

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 7, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at the Bucks County Courthouse, Community Room, Doylestown, 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, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia nominated Commissioner Cawley for the Chairmanship of the Board of Commissioners, but the motion failed for lack of a second.

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 2-1-0, the gavel was passed from Commissioner James F. Cawley to Commissioner Charles H. Martin, who will assume the Chairmanship of the Board of Commissioners.

Upon nomination of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, Commissioner James F. Cawley will assume Vice-Chairmanship of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Cawley congratulated Mr. Martin and spoke of his well-documented ability to serve as Chairman. He thanked Ms. Ellis-Marseglia for her generous nomination, but explained that tradition holds that the Chairmanship changes between Mr. Cawley and Mr. Martin in alternating years. Mr. Martin spoke of progress achieved in 2008 under Mr. Cawley's leadership and stated that he looks forward to continued progress in the upcoming year.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

PROCLAMATION

The Commissioners proclaimed January 2009 as "NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH" throughout Bucks County and encouraged eligible donors to give the "Gift of Life" through the donation of blood. The Bucks County Health Department will conduct two blood drives in January to address the constant need for blood reserves. Dr. David Damsker, Director of the Health Department, spoke about the importance of giving blood and thanked Lauren Emma, Health Department, for coordinating the drives.

Mr. Martin welcomed Dr. Damsker to his first meeting, as he began in his capacity as Bucks County Health Department Director late last year. Dr. Damsker thanked the Commissioners and stated that he looks forward to attending meetings and achieving progress in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Agenda Related Items

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2008 and the Special Meeting of December 8, 2008 were approved.

DISCUSSION – Agenda Related Items

Art Feltes, Recycling Coordinator, spoke on item 3a regarding background information and benefits of the contract.

Glenn Hains, Solicitor, Pat Bachtle, Chairman of the Redevelopment Authority, and David Sanko, Chief Operating Officer, spoke on item 3b.

Joe Funk, Human Services, spoke on item 4a. Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Funk for his generous donation of a television to the shelter after touring the site in December.

Vitor Vicente, Community & Business Development, spoke on item 4b and introduced George Dranginis, Housing Finance Board, who spoke about the project and thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Harris Gubernick, Corrections, spoke on items 5a & b and a discussion ensued regarding the wording of item 5a. Commissioner Cawley explained that concerns from the previous meeting regarding item 6a have been resolved.

Pete McElroy, Asset Manager, spoke on item 7a and explained the benefit of purchasing the vehicles outright.
 Michelle Henry, District Attorney, spoke on item 7b.
 Don Jacobs, Information Technology, spoke on item 8a.
 Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, spoke on item 13a.
 Maureen McIlvaine, Purchasing, spoke on item 14a.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>		<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1.	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS	a.	Allan Collaunt Associates, Inc. Broomall, PA	Approve contract to provide oversight services for HealthChoices program. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$85,911.62**
2.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a.	Bucks County Head Start, Inc. Morrisville, PA	Approve contract amendment to increase monthly cap amount from \$7,500 to \$8,500. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	
3.	COMMISSIONERS	a.	Otter Recycling Center, Inc. c/o Larry Snyder Bristol, PA	Approve contract extension for receiving and marketing recyclables. 7/31/09 – 7/31/14	
		b.	Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks Bristol, PA	Approve amended Cooperation Agreement for new equipment at St. Mary Medical Center.	
4.	COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	a.	American Red Cross Homeless Shelter Levittown, PA	Approve pass through contract to provide shelter services for homeless persons. 7/17/08 – 7/17/10	\$54,887.
		b.	Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County Chalfont, PA	Approve contract to acquire and rehabilitate property on Chestnut St. in Perkasio Borough for use as housing units for low income families. 1/1/09 – 1/1/11	\$400,000.
5.	CORRECTIONS / YOUTH CENTER	a.	Honeywell International / Honeywell Building Solutions Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract increase due to additional work to be completed in accordance with Fire Marshal recommendations.	\$20,794.
			UNTABLED		
		b.	Honeywell International Fort Washington, PA	Approve maintenance contract increase to add Youth Center to service agreement and add coverage for hardware & software installed in 2008. 1/1/07 – 12/31/11	\$236,234.
6.	COURTS	a.	Isaac S. Garb, Esq. Buckingham, PA	Approve contract for General Master in re Criminal and/or Civil matters as assigned by President Judge of Bucks County Court. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$20,000.
			UNTABLED		
7.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a.	Bob Fisher Chevrolet/ Fisher Leasing Reading, PA	Approve contract increase to purchase 16 leased cars for county detectives. 1/1/07 – 12/31/08	\$170,480.
		b.	PA District Attorney Association Harrisburg, PA	Approve payment of annual dues. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$10,577.
8.	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a.	Donald Brennan Associates, Inc. Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract to provide application programming and support for Unisys Clearpath System and Legacy Enterprise Government Solutions. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$63,000.** (\$70./hr)

9.	JUVENILE PROBATION	a.	Karen M. Kreller, LSW Plumsteadville, PA	Approve contract to provide administrative coordination for activities related to PCCD TRACK grant. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$16,200.**
		b.	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Harrisburg, PA	Approve increased award for Juvenile Accountability Block Grant to provide Truancy Reduction And Curfew for Kids (TRACK) project as originally approved on 12/17/08 Agenda. 4/1/09 – 4/31/10	\$9,538. Revenue
10.	LAW LIBRARY	a.	Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender Albany, NY	Approve contract for purchase of book materials updates for Shepards, PA Statues and US Code Annotated. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$20,000.**
11.	MH/MR	a.	BARC Holicong, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust allocations. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$16,234.**
		b.	Delta Community Supports, Inc. Lower Gwynedd, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust allocations and rate. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$26,445.**
		c.	Developmental Enterprises Corporation Norristown, PA	Approve contract to provide pre-vocational services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$10,100.**
12.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	Gulf South Medical Supply Jacksonville, FL Manheim Medical Manheim, PA Xpedx Camp Hill, PA	Approve additional suppliers for purchase of incontinent products for residents. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$143,147.76**
		b.	School Health Corporation Hanover Park, IL	Approve contract extension to purchase vinyl gloves until new bid process is complete. 12/1/08 – 1/31/09	\$10,000.*
13.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	Lower Makefield Township Yardley, PA	Approve contract to provide planning assistance to update Open Space Plan. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$5,000. Revenue
14.	PURCHASING	a.	Prestige Packaging, Inc. West Point, PA	Award Bucks County's portion of contract for paper products as part of the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$115,940.60*

*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 Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote as follows, 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved:

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Cynthia J. Ashwell J.R.#149	Ranger Clerk Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	12/15/08	10.25 PH
2.	Angela S. Billups J.R.#13	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/09	13.89 PH
3.	Walter G. Hopkins J.R.# 21	Food Service Attendant – PT Unit 03	NM Dietary 24.0 hrs/wk	12/20/08	12.01 PH
4.	Shmille M. Jones J.R.# 13	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	12/23/08	13.89 PH

5.	Amethyst S. Lewis J.R.#13	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/09	13.89 PH
6.	Megan R. Pennypacker J.R.#52	County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	02/02/09	21.04 PH
7.	Jacqueline M. Purnell J.R.#13	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	12/23/08	13.89 PH
8.	Howard S. Rubin J.R.#161	Security Guard Trainee Unit 00	Security 40.0 hrs/wk	12/22/08	16.67 PH
9.	Bonnie Schroeder J.R.#13	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/09	13.89 PH
10.	Alice J. Walters J.R.#197	Planner/S Unit 46	Planning 40.0 hrs/wk	01/19/09	21.04 PH
11.	Allison L. Wassum J.R.#142	Community Corrections Officer Unit 01	MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk	01/19/09	22.17 PH
12.	Jeffery W. Whittock J.R.#24	Security Screener Unit 00	Security 25.0 hrs/wk	12/23/08	12.73 PH

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	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
13.	Enoch Amoah	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs./wk	01/03/09	13.49 PH
		To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk		To 15.31 PH
14.	Henchon Edouard	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs./wk	12/22/08	13.89 PH
		To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk		To 15.31 PH

POSITION CHANGE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
15.	Benjamin E. McDannell J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	12/16/08	10.56 PH
		To Seasonal Help Unit 00	To Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk		To 8.99 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
16.	Susan L. Russo J.R.#15	Accounts Receivable Manager Unit 00	NM Business Office 20.0 hrs/wk	12/20/08	15.02 PH
		To Nursing Assistant Unit 30	To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk		To 15.02 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
17.	3% cost of living increase for non-union employees effective 01/01/2009 with the exception of Exhibit A				

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	U N	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
18.	Cynthia O. Amanfo	Nursing Assistant	30	NM Nursing	12/01/08	Separation
19.	Francis E. Carter	Security Screener	00	Security	12/17/08	Separation
20.	Amy R. Chamuris	Registered Nurse	06	NM Nursing	12/24/08	Separation
21.	Scott C. Delange	Seasonal Help	00	Parks & Recreation	12/16/08	Separation
22.	Elizabeth R. Diefenderfer	Registered Nurse	06	NM Nursing	12/16/08	Separation
23.	Oliver A. Groman III	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	12/19/08	Separation
24.	Suzie Jean	Nursing Assistant	30	NM Nursing	12/09/08	Separation
25.	Germaine A. Mancke	Registrar	03	Board of Voter Registration	11/14/08	Separation
26.	Jane L. McGlinchy	Admin Asst I – DRP	04	Children & Youth	01/03/09	Separation
27.	Lisa M. McManus	Dispatcher I	03	911 Emergency Response	01/01/09	Separation
28.	Kathleen B. Saunders	Registrar	03	Board of Voter Registration	11/14/08	Separation

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season

*estimated date **Never Started

EXHIBIT A

2009 COLA Exception List: 0% Increase:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	Board of Assessment	Board Members		
2	Department Solicitors			
3	District Attorney	Administrative Aide	04011	Cathy Sue Flipping
4	District Attorney	Victim Witness Asst	04998	Marie J. Evans
5	District Attorney	Victim Witness Clerk	06523	Bernadette Connison
6	Police Training	DUI Grant Coordinator	05094	Harry McCann
7	General Services*	Director of Special Projects*	05503	Joseph Bush
8	Security	Security Guards/Trainees		See attached list
9	All Departments	Seasonal Help / Per Diem		See attached List

* Pending Board Approval of Department and Title change

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Meri Dolan, Human Resources, provided additional explanation on item #23 in response to the Commissioner's question.

APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 2-0-1, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Appointments:

Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority

James F. Cawley – new appointment, term expires 1/6/14

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Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 3-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Appointments:

Airport Authority

John Mininger - reappointment, term expires 1/1/14

Area Agency on Aging

Edward Bader – reappointment, term expires 1/1/12
Jane Fox-Laquer – reappointment, term expires 1/1/12
Nancy Keenan – reappointment, term expires 1/1/12
Barbara Reilly – reappointment, term expires 1/1/12

Board of Health

Dr. Alan J. Miller – reappointment, term expires 1/14/13
Nancy A. Reid - reappointment, term expires 1/14/13

Industrial Development Authority

Michael J. Mabin – new appointment, term expires 1/1/13

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

Conservation District

Charles H. Martin – new appointment, term expires 1/1/10

Housing Authority

John W. Domanico – reappointment, term expires 12/15/13

MH/MR Advisory Board

Isabel Godwin – reappointment, term expires 1/24/12
Rabbi Bernard Perelmuter – reappointment, term expires 1/24/12

Open Space Review Board

Robert Wharton – reappointment, term expires 11/5/09

Opportunity Council

Peter A. Berger – reappointment, term expires 12/31/11

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Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 2-1-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Appointments:

Community College Authority

Edward F. Murphy, Esq. - reappointment, term expires 1/1/14

Planning Commission

Darrin Hoffman – reappointment, term expires 1/1/13

Ed Kisselback, Jr. – reappointment, term expires 1/1/13

Water & Sewer Authority

Joseph J. Ryan – reappointment, term expires 1/1/14

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

Enterprise Zone Organization

Vanya Tyrrell – new appointment, term expires 12/31/10

Human Relations Council

Marjory Apollon-Shields – new appointment, term expires 12/18/11

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Upon nomination by Commissioner Martin, Commissioner James F. Cawley was designated as a representative of the County of Bucks to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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

Program – Bucks County has been selected as one of only two counties in Pennsylvania to partner with the Department of Homeland Security to work on a system to better identify illegal aliens. Michelle Henry, District Attorney, and Harris Gubernick, Corrections, spoke about the program and its benefits.

Justice Center – Mr. Sanko announced that building permit applications have been submitted to Doylestown Borough, signifying continued progress made by Gerry Anderson, Director of Operations, toward construction on the Justice Center and Parking Garage projects.

Harrisburg – While in attendance at yesterday’s swearing-in ceremonies for the Pennsylvania Legislature, Mr. Sanko had the opportunity to meet with many members from across the state. In discussions with those present, he found it was the consensus that raising taxes would be an unpopular way to deal with the state budget deficit, which he informed us is now estimated to be \$1.7 - \$2 billion. Mr. Sanko warned of potentially serious reductions in state funding and stated that he will continue to monitor the situation.

Mr. Martin complimented Brian Hessenthaler, Finance, on his recent editorial which appeared in the local newspaper and asked for an update on responses to a memorandum sent out by the Finance Department. Mr. Hessenthaler stated that the majority of departments have responded, and in accordance with the Commissioners’ request, he agreed to report further on the situation to Mr. Sanko.

Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, spoke about a survey which was completed by Judges of Elections and summarized the findings, which will be released to the public after today’s meeting. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia expressed concerns about a press release written to accompany the survey report and requested that it be withheld as a result, and a discussion followed regarding the possibility.

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia asked Commissioner Cawley, serving as Chairman of the Board of Elections, when the next Board of Elections meeting will be held, to which he responded that a date is not set but would be scheduled in the near future.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked about a resolution concerning the Bucks County Housing Group. Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, and Vitor Vicente, Community & Business Development, responded that the item in question will be part of a resolution to approve the funding recommendations by the Community Development Advisory Board and it will be an upcoming Agenda.

Mr. Cawley stated that this will be his fourth year serving on the Board of Commissioners and reflected on his first full term in office, highlighting specific achievements such as BEGIN and the Justice Center, and stated that no progress could have been achieved without the wonderful help of the Chief Operating Officer, management team and staff. Mr. Cawley added that he looks forward to continuing to work to improve the quality of life for Bucks Countians. Mr. Martin added that another major accomplishment of Mr. Cawley's first term was three consecutive years without a tax increase, and expressed his gratitude to Mr. Cawley and Bucks County staff for their service.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Paul Salvatore, a Newtown Borough resident and Chairman of the Newtown First Night committee, thanked the Commissioners for their generous support of Newtown First Night and for passing the 2009 budget without a tax increase.

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, spoke about Judges of Elections survey results and requested a meeting to discuss them at length. Mr. Cawley agreed to schedule a meeting in the near future, and a discussion ensued regarding issues on Election Day and voting in a high-turnout presidential Election.

Sandy Schiff, a Doylestown resident, asked about the status of a scheduled purge of registered voter lists. Deena Dean, Board of Elections, provided background information and explained that the statewide voter registration system had not been functioning properly, but the purge would take place once the system his fixed. Ms. Schiff then discussed voter education efforts, determining voter intent and an ongoing recount process in Minnesota.

Bucks County Housing Group members Donna McQuillen, a Buckingham resident, and Kevin McPoyle, a Doylestown resident, thanked the Commissioners for their support and spoke about the need for additional funding to accommodate the demand for the Housing Group's services. The Commissioners expressed their understanding of the situation and stated that their concerns will be taken into consideration.

Tom Kline, a Doylestown resident, spoke about a pre-construction meeting held yesterday and expressed his interest in examining the parking garage project's plans and specifications. Mr. Martin directed Mr. Kline to Gerry Anderson, Director of Operations, to address the request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at the Bucks County Courthouse, Community Room, Doylestown, PA.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved:

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Charles H. Martin
Chairman

James F. Cawley, Esq.
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk