

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 20, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Bowman's Hill, 1635 River Road, Upper Makefield, PA. In attendance were Commissioner Charles H. Martin, Chairman, Commissioner James F. Cawley, Esq. and Commissioner Sandra A. Miller. Commissioner Martin opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Martin introduced Miles Arnott, Director, Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve. He thanked the Commissioners for coming today and welcomed everyone to Bowman's Hill. He spoke about the history of the wildflower preserve, which is dedicated to showcasing Pennsylvania's native flora. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of this Bucks County resource by taking a stroll of the grounds and explore their 2-1/2 miles of trails.

Commissioner Martin acknowledged County elected officials who were present at the meeting: Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts and William Snyder, Treasurer. He also acknowledged Cindy Beck who was present on behalf of State Representative Bernie O'Neill (29th District).

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed Alyson Pierce as "2007 HIGH SCHOOL POET OF THE YEAR" commending her contribution to the literary tradition of our community. Allan Hoey, Director, Bucks County Poetry Laureate Program thanked the Commissioners for their continued support. He gave us some background on how long the programs have been running and introduced this year's winner, Alyson Pierce. Miss Pierce, a Sr. at Central Bucks South High School, read her award winning poem "Stretch".

COMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to State Representative David J. Steil (31st District) naming him Bucks County Conservation District Legislator of the Year and acknowledging his environmental stewardship to the citizens of Pennsylvania. Chief of Staff Kimberly O'Neill accepted on behalf of Rep. Stiel and thanked the Commissioners for the award.

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to Gail Hill, Naturalist, Peace Valley Nature Center, naming her Bucks County Conservation District Educator of the Year and acknowledging her dedication to teaching environmental studies. She said it is a privilege to work with the students and thanked the Commissioners for the honor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of June 6, 2007 were approved.

DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

Rich Harvey, Agricultural Preservation, spoke on item 1a.
Brent Wiggins, Emergency Communications, spoke on item 4a-c.
John Dougherty, Emergency Management, spoke on item 5a.
Joe Funk, Human Services, spoke on item 8a.
Meredith Allen, Health Department, spoke on item 8b.
Brian Hessenthaler, Finance, spoke on item 9a.
Kris Kern, Open Space, spoke on item 11a.
Bill Mitchell, Parks & Recreation, spoke on item 12a.
Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, spoke on item 13b.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved.

RESOLVED, that the Bucks County Board of Commissioners upon the recommendation of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, approve the following:

I. **CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS**

| | <u>DEPARTMENT</u> | <u>WITH</u> | <u>PURPOSE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|----|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1. | AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION | a. Benjamin Haskey III, and Elaine Friling Lahaska, PA | Approve county's portion of conservation easement on 93.615 acres of the Haskey farm on Upper York Road in Solebury Twp. (TMP 41-008-030 & 41-008-033) | \$374,460. (+settlement charges and adjustments) |
| 2. | AREA AGENCY ON AGING | a. Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Center Warminster, PA | Approve contract increase for senior center operational costs. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 | \$4,000. |
| | | b. Bensalem Senior Citizens Association Bensalem, PA | Approve contract increase for senior center operational costs. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 | \$4,000. |
| | | c. Bristol Township Senior Citizens Levittown, PA | Approve contract increase for senior center operational costs. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 | \$4,000. |
| | | d. Bucks County Association for Retired & Senior Citizens Bristol, PA | Approve contract increase for senior center operational costs. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 | \$20,000. |
| | | e. Council Rock Senior Citizens Association Richboro, PA | Approve contract increase for senior center operational costs. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 | \$4,000. |
| | | f. Eastern Upper Bucks Seniors, Inc. Ottsville, PA | Approve contract increase for senior center operational costs. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 | \$4,000. |
| | | g. Falls Township Senior Citizens, Inc. Fairless Hills, PA | Approve contract increase for senior center operation costs. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 | \$4,000. |
| | | h. Middletown Senior Citizens Association Levittown, PA | Approve contract increase for senior center operational costs. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 | \$4,000. |
| | | i. Morrisville Senior Servicer Morrisville, PA | Approve contract increase for senior center operational costs. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 | \$4,000. |
| | | j. YWCA of Bucks County Trevose, PA | Approve contract to provide Homesharing Program. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08 | \$20,000 |
| 3. | CORRECTIONS | a. Compass Group Inc., Canteen Correctional Svcs. Franklin, MA | Approve contract increase to provide inmate food services. 7/1/06 – 6/30/09 | \$199,850.* |
| 4. | EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS | a. | Approve Triennial Bucks County 9-1-1 Plan and authorize filing of plan with PEMA. 10/07 – 9/10 | |
| | | b. Industrial Diesel Power Croydon, PA | Approve contract to provide semi-annual maintenance and emergency response service for | \$29,349.** |

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| | | | radio tower generators. 7/1/07 – 6/30/10 | |
| | | c. | Valley Painting, Inc. Southampton, PA | Approve contract to paint West Rockhill communications tower. \$49,000. |
| 5. | EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | a. | 111 Warwick Meadows, LLC Plymouth Meeting, PA | Approve Lease Agreement for PA SERCTTF/UASI office space and warehouse. 5/07 – 5/08 \$27,866.63 |
| 6. | FINANCE | a. | Pennsylvania Department of Education, Office of Commonwealth Libraries Harrisburg, PA | Approve Motion in support of Keystone Grant Application for Bensalem Branch of Bucks County Free Library. |
| 7. | HAZARDOUS MATERIALS | a. | Pennsylvania Emergency Management Harrisburg, PA | Approve Hazardous Material Response Fund Grant Application and Agreement. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08 \$68,600. Revenue |
| 8. | HEALTH | a. | BC Department of Health Doylestown, PA | Approve Resolution Granting Bucks County Health Department Authority to enter into public and private property to abate mosquitoes. |
| | | b. | VeriCor, LLC Holmen, WI | Approve contract to provide POD supplies in the event of a bio-terrorism emergency. \$437,866.** |
| 9. | HUMAN RESOURCES | a. | Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) West Chester, PA | Approve Agreement renewal for Registered Nurses in Public Health Services and Neshaminy Manor. 1/1/07 – 12/31/10 |
| 10. | MH/MR | a. | Community Options, Inc. Princeton, NJ | Approve contract increase to provide transportation services. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 \$1,000.** |
| | | b. | Delta Community Supports, Inc. Lower Gwynedd, PA | Approve contract amendment to increase supervised living waiver. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 \$96,811.** |
| | | c. | Indian Creek Foundation, Inc. Souderton, PA | Approve contract amendment to increase supervised living waiver. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 \$132,729.** |
| | | d. | Office of Mental Retardation Department of Public Welfare Harrisburg, PA | Approve Administrative Entity Operating Agreement to provide funding for Supports Waivers. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08 \$43,724,300. Revenue |
| 11. | OPEN SPACE | a. | Natural Lands Trust Media, PA | Approve Natural Areas Program Grant to acquire a 13-acre conservation easement on the Cole/Simon property located in West Rockhill Township. (T.M.P. 52-001-025-002 and 52-001-025-003) \$86,000. |

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| 12. | PARKS AND RECREATION | a. | S&H Landscaping Contractor Chalfont, PA | Approve contract decrease to reduce scope of work for renovations to the Core Creek Park Tennis Courts in Langhorne. | [\$301,350.] |
| | | b. | Texas Eastern Transmission, LP By: Spectra Energy Transmission Service, LLC | Approve agreement to allow access to temporary staging area on county property. 6/20/07 – 12/31/07 | \$15,000. Revenue |
| | | c. | Township of Bedminster Bedminster, PA | Approve transfer of donated funds to Bedminster Township to assist with Stover-Myers Mill Restoration. | \$13,957. |
| 13. | PLANNING COMMISSION | a. | Langhorne Borough Langhorne, PA | Approve Agreement to provide planning services for Village Commercial Overlay District Ordinance. | \$2,400. Revenue |
| | | b. | | Adoption of 2007 Open Space Taskforce Report | |
| 14. | PUBLIC WORKS | a. | Advanced Power Control, Inc. Newark, DE | Approve contract to provide thermostat wiring, installation, and programming for Laundry HVAC project at Neshaminy Manor. | \$12,450. |
| | | b. | Jack Cohen & Co., Inc. Hatboro, PA | Approve electrical contract for addition to Emergency Services Building in Ivyland. | \$1,319,000. |
| 15. | TAX CLAIMS BUREAU | a. | Bucks County Constable Service Warminster, PA | Approve agreement with constable for posting of properties scheduled in the 2007 tax sales. 6/30/07 – 12/31/07 | \$16,000.** |
| 16. | OTHER CIVICS | a. | Bowman Hill Wildflower Preserve BC Legal Aide Society Southampton Community Band | Approve Payment | \$3,000. \$20,000. \$1,500. |

*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.

PERSONNEL LIST

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the following Personnel Actions were approved:

APPOINTMENTS

| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Christine M. Carey | Assistant Public Defender Unit 37 | Public Defender 40.0 hrs/wk | 08/06/07 | 41,855.00 PA 20.12 PH |
| 2. | Michael J. Day J.P. #058-07 | Custodian Union 02 | Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk | 06/25/07 | 34,798.40 PA 16.73 PH |
| 3. | Rachel D. Guy | Seasonal Help/Cashier Unit 00 | Parks and Recreation/OV 20.0 hrs/wk | 06/01/07 | 7.37 PH + |
| 4. | Adam J. Kuhn | Seasonal Help/Boat Handler Unit 00 | Parks and Recreation/PV 20.0 hrs/wk | 05/29/07 | 7.72 PH + |

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| 5. | Kevin R. Reidy J.P. #039-07 | Seasonal Help/Deputy Ranger Unit 00 | Parks and Recreation 40.0 hrs/wk | 06/01/07 | 9.51 PH |
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REHIRE

| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
|----|---|--|--|--------------|--------------------------|
| 6. | Joseph E. Baesher Sep Date 04/01/07 PA | Corrections Officer Unit 01 | Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk | 06/05/07 | 43,054.29 PA 20.70 PH |
| 7. | Turner E. Reshetar Sep Date 02/23/07 PH | Seasonal Help/Lifeguard Unit 00 | Parks and Recreation/TV 20.0 hrs/wk | 05/26/07 | 7.50 PH + |
| 8. | Michele A. Stiles Sep Date 03/06/07 PH J.P. #067-07 | D & A Training Program Specialist Unit 46 | Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk | 06/25/07 | 41,251.84 PA 19.83 PH |

PROMOTION

| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
|-----|------------------------------------|---|--|--------------|--|
| 9. | Christina L. DeSapio | Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 30 | Nursing Services 24.0hrs/wk To Nursing Pool 40.0 hrs/wk | 06/23/07 | 13.49 PH To 14.58 PH |
| 10. | Joseph F. Gartner J.P. #082B-07 | Seasonal Help Unit 00 To Custodian/NMH Unit 02 | Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk To Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk | 06/23/07 | 11.21 PH To 33,758.40 PA 16.23 PH |
| 11. | Sean P. Harlow | Seasonal Help/Asst. Manager Unit 00 To Seasonal Help/Boat Handler Unit 00 | Parks and Recreation/CC 40.0 hrs/wk To Parks and Recreation/CC 20.0 hrs/wk | 06/05/07 | 10.00 PH To 8.73 PH + |
| 12. | Jamie B. Hedrick J.P. #153B-05 | County Caseworker II Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04 | Children and Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk To Children and Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk | 06/23/07 | 46,018.03 PA 23.60 PH To 48,122.79 PA 24.67 PH |
| 13. | Carol A. Kenney J.P. #074-07 | Secretary Unit 03 To Staffing Coordinator Unit 03 | Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk | 06/23/07 | 34,438.91 PA 16.56 PH To 34,438.91 PA 16.56 PH |
| 14. | Frank T. Repetski J.P. 082A-07 | Seasonal Help Unit 00 To Custodian/NMH Unit 02 | Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk To Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk | 07/07/07 | 11.21 PH To 34,840.00 PA 16.75 PH |
| 15. | Hunter S. Selman | Seasonal Help/Manager Unit 00 To Seasonal Help/Assistant Manager Unit 00 | Parks and Recreation/CC 40.0 hrs/wk To Parks and Recreation/CC 40.0 hrs/wk | 06/05/07 | 11.42 PH To 10.26 PH + |
| 16. | Alison B. Sklar J.P. #014A-05 | County Caseworker II Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04 | Children and Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk To Children and Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk | 06/23/07 | 46,018.03 PA 23.60 PH To 48,122.79 PA 24.67 PH |

TRANSFER

| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
|-----|--|--|---|--------------|--|
| 17. | Desiree D. S. Gonzalez J.P. #066-07 | Nursing Assistant Unit 03 To Rehabilitation Aide Unit 03 | Nursing Services 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Physical Therapy 40.0 hrs/wk | 06/23/07 | 31,862.68 PA 15.32 PH To 31,862.68 PA 15.32 PH |
| 18. | Joseph J. Landers, Jr. | Registered Nurse | Nursing Services | 06/23/07 | 57,289.21 PA |

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| J.P. #078-07 | Unit 06 | 40.0 hrs/wk | 27.54 PH |
| | To | To | To |
| | PHN II | Health Department | 57,289.21 PA |
| | Unit 06 | 40.0 hrs/wk | 17.54 PH |

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
|-----|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------|----------------|
| 19. | Lindsay M. Mattes | Seasonal Help Unit 00 | Tax Claim Bureau 35.0 hrs/wk | 04/02/07 | 10.00 PH |
| | | To | To | | To |
| | | Seasonal Help Unit 00 | Tax Claim Bureau 35.0 hrs/wk | | 10.30 PH |
| 20. | Rachel E. Pullar | Seasonal Help/Lifeguard Unit 00 | Parks and Recreation/TV 20.0 hrs/wk | 07/01/07 | 7.00 PH |
| | | To | To | | To |
| | | Seasonal Help/Lifeguard Unit 00 | Parks and Recreation/TV 20.0 hrs/wk | | 7.15 PH |
| 21. | Caitlin Vasey | Seasonal Help/Lifeguard Unit 00 | Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk | 07/01/07 | 7.00 PH |
| | | To | To | | To |
| | | Seasonal Help/Lifeguard Unit 00 | Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk | | 7.15 PH |

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| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
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| 22. | Doreen G. Stratton | HR Generalist IV Unit 00 | Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk | 07/07/07 | 37,704.47 PA 18.12 PH |
| | | To | To | | To |
| | | HR Generalist IV Unit 00 | Human Resources 20.0 hrs/wk | | 18.12 PH |

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT

| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
|-----|----------------|---|--|--------------|--------------------------|
| 23. | Joseph C. Funk | Deputy Dir Health & Human Services Unit 00 | Health & Human Services 40.0 hrs/wk | 05/25/07 | 79,162.22 PA 38.05 PH |
| | | To | To | | To |
| | | Acting Health & Human Services Director Unit 00 | Health & Human Services 40.0 hrs/wk | | 85,710.75 PA 41.20 PH |

CORRECTIONAL DATE

| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
|-----|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------|----------------|
| 24. | Ashley M. Zidek | Seasonal Help/Cashier Unit 00 | Parks and Recreation/OV 20.0 hrs/wk | 05/26/07 | 7.35 PH |
| | | | | To | To |
| | | | | 05/01/07 | 7.85 PH |

SEPARATIONS

| | NAME | TITLE | UN | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 25. | Joseph D. Baxter | Lieutenant | 80 | Corrections | 10/01/07 | Separation |
| 26. | Bonnie L. Curtis | Nursing Assistant – PT | 03 | Nursing Services | 05/30/07 | Separation |
| 27. | Sheena M. Dudley | Nursing Assistant – PT | 03 | Nursing Services | 05/30/07 | Separation |
| 28. | Thomas C. Jandris | Corrections Officer | 01 | Corrections | 06/13/07 | Separation |
| 29. | Edward S. Jones | Assistant Public Defender | 37 | Public Defender | 08/03/07 | Separation |
| 30. | Tammy L. Singleton | Nursing Assistant | 30 | Nursing Pool | 05/29/07 | Separation |
| 31. | Kristin R. Thim | Placement/Staff Coordinator | 00 | Human Resources | 06/16/07 | Separation |
| 32. | Jaclyn M. Von Hohen | Clerk Typist/CRT Operator | 03 | Health | 05/18/07 | Separation |
| 33. | Fred Walters | Custodian Leadman/NMH | 02 | Public Works | 07/07/07 | Separation |

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season
*estimated date

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

None.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote as follows, 3-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Appointments.

Redevelopment Authority: Reappointment

Anthony Maniscola, reappointment - term expires 7/17/12

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Upon motion of Miss Miller, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 2-0, the following Ordinance was approved:

Ordinance No. 130 Amending Ordinance No. 129 by setting forth a new Annual Rental Payment Schedule to be Guaranteed by the County.

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect. Commissioner Cawley was not present during the time of the vote.

David M. Sanko, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following matter(s):

Upper Bucks Government Center/District Justice Office – Mr. Sanko informed us that the ground breaking has occurred on both of these projects and they continue to move forward with the hopes of a completion date sometime in the Spring.

9-1-1 Emergency Operations Center – This capital project is also moving forward and the steel is scheduled to arrive shortly.

Election Results – The official count has been requested for the website but cannot be done until Judge Waite rules on a recount. With the new machines, we were able to conduct a manual recount of the votes with the paper audit trail and found that the results matched the results on the machines from election night. The official count will be posted as soon as we receive the ruling from the Court.

Commissioner Miller commented on the increase of student participation this past election and said she hopes to see it continue. She informed us that there were participants from various school districts and some students earned \$95 as clerks for machine operators while others used this experience as a community service project necessary for graduation. She stated this was a valuable service they provided as well as a valuable experience and she hopes to see increasing participation with this worthwhile effort. The Commissioners agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to the students in appreciation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, commented on David Sanko's report and stated that the voter verified paper ballot is not that same a paper audit trail. She believes the results of the machines are not accurate as the machine tape sometimes shows fewer votes than the actual number of voters signed in and expressed her concern about lost votes.

David Sanko gave some explanations as to why the numbers would differ and said that there is a great level of confidence in the new machines. Commissioner Martin added that the mass majority of voters found the machines easy to use and experienced no problems.

Stacey Mulholland, Plumstead Township Supervisor, thanked the Commissioners for the Open Space Bond Referendum Initiative and stated that the money is critical in order to preserve open space. She said that in terms of the environment, land preservation is our first defense in protecting our natural resources and having open space helps preserve our air and water.

Malcolm Crooks, Solebury Township Land Preservation Committee, said he appreciates what has been done with the Haskey Farm as this project has been in the works for many years. He thanked Rich Harvey for his hard work and said he greatly appreciates the coordination and cooperation the Township receives from the County.

Commissioner Miller commented on the time and efforts put forth by Mr. Crooks and expressed her appreciation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 2007 at Van Sant Airport, 516 Cafferty Road, Erwinna, PA 18920.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: July 11, 2007

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BY:

Charles H. Martin
Chairman

James F. Cawley, Esq.
Commissioner

Sandra A. Miller
Commissioner

David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk