristown, PA	Approve general construction contract for interior demolition project at Administration Building.	\$2,530,595.45 (County 100%)
	g.	Borough of Doylestown	Approve resolution supporting the Borough of Doylestown's application to the PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant offered by the PA Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Shewell Avenue water main replacement project.	
	h.	Tyco/Simplex Grinnell Horsham, PA	Approve contract to provide maintenance and support for fire alarm detection and nurse call patient response systems at Neshaminy Manor. 1/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$213,036** (County 1%)
11. HEALTH	a.	Cleofe P. Evangelista, M.D. Yardley, PA	Approve contract to provide medical services for sexually transmitted disease clinics. 1/1/18 – 12/31/22	\$65,000** /per year (County 100%)
	b.	Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases Harrisburg, PA	Approve tuberculosis grant award. 7/1/18 – 6/30/20	\$81,550 (Revenue)
12. HOUSING SERVICES	a.	Bucks County Housing Group Warminster, PA	Approve contract for 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant funding for homeless shelter operations. 8/8/17 – 6/30/19	\$25,000 (County 0%)

	b.	Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract for 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant funding for personnel costs associated with homeless shelter services. 8/8/17 – 6/30/19	\$70,000 (County 0%)
	c.	Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant funding for Rapid Re-Housing services. 1/1/18 – 6/30/19	\$80,000 (County 0%)
	d.	YWCA Bucks County Trevose, PA	Approve contract for 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant funding for Rapid Re-Housing services. 8/8/17 – 6/30/19	\$41,420 (County 0%)
	e.	Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County Chalfont, PA	Approve HOME funding to acquire and rehabilitate a single family home on Hillcrest Avenue in Morrisville. 2/1/18 – 1/31/20	\$57,330 (County 0%)
	f.	Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County Chalfont, PA	Approve mortgage assumption and subordination agreement for the sale of 100 Harper Avenue in Morrisville.	
13.		HUMAN RESOURCES		
	a.	PMA Management Corporation Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide administrative services for workers compensation, general and auto liability claims. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$85,672* (County 100%)
14.		HUMAN SERVICES		
	a.	Advocates For Homeless & Those In Need – AHTN Fairless Hills, PA	Approve contract increase for shelter, meals, and transportation support to shelters during Code Blue events. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$4,380** (County 3.9%)
	b.	Family Unity Center Bristol, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide after school program to promote academic and social success. 1/1/18 – 6/30/18	\$3,000** (County 3.9%)
15.		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
	a.		Approve Information Technology Governance Committee by-laws and procedures.	
16.		JUVENILE PROBATION		
	a.	Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. Santa Rosa, CA	Approve contract to provide drug screenings and supplies. 2/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$35,000** (County 50%)
	b.	White Deer Run, LLC d/b/a Cove Prep Pittsburgh, PA	Approve contract to provide a secure facility to treat adjudicated adolescent males. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$103,000** (County 40%)
17.		MH/DP		
	a.	BelMed Ambulance, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide ambulance services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$51,000** (County 3.9%)
	b.	NetSmart Technologies, Inc. Overland Park, KS	Approve contract increase and extension for software maintenance and support for the myAvatar system. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$122,088.67 (County 3.9%)
	c.	NetSmart Technologies, Inc. Overland Park, KS	Approve contract increase and extension for software maintenance and support for the MS Dynamics product. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$14,729.52 (County 3%)
	d.	NHS of Bucks County Erdenheim, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide intensive case management, residential, and family based services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$1,640,167** (County 5.9%)
	e.	Salisbury Behavioral Health, Inc. Lancaster, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide supported living and residential services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$2,526,721** (County 3.9%)

18. NESHAMINY MANOR	a. Medline Industries Holdings, LP Mundelein, IL	Approve contract extension for skin care protectant products for residents. 3/15/18 – 3/14/19	
19. PUBLIC INFORMATION	a. Perfexion, Inc. Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve contract renewal for hosting, maintenance, licensing, and enhancements to County website. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$31,459** (County 100%)
20. PURCHASING	a. FilterBuy, Inc. Talladega, AL	Approve contract to purchase air filters. 2/15/18 – 2/14/21	\$38,525.64* (County 100%)
	b. Interline Brands Inc. d/b/a Supplyworks Mount Laurel, NJ	Approve contract to purchase air filters. 2/15/18 – 2/14/21	\$20,548.50* (County 98.8%)
	c. Jasonbelts.com LLC, d/b/a Central MEP Supply Bedminster, NJ	Approve contract to purchase air filters. 2/15/18 – 2/14/21	\$10,214.24* (County 99.8%)
	d. Bob Barker Fuquay Varina, NC	Approve contract to purchase inmate clothing. 10/12/17 – 10/11/18	\$61,411.57* (County 56.7%)
	e. Charm-Tex Brooklyn, NY	Approve contract to purchase inmate clothing. 12/13/17 – 12/12/18	\$2,187.60* (County 0%)
	f. Goaltex Corporation Syosset, NY	Approve contract to purchase inmate clothing. 10/12/17 – 10/11/18	\$32,994* (County 0%)
	g. Liberty Store Auburn, NY	Approve contract to purchase inmate clothing. 12/13/17 – 12/12/18	\$11,410.08* (County 0%)
	h. Victory Supply, Inc. Mount Pleasant, TN	Approve contract to purchase inmate clothing. 10/12/17 – 10/11/18	\$11,031.56* (County 3.7%)
21. OTHER CIVICS	a. African American Museum of Bucks County	Approve payment	\$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

None

PERSONNEL

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

COMMISSIONERS LIST February 7, 2018								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources								
Item numbers 1 through 48								
APPOINTMENTS								
	REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION
1	3660	Margaret Andreasen	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
2	3670	Jennifer L. Bartasavich	Aging Care Manager	Area Agency on Aging	04	37.5	2/12/2018	24.38 PH
3	3660	Rachel E. Beaghley	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
4	3571	Daniel G. Benitez	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
5	3571	Aja D. Carr	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
6	3660	Noelia J. Cruz	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
7	3660	Nicholas M. Graham	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
8	3571	Rachelle A. Grenon	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
9	3660	Rasheed Hester	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
10	3742	Darlene E. Hipwell	Custodian - NMH	General Services	02	40.0	2/20/2018	20.77 PH
11	3660	Christopher J. Hugg	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
12	3571	Michael S. Hunton	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
13	3660	Mitchell B. Jenkins	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
14	3660	Edward A. Mack	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
15	3720	Margaret F. Massey	Office Supervisor/Assistant to Executive Director	Planning Administrative	00	40.0	2/8/2018	55,000.00 PA
16	3660	Ashley M. McCabe	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
17	3681	Kelli Myers-Gottmoller	Social Worker	Children & Youth	04	37.5	2/20/2018	25.39 PH
18	3703	Tyler L. Schuster	General Services - Perdiem	General Services	00	30.0	2/20/2018	11.50 PH
19	3429	Maria A. Scirrotto	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH
20	3619	Shaqimamah D. Scott	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	03	24.0	2/20/2018	14.46 PH
21	3620	Sheyianna J. Slight	Nursing Assistant Pool	NM Nursing Pool	30	14.0	2/20/2018	21.42 PH
22	3699	Sadica D. Wallace	LPN Pool	NM Nursing Pool	31	14.0	2/20/2018	29.71 PH
23	3660	Chris K. Winnick	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2018	21.28 PH

START ADDITIONAL POSITION								
REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
24	N/A	Sherry A. Labs	Tax Administrator - PD	Finance	00	20.0	1/26/2018	26.71 PH
POSITION CHANGE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
25	3743	James Gilmour	Custodian NMH TO Engineer II - NMH	General Services TO General Services	02 TO 02	40.0 TO 40.0	2/12/2018	21.93 PH TO 26.38 PH
26	N/A	Ara Jay Kimbrough	Hearing Officer TO Lieutenant Corrections	Main Jail TO Main Jail	00 TO 00	40.0 TO 40.0	2/12/2018	72,211.00 PA TO 37.28 PH
27	N/A	Annmarie Salvatore	Social Work Supervisor TO Social Work Supervisor	Children & Youth TO Children & Youth	84 TO 84	37.5 TO 37.5	2/8/2018	39.98 PH TO 39.98 PH
28	N/A	Carolyn B. Senske	Social Worker TO Social Work Supervisor	Children & Youth TO Children & Youth	04 TO 84	37.5 TO 37.5	2/8/2018	34.77 PH TO 35.49 PH
29	N/A	Gerbethe Similien	Nursing Assistant TO Restorative Aide	NM Nursing Assistants TO NM Nursing Assistants	03 TO 03	40.0 TO 40.0	2/17/2018	20.37 PH TO 20.37 PH
TRANSFER								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
30	3735	Rachel M. Leach	Judicial Clerk II TO Administrative Aide	DC 07-3-01 Snow TO Planning Administrative	05 TO 03	40.0 TO 40.0	2/12/2018	22.88 PH TO 21.54 PH
PER DIEM TO PERMANENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
31	3728	John C. Oliver III	LPN Pool TO LPN	NM Nursing Pool TO NM Licensed Practical Nurses	31 TO 33	14.0 TO 40.0	2/17/2018	29.71 PH TO 26.82 PH
SEPARATION								
NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE	REMARKS				
32	Mitra M. Alfieri	Tax Administrator - PD	Finance	1/25/2018	Separation			
33	Annette I. Bailey	LPN Pool	NM Nursing Pool	1/2/2018	Separation			
34	Brittney Conway	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	1/25/2018	Separation			
35	Michael W. Dydak	Fire - EMS Coordinator	911 Emergency Response	2/2/2018	Separation			
36	Catherine O. Guinto	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	1/15/2018	Separation			
37	Oleeanna D. Johnson	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	1/25/2018	Separation			
38	Kerrian N. Kerlew	Registered Nurse Pool	NM Nursing Pool	1/16/2018	Separation			
39	Helene J. Krzaczyk	Nursing Assistant Pool	NM Nursing Pool	1/18/2018	Separation			
40	Simone M. McIntosh	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	1/23/2018	Separation			
41	Hemangini Patel	Registered Nurse Pool	NM Nursing Pool	1/23/2018	Separation			
42	Joseph Raphael	LPN Pool	NM Nursing Pool	1/16/2018	Separation			
43	Kristen M. Spadaro	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	1/8/2018	Separation			
44	Richard Spor	LPN Pool	NM Nursing Pool	1/16/2018	Separation			
45	Weedor E. Varela	Registered Nurse Pool	NM Nursing Pool	1/16/2018	Separation			
46	Elicia A. Vaughn	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	1/25/2018	Separation			
47	Michelle T. Watson	Nursing Assistant Pool	NM Nursing Pool	1/16/2018	Separation			
48	Wade M. Zbyszinski	EPS II	Health Department	3/2/2018	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

By a vote of 3-0, the following appointments were approved:

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council

Jane Fox-Laquer	Reappointment
Patsy Long	Reappointment
Laura Post	Reappointment
Beth Hudson Keller	New Appointment

Conference and Visitors Bureau

Frank Lyons	Reappointment
William Brady	Reappointment
Douglas Miller	New Appointment
Robert McGowan	New Appointment

Human Relations Council

Kristian Ballerini	New Appointment
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Mental Health/Developmental Programs (MH/DP)

Diana Santoro	Reappointment
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CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Brian Hessenthaler reported on the following:

Point In Time Count – The annual count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons was held on January 24th and the count of 397 reflects a 22% decrease from last year. In addition, almost 80 people were able to be moved out of transitional housing into rapid rehousing. There has been a concentrated effort to address the most vulnerable and find them housing as quickly as possible. Mr. Hessenthaler commended Human Services Director Jon Rubin for taking the lead with this project and thanked all those involved for a job well done.

Household Hazardous Waste – Dates for this year’s collections are as follows:

Saturday, April 14, 2018	Lower Bucks	Harry S. Truman High School
Saturday, June 2, 2018	Upper Bucks	Upper Bucks Area Vocational Technical School

Saturday, June 23, 2018	Central Bucks	Central Bucks High School South
Saturday, July 7, 2018	Upper Bucks	Strayer Middle School
Saturday, August 25, 2018	Lower Bucks	Bucks County Technical High School

These do not include the collection of electronic items, as the County continues to evaluate ways to address the disposal of these items. Additional information is available on the County website.

State Budget – Governor Wolf released the preliminary 2018-19 state budget yesterday and the County is assessing how it may be impacted. Human Services areas have incurred quite a few budget cuts over the last decade, so the County is also evaluating that issue. Budget hearings will begin on February 20th and County officials will continue to monitor the process.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin thanked Judy Scolnick and Don Broggi from Scott + Scott for making the trip down from New York today. He looks forward to working with all county departments as they gather the information necessary for Scott + Scott to do their job.

Commissioner Martin reported on last Friday’s Eagles Spirit Day, and said that county employees did a magnificent job in spurring the Eagles on to success on Super Bowl Sunday. He said it was extremely difficult to choose the winners and commented on all the creativity, time, baked goods, food, and decorations. The winners for Most Spirited Office were: The Treasurer’s Office in the Administration Building; Court Administration in the Justice Center; and Area Agency on Aging for the satellite offices. In the individual category the winners were Mary Smithson for the Justice Center; Gerald Grisafi from the Controller’s Office in the Administration Building; and Judge Falcone for the satellite offices.

Referencing the successful decrease in the homeless count, Commissioner Loughery commended Human Services Director Jon Rubin and his team, and welcomed new Housing Director Jeff Fields. The Commissioner suggested that the same type of evaluation process used for the various housing programs could also be used to assess the current opioid and overdose issues the County is facing. He requested that Jon Rubin begin organizing this strategic effort, which will include compiling data and coordinating information across all affected county departments.

Commissioner Loughery introduced a short film recapping the Eagles Spirit Day festivities and he thanked Public Information for putting everything together.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Room. This will follow the 2:00 Retirement Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Loughery adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Approved: February 21, 2018

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Vice Chairman

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Deanna M. Giorno
Chief Clerk