

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 29, 2008

The Special Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, December 29, 2008 at the Bucks County Courthouse, Community Room, Doylestown, PA, for the purpose of setting the compensation for the Office of Jury Commissioner. In attendance were Commissioner James F. Cawley, Chairman, Commissioner Charles H. Martin and Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia. Commissioner Cawley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cawley spoke about the purpose of today’s meeting and how technological innovation, among other factors, has eliminated the need for the position of Jury Commissioner. He stated the Commissioners will forward a letter to the state legislature in support of eliminating the position altogether and added that the new salary will take effect on January 1, 2010, after the next election cycle.

Glenn Hains, Solicitor, spoke about the Commissioners’ legal abilities with regard to adjusting the compensation earned by the Office of Jury Commissioner. He explained that statute mandates that the county maintain the position, but said the salary may be reduced to a minimum of \$10,500 and health benefits may be completely eliminated.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia spoke in favor of eliminating additional Solicitorships for Row Offices in order to realize further cost savings for the County, but it was decided to delay an in-depth discussion due to the sole purpose of today’s meeting.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the Bucks County Board of Commissioners, to the extent permitted by law, fixes the salary of the Office of Jury Commissioner at the statutory minimum of \$10,500 annually. This salary shall take effect on January 1, 2010, with increases to be added each calendar year thereafter in accordance with County policy, until further action by the Board of Commissioners.

RESOLVED, that the Bucks County Board of Commissioners revises the fringe benefit package as it will no longer include employee health care benefits, including dental, vision, prescription and medical, for the Office of Jury Commissioner.

Any prior and inconsistent Resolutions of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners are hereby rescinded and revoked as to their inconsistency and are reinstated and confirmed insofar as they are consistent with this Resolution.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – All Items

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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BY:

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James F. Cawley, Esq.  
Chairman

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Charles H. Martin  
Commissioner

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Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia  
Commissioner

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David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk