

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 17, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., at Plumstead Christian School, 5765 Old Easton Road, Plumsteadville, PA. In attendance were Commissioner James F. Cawley, Chairman, Commissioner Charles H. Martin and Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia. Commissioner Cawley opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Plumstead Christian School CEO, Dean Whiteway, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Cawley announced that the meeting will be recorded to allow audio playback on the County's website.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Cawley introduced Chairman of the Board of Plumstead Christian School, Dave Eastburn, who welcomed everyone and spoke about the school, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

Commissioner Cawley recognized local elected officials, Stacey Mulholland, Plumstead Supervisor and Larry Glick representing the office of Congressman Patrick Murphy.

He also acknowledged County elected officials who were present: Patricia Bachtle, Prothonotary, Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts, Ray McHugh, Controller, Edward "Duke" Donnelly, Sheriff and Ed Gudknecht, Recorder of Deeds.

PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Cawley spoke of the significance of today's meeting, held on Constitution Day, and presented a civics lesson to Mr. Jim Zeldenrust's twelfth grade history class. He thanked Mr. Zeldenrust for the opportunity to speak to the students about government and the constitution and presented copies of the constitution for the audience members and students.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed September 2008 as "DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH" throughout the County of Bucks in coordination with the 19th annual Pennsylvania Recovery Organization – Achieving Community Together (PRO-ACT) Recovery Month. The organization will host two events in September to achieve its goals and address many aspects of promoting recovery, including educating the public and supporting families. Larissa Baynard, PRO-ACT volunteer, and Melanie Milke, PRO-ACT staff member, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for the support and the opportunity to help the recovering community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2008 were approved.

DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

Joe Funk, Health & Human Services, spoke on items 1 b-f.

Joe Funk, Health & Human Services, spoke on item 2j and explained that the contract is a continuation of services, as opposed to a new contract, in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia's question.

Vitor Vicente, Community & Business Development, spoke on items 4 a & b in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia's question and explained that funding was already approved and the action taken today is to enter into the contracts.

Vitor Vicente, Community & Business Development, also spoke on item 4d in response to Mr. Cawley's question and explained how the project came to the County's attention.

Joe Funk, Health & Human Services, spoke on item 8a.

Patricia Bachtle, Prothonotary, spoke on item 13a.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 3-0, item 2a was **TABLED**.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved with the exception of agenda item 4a, (attachment numbers 19, 29 and 30) which were opposed by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, but approved with the vote being 2-1-0.

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.	AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Automated Security Alert, Inc. Munhall, PA	Approve contract to provide Personal Emergency Response Systems and Medication Dispensing/Monitoring Services. 7/1/08 – ongoing	\$10,000.**
		b. Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Center Warminster, PA	Approve contract to provide recreational and educational programs. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$40,132.**
		c. Bensalem Senior Citizens Association Bensalem, PA	Approve contract to provide recreational and educational programs. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$61,625.**
		d. Council Rock Senior Citizens Association Richboro, PA	Approve contract to provide subsidy to Northampton Township Senior Center for recreational and educational programs. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$14,404.**
		e. Eastern Upper Bucks Seniors, Inc. Ottsville, PA	Approve contract to provide recreational and educational programs. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$8,583.**
		f. Morrisville Senior Servicenter Morrisville, PA	Approve contract to provide recreational and educational programs. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$ 48,327.**
2.	CHILDREN & YOUTH TABLED	a. Bethanna - Visitation Program Southampton, PA	Approve contract to provide visitation support services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$350,000.**
		b. Bucks County Head Start, Inc. Morrisville, PA	Approve contract to provide educational and transportation services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$85,000.**
		c. Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. Wrightstown, PA	Approve contract for the Bridge and Transitional Housing program. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$223,500.**
		d. Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. Wrightstown, PA	Approve contract to provide family shelter services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$594,707.**
		e. Family Services Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide counseling, early childhood and family services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$221,500.**
		f. Family Services Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide time limited Family Reunification (LINKS) services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$468,458.
		g. Libertae, Inc. Bensalem, PA	Approve contract to provide parenting group services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$32,000.**

		h.	Neighborhood First Program, Inc. Bristol, PA	Approve contract to provide intensive mentoring and monitoring services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$471,200.**
		i.	Network of Victim Assistance, Inc. Jamison, PA	Approve contract to provide individual and group counseling services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$41,412.**
		j.	Tabor Children's Services Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide intensive family services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$425,000.**
		k.	YWCA of Bucks County Trevose, PA	Approve contract to provide academic, summer and scouting outreach programs. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$676,164.**
3.	COMMISSIONERS	a.	Carroll Engineering Corp. Warrington, PA	Approve contract increase for project management of Neshaminy Creek Watershed Plan.	\$250,000.**
		b.	Pennoni Associates, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase for project management of Neshaminy Creek Watershed Plan.	\$250,000.**
4.	COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	a.	33 Funding Recipients (see attached list)	Approve Community Development Block Grant contracts with non-profit organizations and municipalities for program year 2008. 4/1/08 – 3/31/10	\$1,207,390.
		b.	9 Funding Recipients (see attached list)	Approve Community Development Block Grant contracts with non-profit organizations and municipalities for program year 2008. 4/1/08 – 3/31/10	\$180,220.
		c.	Growth Horizons, Inc. Glenside, PA	Approve contract to acquire and rehabilitate housing unit for a group home and low-income rental opportunities. 9/1/08 – 9/1/10	\$77,000.
		d.	US Environmental Protection Agency Philadelphia, PA	Approve grant contract for Brownfields funding to clean East Rockhill Township residential properties with contaminated wells. 9/8/08 – 9/31/12	\$245,000.
5.	CORRECTIONS	a.	Blanski, Inc. Reading, PA	Approve contract increase for repairs to temporary boiler. 12/23/07 – 8/23/08	\$9,365.04**
		b.	FMB Laundry Baltimore, MD	Approve contract for rental of washers and dryers. 10/1/08 – 9/30/11	\$44,006.40.**
		c.	PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant renewal for Day Reporting Program Funds. 7/1/08 to 6/30/09	\$145,900. Revenue
6.	EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES	a.		Approve out of county travel for two employees to attend National EMS Conference in Las Vegas, NV. 10/14/08 – 10/20/08	\$2,200. (for each employee)
7.	FINANCE	a.	Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland	Approve renewal of Neshaminy Manor patient trust bond. 9/19/08 – 9/19/11	\$7,200.
8.	HEALTH	a.	Garrison Enterprises, Inc. Charlotte, NC	Approve contract to cover costs of maintenance, data hosting and technical support for Inspection and Licensing Software. 7/1/07 – 12/31/09	\$20,000.

	b.	Pennsylvania Dept. of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of HIV/AIDS Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant renewal funds to provide HIV/AIDS prevention program services. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$162,144. (revenue)	
9.	HUMAN SERVICES	a.	American Red Cross, Lower Bucks Chapter Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide shelter, case management and monitoring services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$89,300.**
		b.	Catholic Social Services Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide case management, counseling and referral services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$30,300.**
10.	LAW LIBRARY	a.	Thomson Reuters St. Paul, MN	Approve contract renewal for Westlaw/Westpak plan for internet legal research. 8/1/08 – 8/31/11	\$117,240.84
11.	MH/MR	a.	Lenape Valley Foundation Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide case management, family support and rehabilitation services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$5,125,712.**
		b.	Neighbours, Inc. Highland Park, NJ	Approve contract to provide family support, community habilitation and respite services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$176,068.**
		c.	Penn Foundation for Mental Health Sellersville, PA	Approve contract to provide case management, family support and rehabilitation services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$3,302,141.**
		d.	Penndel Mental Health Center Penndel, PA	Approve contract to provide case management, family support and rehabilitation services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$3,695,045.**
12.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	Gulf South Medical Parkesburg, PA	Approve contract to provide skin protectant cream for residents. 10/1/08 – 8/31/09	\$60,578.10.**
		b.	Stone Medical Staffing, Inc. Morrisville, PA	Approve contract and rate increase for agency staffing nurses in accordance with negotiated contracts. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$120,000.**
		c.	The Wood Company / a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sodexo Allentown, PA	Approve contract amendment to increase resident day rate for food and food service. 12/1/01 – 11/30/08	
13.	PROTHONOTARY	a.	Paperless Solutions, Inc. Bensalem, PA	Approve contract to provide a universal interface for all financial transactions.	\$100,350.**
14.	PUBLIC WORKS	a.	Armour and Sons Electric, Inc. Langhorne, PA	Approve contract increase to provide thermal insulation on generator exhaust system.	\$3,878.
		b.	Carr & Duff, Inc. Huntingdon Valley, PA	Approve contract increase to add lighting fixtures for new Burn Building.	\$4,000.
		c.	Eagle Maintenance Supply, Inc. Pennsauken, NJ	Approve contract to provide housekeeping equipment at Neshaminy Manor Nursing Facility.	\$44,445.77

	d.	Jurin Roofing Services, Inc. Quakertown, PA	Approve contract to replace roof at the Health Building.	\$94,542.**
15.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Bucks County Historical Society Palisades Community Chorus Pearl Buck Foundation Womens' Advisory Council	Approve Payment \$10,000. \$1,000. \$4,000. \$3,500.

*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.

II. ATTACHMENTS

Community & Business Development – Item 4a

1.	Redevelopment Authority	#08-04	Economic Development Service	\$ 98,000
2.	BARC	#08-05	Group Home Rehab - Old Bethlehem	\$ 9,800
3.	BARC	#08-06	Group Home Rehab - Blythewood Rd	\$ 9,800
4.	BARC	#08-07	Group Home Rehab Route 313	\$ 9,800
5.	Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.	#08-08	Housing Counseling Program	\$ 39,200
6.	Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.	#08-09	Shelter Rehab	\$ 55,170
7.	Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.	#08-10	Bristol Apartments Rehab	\$ 8,520
8.	Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.	#08-11	Robert Morris Apartments Rehab	\$ 9,200
9.	Indian Creek Foundation.	#08-12	Group Home Rehab Sellersville	\$ 14,100
10.	CoMans, Inc.	#08-13	Group Home Rehab	\$ 22,700
11.	Community Options, Inc.	#08-14	Group Home Renovations	\$ 9,800
12.	BeeLONG Adult Day Services	#08-16	Video Surveillance System Purchase	\$ 12,700
13.	Center for Independent Living	#08-18	Accessibility Training Program	\$ 16,700
14.	Lenape Valley Foundation	#08-20	Rehab of "The Barn"	\$ 9,800
15.	Lenape Valley Foundation	#08-21	Group Home Kitchen Rehab	\$ 9,800
16.	American Red Cross, LBC	#08-22	Operations Funding	\$ 127,400
17.	Libertae	#08-25	Bathroom Renovations Group Home	\$ 24,500
18.	Legal Aid of SE Pennsylvania	#08-26	Fair Housing Education	\$ 19,600
19.	SCORE Chapter 570	#08-31	Upward Mobility	\$ 14,700
20.	Interfaith Housing Development Corp.	#08-32	Predevelopment Costs	\$ 19,600
21.	East Rockhill Twp.	#08-33	Sheards Mill Covered Bridge Rehab.	\$ 39,400
22.	Middletown Township	#08-35	Curb Cuts	\$ 15,700
23.	Morrisville Borough	#08-36	Municipal Parking Lot Reconstruction	\$ 74,500
24.	Quakertown Borough	#08-38	Road Improvements	\$ 50,800
25.	Richland Township	#08-39	Road Improvements	\$ 93,600
26.	Warrington Township	#08-41	Drainage Improvements Phase II	\$ 35,000
27.	Warminster Township	#08-42	Road Reconstruction/Curb Cuts	\$ 39,200
28.	Warminster Township	#08-43	Road Improvements	\$ 98,800
29.	Bedminster Township	#08-44	Stover Myers Mill Restoration	\$ 87,300
30.	Haycock Township	#08-46	Historic Preservation Sheards	\$ 28,500
31.	Hulmeville Borough	#08-47	Disability Accessibility Improvement	\$ 29,400
32.	Northampton Township	#08-49	Curb Cuts	\$ 56,100
33.	Tinicum Township	#08-50	Disability Accessibility Improvement	\$ 18,200
			Total:	\$1,207,390.00

Community & Business Development – Item 4b

1.	Lower Bucks Family YMCA	#08-17	Facility Rehab for Classrooms	\$ 19,600
2.	Lifepath Inc.	#08-23	Bathroom Rehab	\$ 19,600
3.	Lifepath Inc.	#08-24	Driveway paving and grading	\$ 9,800
4.	Delta Community Supports	#08-27	Group Home Rehab HVAC	\$ 7,350
5.	Delta Community Supports	#08-28	Group Home Rehab – Foyer Floor	\$ 5,390
6.	Delta Community Supports	#08-29	Group Home Rehab Bathroom	\$ 20,700
7.	Delta Community Supports	#08-30	Group Home Rehab Carpet Replacement	\$ 5,880
8.	Quakertown Borough	#08-37	Stormwater Improvements	\$ 51,200
9.	Sellersville Borough	#08-40	Road Reconstruction	\$ 40,700
			Total:	\$ 180,220

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote as follows, 3-0, the following Resolution was adopted:

Adjustment #09-011-0 HOME Program, Growth Horizons
Establish budget for Growth Horizons Project.

Adjustment #09-012-0 Coroner
To cover increase in expenditures through 12/31/08.

Adjustment #09-013-0 Liquid Fuels
To cover repairs to Bridge #203

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote as follows, 3-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Appointments.

Bucks County Transport
Lewis Tarlini – reappointment, term expires 10/9/13

Housing Authority
Carole Z. Logan– new appointment, term expires 12/15/12

Local Emergency Planning Committee
Ed Copper– reappointment, term expires 8/31/10
Kelli J. Scarlett– reappointment, term expires 8/31/10

Workforce Investment Board
Jim Nichols – new appointment, term expires 7/1/10

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote as follows, 3-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Appointments.

Drug & Alcohol Commission
Lisa D. Williams – new appointment, term expires 9/17/11

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PERSONNEL LIST

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Cawley, and opposed by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 2-1-0, the following Resolutions were approved:

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Karen Agzigian	Registered Nurse Unit 06	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	09/02/08	51,399.55 PA 24.68 PH
2.	Michelle L. Beers	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40 hrs/wk	09/03/08	13.49 PH
3.	Beata Daly	Absentee Ballot Clerk Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk	09/15/08	11.48 PH
4.	David C. Damsker	Medical Director Unit 00	Health Department 40 hrs/wk	11/08/08 05/08/09	165,000.00 PA + Contract 169,950.00 PA
5.	Jennifer S. Dull	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	10/14/08	39,393.56 PA 20.20 PH
6.	Rebecca M. Heron J.P.#103-08	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk	09/29/08	34,438.91 PA 16.55 PH
7.	Sven Kalnin	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk	09/29/08	11.48 PH
8.	Audrey R. Kenney	Deputy Director Emergency Comm. Unit 00	Emergency Communications 40.0 hrs/wk	09/22/08 03/22/09	68,000.00 PA To 70,040.00 PA
9.	Christopher J. Morrone	Food Service Attendant Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	09/13/08	12.01 PH
10.	Katie M. Pliszka	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk	09/29/08	11.48 PH
11.	Diane Zeldich	Registered Nurse Unit 06	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	09/02/08	51,399.55 PA 24.68 PH

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
12.	Jeanne E. Hofmann Sep date 6/7/02	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk	09/15/08	11.48 PH

PROMOTION/DEMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
13.	Gerald B. Anderson	Project Manager Unit 00 To County Director of Operations Unit 00	Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk To Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk	09/27/08 03/27/09	66,950.00 PA To 85,000.00 PA To 87,550.00 PA
14.	Peter Ference	Med RSVP Corp Coord Unit 00 To Director Emergency Communications Unit 00	Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk To Emergency Communications 40.0 hrs/wk	09/22/08 03/22/09	56,649.96 PA 27.23 PH To 80,340.00 PA To 82,750.20 PA
15.	Victor A. Giangrante	Lieutenant Training Specialist Unit 80 To Lieutenant Unit 80	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	01/01/07	70,482.31 PA 33.88 PH To 70,482.31 PA 33.88 PH

16.	David Gomez	Desktop Support Coordinator Unit 00 To Enterprise Coordinator Unit 00	Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk	09/22/08 03/22/09	55634.36 PA 26.74 PH To 60,000.00 PA 28.84 PH To 61,800.00 PA 29.71 PH
17.	Dale R. Haring	Counseling Supervisor Unit 81 To Case Manager Supervisor Unit 81	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	01/01/07	61,596.10 PA 21.61 PH To 61,596.10 PA 21.61 PH
18.	David R. Howell	Security Guard Trainee Unit 00 To Security Guard Unit 00	Security 40.0 hrs/wk To Security 40.0 hrs/wk	09/13/08	33,635.23 PA 16.17 PH To 34,675.53 PA 16.67 PH
19.	Peter J. McElroy	Administrative Specialist Unit 00 To Asset Manager Unit 00	Corrections 40 hrs/wk To Finance 40 hrs/wk	09/27/08 03/27/08	44,035.90 PA 21.17 PH To 55,000.00 PA To 56,650.00 PA
20.	Thomas J. Noon	Counseling Supervisor Unit 81 To Case Manager Supervisor Unit 81	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	01/01/07	61,596.10 PA 21.61 PH To 61,596.10 PA 21.61 PH
21.	Robert Rose	Security Guard Trainee Unit 00 To Security Guard Unit 00	Security 40.0 hrs/wk To Security 40.0 hrs/wk	09/13/08	33,635.23 PA 16.17 PH To 34,675.53 PA 16.67 PH
22.	Kevin M. Rousset	Community Corrections Manager Unit 81 To Case Manager Supervisor Unit 81	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	01/01/07	58,318.54 PA 28.03 PH To 59,933.10 PA 28.81 PH
23.	Kevin M. Rousset	Case Manager Supervisor Unit 81 To Deputy Superintendent Unit 00	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	07/05/08	61,596.09 PA 29.61 PH To 70,000.00 PA
24.	Adam Santiago	Desktop Support Specialist Unit 46 To Desktop Support Coordinator Unit 00	Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk	09/22/08 03/22/09	49,749.87 PA 23.91 PH To 52,692.11 PA 25.33 PH To 54,272.87 PA 26.09 PH
25.	Kevin M. Schuster	Help Desk Specialist Unit 46 TO Desktop Support Specialist Unit 46	Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk	09/22/08	42,019.80 PA 20.21 PH To 45,797.60 PA 22.01 PH

TRANSFER

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
26. Enoch Amoah	Nursing Assistant Unit 30 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	09/27/08	15.02 PH To 13.49 PH
27. Hasana J. Jerman	Nursing Assistant Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 30	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	08/30/08	13.49 PH To 15.02
28. Stacy L. Wilson	County Caseworker II Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	10/14/08	46,640.52 PA 23.91 PH To 46,640.52 PA 23.91 PH

CHANGE OF HOURS

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
29. Samual Bolstein	Registrar Unit 03 To Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk To Board of Voter Registration 17.5 hrs/wk	09/10/08	11.48 PH To 11.48 PH
30. Anthony T. Delellis	Registrar Unit 03 To Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk To Board of Voter Registration 17.5 hrs/wk	09/10/08	11.48 PH To 11.48 PH
31. Melissa A. Herman	Registrar Unit 03 To Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk To Board of Voter Registration 17.5 hrs/wk	09/10/08	11.48 PH To 11.48 PH
32. Dorothy M. Jolly	Registrar Unit 03 To Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk To Board of Voter Registration 17.5 hrs/wk	09/10/08	11.48 PH To 11.48 PH
33. Michelle McLaughlin	Registrar Unit 03 To Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk To Board of Voter Registration 17.5 hrs/wk	09/10/08	11.48 PH To 11.48 PH
34. Florence I. Sinkler	Registrar Unit 03 To Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk To Board of Voter Registration 17.5 hrs/wk	09/10/08	11.48 PH To 11.48 PH
35. Cynthia Smarsh	EPS II Unit 46 To EPS II Unit 46	Health Department 37.5 hrs/wk To Health 40.0 hrs/wk	09/27/08	57,676.96 PA 29.57 PH To 61,522.10 PA 39.57 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
36. Ryan A. Matthews	Seasonal Help/Boat Handler Unit 00 To Seasonal Help/Boat Handler Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	08/30/08	8.22 PH To 8.47 PH+
37. Pamela A. Elder	Clerk Typist Unit 03 To Clerk Typist Unit 03	Emergency Communications 80.0 hrs/wk To Emergency Communications 80.0 hrs/wk	07/16/08	29,290.97 PA 14.08 PH To 33,945.60 PA 16.32 PH

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NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
38. Dawn L. Krinn	Registered Nurse Unit 60 To Registered Nurse Unit 06	NM Nursing 20.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	09/13/08	13.49 PH To 30,934.65 PA 14.87 PH

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
39. Peter D. Ference	“Acting” Director Emergency Comm. Unit 00 To Med RSVP Corp Coord Unit 00	Emergency Communications 40.0 hrs/wk To Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk	09/13/08	70,133.02 PA To 56,649.96 PA 27.23 PH

SEPARATIONS

NAME	TITLE	UN	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
40. David Aaronson	Seasonal Help	00	Health	08/15/08	Separation
41. Lale W. Byers	Planner	46	Planning Commission	09/12/08	Separation
42. Dawn Donahue	PHN II	06	Health	10/01/08	Separation
43. Jean Furmaniak	Registrar	03	Board of Voter Registration	09/05/08	Separation
44. Annie E. Gray-Royal	Nursing Assistant	03	NM Nursing	08/25/08	Separation
45. Erika Heiduk	Registrar	03	Board of Voter Registration	09/01/08	Separation
46. Phyllis Hinchliffe	Assessment Appeals Assistant	03	Board of Assessment	10/03/08	Separation
47. George L. Sternberger, Jr.	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	06/19/08	Separation

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season
 *estimated date
 **Never Started

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Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked about the movement regarding items 22 and 23. Carmen Thome, Human Resources, explained that they include both a promotion and change of title, which is why the two separate actions are necessary.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired about item 13, including the interview process and posting of the position. She expressed concerns about the fast pace of the hiring process and said the Commissioners should be included in the interviews. She suggested removing the item from today’s list and conducting another interview process and she also asked about the individual’s access to a County vehicle.

In response, Mr. Sanko spoke about the appointment of this candidate. He explained the interview process, the County’s policy to encourage internal promotions and he expressed his confidence in the individual.

Mr. Martin complimented the individual and also spoke of the County’s positive experience with internal promotions.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Harrisburg – The state legislature has reconvened for its fall session and positive signals have been received regarding the prison reform package. Mr. Sanko informed us that there will likely be amendments to the package, but said he expects it to pass soon.

State Budget – Mr. Sanko announced that there have been conversations with legislative delegates regarding the \$25.00 administrative fee to be paid by child support recipients. He informed us that Montgomery County Representative Kate Harper is leading the charge to have that repealed and allow the support to be provided to family units where it is needed.

Flu Pandemic Drill – Mr. Sanko renewed the call for more than three hundred volunteers to assist with the pandemic flu exercise that will be held on Saturday, October 18th, 2008.

Bond Issue – There have been conversations in connection with the \$55 million Bond Issue, which will most likely be conducted in October. The RFP processes and awarding of banks and bond council have all been concluded and the participating banks will be PNC and Wachovia with Curtin and Heefner serving as bond council.

National Preparedness Month – Mr. Sanko commented on the moving ceremony held at the courthouse in honor of those who lost their lives in the attacks on September 11th as well as Bucks County citizens who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the war on terror.

Mr. Sanko commended the performance of a bomb squad in averting tragedy after an alert citizen identified suspicious packages in a Chester County parking garage and he also commended the efficient response of the Bucks County Courthouse staff after a threatening package arrived last month. He said all departments involved acted with vigilance and handled the situation in the safe manner in which they were trained. He said the matter is now being handled by the District Attorney's office in order to identify the source.

Personnel – Mr. Sanko spoke about the background and credentials of Dr. David Damsker, who was appointed as Health Department Medical Director on today's personnel list. Additionally, he announced that Pete Ference has been named Director of 911 Emergency Communications along with Audrey Kenney, who will serve as Deputy Director.

News Release – The application period for the use of money collected from hotel tax is now open at the Convention and Visitors Center Bureau. Mr. Sanko announced that non-profit organizations can submit applications for funds in three eligible categories: capital projects, special events or marketing opportunities.

Consumer Protection – Mr. Sanko announced that the Office of Consumer Protection, in partnership with Community Development, will be available as a single point of contact to make counseling referrals to citizens encountering mortgage foreclosures or financial challenges and he provided contact information.

Mr. Martin commended the performance of Lynn Bush and the Planning Commission, as well as Mr. Kisselback, for the municipal officials seminar held on Saturday. He complimented the quality of the programming and the high turnout for the event. The Commissioners also complimented the Public Information staff for the moving recognition program in honor of September 11th

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia referenced the Federal Deficit Reduction Bill, which charges an administrative fee to recipients of child support. She suggested sending a letter to the governor, and perhaps other officials, to voice opposition to this burdensome fee, to which Mr. Cawley agreed.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia suggested that this year's unused housing trust fund money be utilized to supplement citizens struggling with high oil prices. Vitor Vicente responded and explained that the money is currently in agreement to be used strictly for weatherization. Mr. Cawley suggested exploring the issue further and Mr. Martin stated that weatherization provides a long term benefit, while a one-time payment may not be as helpful to citizens.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia addressed the Board of Elections' lack of absentee ballots due to problems with a supplier and suggested making a notation in a file reflecting the supplier's actions.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia referenced an ongoing concern regarding the approval of an arbitration agreement for corrections officers. A discussion ensued concerning whether the Commissioners can adopt the arbitration agreement if the actual contract has not yet been resolved. Mr. Sanko and Controller, Ray McHugh, offered clarification about the approval process and Carmen Thome, Human Resources, offered assurances that the contract will be completed and presented at an upcoming meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Simon Campbell, a Lower Makefield Township resident, addressed Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia and spoke about transparency in government and the recently approved union contracts. He asked Ms. Ellis-Marseglia to provide clarification regarding a letter that she included with the aforementioned contracts and inquired about employing government resources for political purposes.

Matthew McCreash, on behalf of FJM Electrical Construction, spoke about the county parking garage construction project and shared his impression that the recent pre-bid meeting was not properly advertised. He asked about the possibility of another meeting and Mr. Sanko responded by highlighting the public nature of the project, the use of newspapers to advertise, and he also noted that another pre-bid meeting could lead to timeline delays. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility and/or ramifications of holding another a meeting, which included input from the Commissioners, Solicitor Glenn Hains and Purchasing Director, Maureen McIlvaine.

Connie Fewless, a Langhorne resident, spoke regarding the Board of Elections items on today’s personnel list. She expressed concern as to why the staffing was on a part-time basis, especially with the up coming election, and inquired as to why staff hours are cut in half. Mr. Sanko replied that the BOE items on today’s personnel list are not full-time, but per diem positions, which are generally filled by employees who prefer to work part-time. He explained that this is actually an increase in workforce as it gives us the ability to hire more staff as the demand calls for it.

Sandy Schiff, a Doylestown resident, asked the Commissioners about the renewal of expired annual software licensing fees and the leasing of additional voting machines for the fall election. Mr. Sanko responded and stated that he will look further into issue of licensing fees.

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, spoke of a meeting held last week between County employees and members of the Coalition for Voting Integrity. Ms. Rawley spoke of the research and expressed her concerns of long lines on Election Day. She encouraged the Commissioners to fully address the situation and encouraged the twelfth grade students in the audience to vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at the Richland Township Police Station Meeting room, 229 California Road, Quakertown, PA, immediately following a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Upper Bucks Government Services Center.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved:

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BY:

James F. Cawley, Esq.
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk