

## BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 21, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held today at 2:30 pm, in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 55 E. Court Street in 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 by asking for a prolonged Moment of Silence for the victims and families of last week's Florida school shooting, as well as former Family Service Association Executive Director Audrey Tucker, who passed away earlier this week. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PROCLAMATIONS

Commissioner Marseglia issued a proclamation recognizing March 2018 as "HUNGER AND NUTRITION AWARENESS MONTH" and commended the Hunger Nutrition Coalition of Bucks County and its partner organizations for providing essential hunger and nutrition related information and resources to Bucks County for over a decade. Accepting the proclamation were Heather Foor and Tammy Schoonover from the Bucks County Opportunity Council, Cathy Snyder from Rolling Harvest, and Tim Philpot from the United Way. Ms. Foor thanked the Commissioners for the recognition and spoke about the success of their "fresh connect" initiative. This will be highlighted at the Hunger Forum being held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Delaware Valley University.

### PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Loughery presented a resolution that affirmed the County's commitment to addressing mental health issues in the correctional facilities through the nationwide "Stepping Up" initiative. Adults with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders tend to stay longer in jail and, upon release, are at higher risk of recidivism than those without disorders. County jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs. Accepting the resolution were Director of Housing and Human Services Jon Rubin, Deputy Director Chris Finello, District Attorney Matt Weintraub and Corrections Director Chris Pirolli. Ms. Finello thanked the Commissioners and spoke about the work the County is already doing, and said Bucks County is recognized as a national and state leader in this Stepping Up initiative.

### 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 February 7, 2018 were approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

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

Item 1a – Rich Harvey, Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation Program, presented information on the County's portion of a 63.38 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Moore Farm in Springfield Township. He said this farm was ranked #9 in the 2017 application list and is situated in the middle of 700 acres of previously preserved farmland. It will be the 32<sup>nd</sup> farm preserved in Springfield Township, which is the most of any township. This farm is the 207<sup>th</sup> preserved in the program to date, and brings the total acreage to 16,569. Mr. Harvey thanked the Commissioners for their commitment each year and said that Bucks County has allocated the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest amount of funds of any county in the state for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

Item 6a – In response to the Commissioners questions, General Services Director Kevin Spencer provided additional information regarding the historical review process and additional steps that need to be taken before going out to bid in late summer or early fall.

Item 9a - MH/DP Administrator Donna Duffy-Bell responded to questions from Commissioner Marseglia regarding the number of specialists they currently have and applicants for the program.

### RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, and 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. AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION	a. Deborah B. and Frederick C. Moore, Sr. Coopersburg, PA	Approve county's portion (30%) of a 63.38 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Moore farm located on Hickory Lane in Springfield Township. (TMP 42-012-114)	\$228,168 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
2. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	a. Prest & Associates, LLC f/k/a Prest & Associates, Inc. Madison, WI	Approve contract amendment to reflect corporate name change.	
3. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide case management and financial assistance for families. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$86,187** (County 20%)
	b. Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide bridge and transitional housing services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$177,500** (County 11%)
	c. Catholic Social Services Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$20,000** (County 20%)
4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a. Dina Riccardi, LSW, ACSW Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for grant writing services in support of the Magisterial District Justice Drug Diversion Program. 2/21/18 – 4/7/18	\$1,500** (County 0%)
5. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a. Northrop Grumman Systems Corp. McLean, VA	Approve contract increase and extension for support services and software maintenance for the Computer Aided Dispatch System. 3/1/18 – 2/29/20	\$209,748 (County 100%)
6. GENERAL SERVICES	a. Federal Highway Administration & Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer Harrisburg, PA	Approve Commissioner Chairman signature authority to approve a Memorandum of Agreement regarding County Bridge #21, on Rickert Road over Morris Run, in Hilltown Township.	
	b. Franc Environmental, Inc. Horsham, PA	Approve contract increase for sludge removal from the waste water treatment plant. 9/1/16 – 8/31/19	\$13,981.50** (County 100%)
	c. INTEX Environmental Group, Inc. Pipersville, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide engineering services at the Hidden Valley Landfill. 5/1/18 – 4/30/19	\$34,140** (County 100%)
7. HOUSING SERVICES	a. Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County Chalfont, PA	Approve mortgage assumption and subordination agreement for the sale of 1726 Prospect Avenue in Croydon.	
8. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a. Kronos Incorporated Lowell, MA	Approve contract to provide software maintenance and support. 4/24/18 – 4/23/19	\$92,667.79 (County 100%)
	b. Level 3 Communications, LLC Broomfield, CO	Approve contract to provide licenses for VPN access to county network. 3/1/18 – 2/28/23	\$207,800** (County 100%)
9. MH/DP	a. Mental Health Partnerships Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide certified peer specialist training services. 4/1/18 – 5/31/18	\$25,000** (County 0%)

- b. Montgomery County Emergency Services, Inc.  
Norristown, PA      Approve contract to provide inpatient services for individuals with a mental health diagnosis.  
7/1/17 – 6/30/18      \$80,000\*\*  
(County 3.9%)
- c. SPIN, Inc.  
Philadelphia, PA      Approve contract renewal to provide early intervention therapy services for children up to age three.  
7/1/17 – 6/30/18      \$109,000\*\*  
(County 10%)
- d. T.E.C., Inc.,  
d/b/a Family and Friends  
Point Pleasant, PA      Approve contract renewal to provide supported living services.  
7/1/17 – 6/30/18      \$1,112,000\*\*  
(County 3.9%)

10. OTHER CIVICS
- a. BC Drug & Alcohol Commission – Hold On You Matter      Approve payment      \$1,500
  - BC Health Improvement Partnership      \$1,000
  - Run the Gates      \$1,200
  - VITA      \$12,000

\*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.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

None

**PERSONNEL**

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

COMMISSIONERS LIST								
February 21, 2018								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources								
Item numbers 1 through 29								
APPOINTMENTS								
REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
1	3756	Jennifer M. Beagle	EPS I	Health Department	46	40.0	3/5/2018	24.38 PH
2	3756	Stephen J. Bobbs	EPS I	Health Department	46	40.0	2/26/2018	24.38 PH
3	3618	Lauren M. Brancato	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	03	24.0	2/24/2018	12.75 PH
4	3782	Kelly A. Brulenski	Human Resources Intern - PD	Human Resources	00	16.0	2/26/2018	9.00 PH
5	3617	Kim M. Clemens	Activities Assistant - PD	NM Activities	03	12.0	2/26/2018	14.08 PH
6	3689	Zachary J. Cooperman	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	03	30.0	3/5/2018	13.52 PH
7	3689	William E. Davis	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	03	30.0	3/5/2018	13.52 PH
8	3689	Anthony M. Jones	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	03	30.0	3/5/2018	13.52 PH
9	3689	Melissa K. Leonhardt	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	03	30.0	3/5/2018	13.52 PH
10	3689	Chanelle M. Lyons	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	03	30.0	3/5/2018	13.52 PH
11	3618	Gabriel Morales	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	03	24.0	2/24/2018	12.75 PH
12	3689	Lauren Pello	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	03	30.0	3/5/2018	13.52 PH
13	3689	Caitlin P. Platenecky	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	03	30.0	3/5/2018	13.52 PH
14	3689	Nicole M. Riley	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	03	30.0	3/5/2018	13.52 PH
POSITION CHANGE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
15	N/A	Corene M. Metzler	Aging Care Manager TO Aging Care Management Supervisor I	Area Agency on Aging TO Area Agency on Aging	04 TO 84	37.5 TO 37.5	2/26/2018	33.43 PH TO 34.01 PH
PERMANENT TO PER DIEM								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
16	3690	Kimberly J. Palmer	Unit Manager TO Registered Nurse	NM Admin TO NM Nursing Pool	86 TO 60	40.0 TO 14.0	2/26/2018	38.96 PH TO 37.74 PH
PER DIEM TO PERMANENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
17	3370	Matthew Almeda	Dispatcher Trainee TO Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response TO 911 Emergency Response	03 TO 03	30.0 TO 40.0	2/22/2018	13.52 PH TO 26.21 PH
18	3370	Elyse M. Amodei	Dispatcher Trainee TO Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response TO 911 Emergency Response	03 TO 03	30.0 TO 40.0	2/22/2018	13.52 PH TO 26.21 PH
19	3370	Raymond L. Shearer Jr	Dispatcher Trainee TO Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response TO 911 Emergency Response	03 TO 03	30.0 TO 40.0	2/22/2018	13.52 PH TO 26.21 PH
20	3370	Noah C. Sheidy	Dispatcher Trainee TO Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response TO 911 Emergency Response	03 TO 03	30.0 TO 40.0	2/22/2018	13.52 PH TO 26.21 PH
21	3698	Darra S. Watkins	Nursing Assistant - Pool TO Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Pool TO NM Nursing Assistants	30 TO 03	14.0 TO 40.0	2/22/2018	21.42 PH TO 19.97 PH
SALARY ADJUSTMENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
22	N/A	Cheryl A. Lightcap	Receptionist - PD TO Receptionist - PD	NM Business Office TO NM Business Office	03 TO 03	25.0 TO 25.0	3/17/2018	12.73 PH TO 12.98 PH
SEPARATION								
NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE	REMARKS				
23	Alicia S. Ferry	LPN	NM Licensed Practical Nurses	1/28/2018	Separation			
24	Veronica A. Hinton	Social Worker I	Children & Youth	2/1/2018	Separation			
25	Melanie J. Huot	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	2/13/2018	Separation			
26	Edward S. Kolb	Bid Manager	Purchasing	2/1/2018	Separation			
27	Lynne N. Ridgway	Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	1/25/2018	Separation			
28	Marian R. Saman	Activities Assistant - PD	NM Activities	2/20/2018	Separation			
29	David C. Sheehan	Security Screener - PD	Security	2/1/2018	Separation			

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

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

<u>Emergency Health Council</u>	
Deb Myatt	Reappointment
<u>Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council</u>	
Tammi Mancuso	New Appointment
Charles Pressler	New Appointment
<u>Local Emergency Planning Committee</u>	
Shannon Courtleigh	Reappointment
Zachary Dunkleberger	Reappointment
David Harris	Reappointment
Robert Kay	Reappointment
Scott Forster	Reappointment
James Kettler	Reappointment
Beth Ann Sodano-Jones	Reappointment
Joe Seborowski	Reappointment
Diane Marseglia	Reappointment
Robert Woodruff	Reappointment
<u>Workforce Development Board</u>	
George Hutt	Reappointment
Erin Lukoss	Reappointment

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

<u>Housing Authority</u>	
Jordan (Pete) Krauss	New Appointment

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CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

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

State Budget – Governor Wolf released the preliminary budget on February 6<sup>th</sup>, reflecting flat funding for Human Services. This is better than a cut but is essentially a reduction in funding, as the County will have to cut back on some programs. The Health and Drug & Alcohol budget hearings are on March 1<sup>st</sup> and the Human Services hearing is on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The County will continue to monitor the process with the hope funding is increased for Human Services.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia reported on her trip to Harrisburg this morning to speak to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) regarding ChildLine, the mandated statewide child protective services program. She explained why former changes to the law are resulting in multiple investigations for the same cases and things being investigated that don't need to be. Among other things, this has caused increases in overtime costs and burnout of caseworkers. They are asking CCAP to lobby for a change in legislation and she hopes to have something positive to report on this by the fall.

Commissioner Loughery shared some background on his recent appointment by Governor Wolf to the Invasive Species Council, filling the newly-created county seat. He explained that the Council's work encompasses all invasive species but the added seat is in response to the Spotted Lanternfly, which was first found in a small area of Berks County and has now spread to 13 counties. It is wreaking havoc on crops and agriculture, attacking such things as grapes, apples and hardwoods.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Strauss, from Bucks County Community College, read a statement regarding the lack of racial and ethnic diversity on the Board of Trustees, and said they have voted among themselves to make faculty diversity a priority when searching for new faculty members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: March 26, 2018

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

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Robert G. Loughery  
*Chairman*

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Charles H. Martin  
*Vice Chairman*

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Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia  
*Commissioner*

ATTEST:

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Deanna M. Giorno  
*Chief Clerk*