

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 1, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at Habitat for Humanity, 31 Oak Lane, Chalfont, PA. In attendance were Commissioner Charles H. Martin, Chairman, Commissioner James F. Cawley and Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia. Commissioner Martin opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Martin introduced Marilyn Jacobson, Chalfont Borough Council, who welcomed everyone to Chalfont and commented that today’s meeting location was nearly converted into a townhome housing development due to proposed zoning changes; instead, she was proud to be able to re-use the building as a home for Habitat for Humanity.

Commissioner Martin introduced Linda Andrews, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity, and thanked her for hosting the meeting. Ms. Andrews introduced various board members and staff who were in attendance and spoke about the Habitat for Humanity program, its impact in the community and its focus on “green” issues. Ms. Andrews invited everyone to take literature and visit the Habitat’s reStore after the meeting, which sells deeply discounted home furnishings. Mr. Martin thanked her and presented her with a check on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Martin also recognized county officials who were present: Patricia Bachtle, Prothonotary, Ed Gudknecht, Recorder of Deeds, and Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts.

He also noted the presence of Stacey Mulholland, Plumstead Township Supervisor.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed April 2009 as “NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE MONTH” throughout Bucks County. The Commissioners applauded the No Child Left Inside-Bucks County Coalition, expressed support of its initiative to emphasize outdoor classrooms and nature-based experiential education, and recognized that those outlets are associated with significant student gains in social studies, science, language arts and math. Stacey Mulholland accepted and spoke about the commitment to preserving open space in Bucks County so that children in the future may enjoy a connection to nature.

The Commissioners proclaimed April 2009 as “CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH” throughout Bucks County and called upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening the community. Children & Youth employees Michelle Glover, Georgia Gray and Michele Soncini accepted and thanked the Commissioners on behalf of the agency and spoke about the commitment to protecting the children of Bucks County.

COMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners presented a letter of Commendation to Mr. James Brownlow in celebration of his 29 years of service to the people of Bucks County through his participation as a member and chairman of the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board. During his service, he has supported MH/MR consumer involvement and has been instrumental in the growth of the program’s budget through the years. The Commissioners thanked him for his service and presented him with a special-edition Commissioners tile from the Moravian Pottery & Tile Works. Phillip Fenster, MH/MR, introduced various members of the board and staff and thanked Mr. Brownlow for his contributions and advocacy. Mr. Brownlow accepted and spoke about the Board of Commissioners’ support over the years and the importance of services provided. In his capacity as Chairman of the Springfield Township Board of Supervisors, he invited the Commissioners to hold a meeting in his municipality.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda 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 March 18, 2009 were approved.

DISCUSSION – Agenda Related Items

Joe Funk, Health & Human Services, spoke on items 1a, d & e and items 9a & b.

Maureen McIlvaine, Purchasing, explained that the properties pertaining to item 2a will go out for bidding again due to a mathematical error.

Vitor Vicente, Community & Business Development, spoke on item 3a.

Harris Gubernick, Corrections, spoke on item 4a & b and answered Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s questions regarding item 4c.

Gerry Anderson, Director of Operations, spoke on item 6a and provided clarification for the Commissioners.

Don Jacobs, Information Services, spoke on items 8a & b regarding the structure of the contract.

Kris Kern, Open Space, spoke on item 10a.

Bill Mitchell, Parks & Recreation, spoke on item 11a.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolution was approved with the exception of items 1b, 1d and 1f, which Ms. Ellis-Marseglia opposed but were 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:

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Alternative Rehabilitation Communities Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care, residential and secure services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$537,000.**
		b. Bethany Christian Services of Central Pennsylvania Lancaster, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$75,100.**
		c. Glen Mills Schools Concordville, PA	Approve contract to provide residential institutional care and aftercare services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$609,900.**
		d. Pinebrook Services for Children & Youth Allentown, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$100,000.**
		e. St. Mary Medical Center Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide emergency shelter services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$105,000.**
		f. The Bair Foundation of Pennsylvania, inc. New Wilmington, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 2/1/09 – 6/30/09	\$29,500.**
2.	COMMISSIONERS	a. Mid-Atlantic Construction and Design Associates, Inc. Trenton, NJ	Rescind award to provide construction on two homes in Bensalem as part of Neshaminy Creek Supplemental Plan.	[\$205,692.]
3.	COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	a. Bucks County Housing Group Wrightstown, PA	Approve contract to provide first-time homebuyer and foreclosure counseling. 4/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$40,000.**
4.	CORRECTIONS	a. Honeywell Building Solutions Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract for engineering design services prior to project contract. 1/1/09 – 12/31/11	\$39,000.** (\$130./hr)

	b.	Honeywell Building Solutions Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract for repairs to current security and intercom systems. 4/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$278,860.	
	c.	Multi Health Systems North Tonawanda, NY	Approve contract to provide inmate classification assessments. 3/15/09 – 3/14/10	\$20,160.	
	d.	PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD) Harrisburg, PA	Approve renewal of funds for the Pre-Trial Project Grant. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$53,751.25 Revenue (25% from PCCD)	
	e.	PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD) Harrisburg, PA	Approve pass-through grant for Intermediate Punishment. 7/1/08 – 6/30/10	\$145,900. Revenue	
	f.	VITA Education Services Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide Jobs Readiness and Personal Decision Making classes. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$36,747.**	
5.		EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES	a. Zoll Data Systems Broomfield, CO	Approve contract to provide technical support for Data Collection System. 11/15/08 – 10/14/09	\$21,150.
6.		GENERAL SERVICES	a. Jack Cohen & Co., Inc. Hatboro, PA	Approve contract increase at 911 Center in Ivyland, PA.	\$30,880.16
7.		HEALTH	a. Vericor, LLC Holmen, WI	Approve decrease to Purchase Order due to overestimated shipping charges.	[\$8,252.44]
8.		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a. Tax Collectors of: Riegelsville Borough Richlandtown Borough	Approve contract to establish a computerized tax billing system which will calculate and print tax bills. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09 with automatic renewal	Unit Cost Revenue
			b. Tax Collectors of: Warrington Township	Approve contract to establish a computerized tax billing system which will calculate and print tax bills. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09 with automatic renewal	Unit Cost Revenue
9.		NESHAMINY MANOR	a. Caring Hospice Fort Washington, PA	Approve addendum to hospice agreement to comply with Federal, State and Local laws.	
			b. Compassionate Care Hospice of Bensalem Bensalem, PA	Approve addendum to hospice agreement to comply with Federal, State and Local laws.	
			c. Quest Diagnostics Clinical Laboratories Horsham, PA	Approve contract to provide third-party billing for laboratory services.	\$3,000.**
10.		OPEN SPACE	a. The Morris Arboretum of the University of Philadelphia Philadelphia, PA	Amend contract to add nondiscrimination and information distribution provisions as required by DCNR.	
11.		PARKS & RECREATION	a. Bridgeton Athletic Association Upper Black Eddy, PA	Approve purchase of 31.96 acres adjoining Ringing Rocks Park in Bridgeton Township in lieu of condemnation. (TMP 03-003-106)	\$200,000. (+settlement charges and adjustments)

12.	John R. Kraemer J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/30/09	17.37 PH
13.	Victoria A. Leyden J.R.#15	NM Nursing Assistant – Pool Unit 30	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	03/31/09	15.02 PH
14.	Kevin C. Lockett J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/30/09	17.37 PH
15.	Renata M. Lorenz J.R.#21	Food Service Attendant - PT Unit 03	NM Dietary 24.0 hrs/wk	03/28/09	12.01 PH
16.	Jason C. Martin J.R.#297	Laundry Aide – PD Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	03/21/09	18.83 PH
17.	Kathleen M. McCole J.R.#22	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	03/23/09	13.52 PH
18.	Philip E. Miles J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/30/09	17.37 PH
19.	Gwen N. Moyer J.R.#213	Caseworker Unit 46	NM Social Works Services 40.0 hrs/wk	04/13/09	20.80 PH
20.	Jocelyn Myers J.R.#22	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	03/23/09	13.52 PH
21.	Jessica D. Pacek J.R.#250	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	04/27/09	20.80 PH
22.	Carol C. Pessoa-Jackson J.R.#17	LPN – Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	03/31/09	23.00 PH
23.	Edward J. Plandowski J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/30/09	17.37 PH
24.	Christopher Politi J.R.#218	Cook Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/30/09	18.89 PH
25.	Amanda Pustiak J.R.#22	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	03/23/09	13.52 PH
26.	Marc C. Schaffer J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/30/09	17.37 PH
27.	Musu Sesay J.R.#15	Nursing Assistant - Pool Unit 30	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	03/31/09	15.02 PH
28.	Joshua S. Stewart J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/30/09	17.37 PH
29.	Diana L. Strawn J.R.#22	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	03/23/09	13.52 PH
30.	Louis J. Torres, Jr. J.R.#299	Community Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	04/13/09	22.83 PH
31.	Timothy Travis J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/30/09	17.37 PH
32.	Michael D. Vanderstine J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/30/09	17.37 PH
33.	Michael C. Waldman J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/30/09	17.37 PH
34.	Thomas D. Watson J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/30/09	17.37 PH

35.	Tayna C. Williams J.R.#22	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	03/23/09	13.52 PH
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REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
36.	Maria Bochenek J.R.#295 Sep date 03/08/06	Laundry Attend Seamstress – PD Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	03/14/09	18.83 PH

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	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
37.	Michele Dixon	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03 To Dispatcher I Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk To 911 Emergency Response 40.0 hrs/wk	03/28/09	13.52 PH To 21.41 PH
38.	Shmille Jones	Nursing Assistant Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	03/28/09	13.89 PH To 16.32 PH
39.	David A. Leighton	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03 To Dispatcher I Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk To 911 Emergency Response 40.0 hrs/wk	03/14/09	13.52 PH To 21.41 PH
40.	Tina M. Monach	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03 To Dispatcher I Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk To 911 Emergency Response 40.0 hrs/wk	03/14/09	13.52 PH To 21.41 PH
41.	Jacqueline M. Purnell	Nursing Assistant Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	03/28/09	13.89 PH To 16.32 PH
42.	Amy B. Woolard	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03 To Dispatcher I Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk To 911 Emergency Response 40.0 hrs/wk	03/14/09	13.52 PH To 21.41 PH

PROMOTION/DEMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
43.	Carl W. Mangione, Jr.	Cook Unit 01 To Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/28/09	19.41 PH To 17.89 PH
44.	Corene M. Metzler	County Case Worker II Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	03/08/09	25.78 PH To 26.96 PH
45.	Desiree Mullen	County Case Worker II Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	03/07/09	28.07 PH To 29.22 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
46.	Zachary T. Erhard	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	03/10/09	8.65 PH
		To Seasonal Help Unit 00	To Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk		To 8.85 PH +

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
47.	David M. Cridland	Dispatcher Trainee	911 Emergency Response	03/01/09	Separation
48.	Jean P. Etienne	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing	02/03/09	Separation**
49.	Joanna H. Holmquist	LPN	NM Nursing	03/09/09	Separation
50.	Walter G. Hopkins	Food Service Attendant – PT	NM Dietary	03/27/09	Separation
51.	Tamara S. Jean–Baptiste	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing	03/03/09	Separation
52.	William J. Johnston, Jr.	Community Corrections Officer	MCCC	03/21/09	Separation
53.	Donna M. Mueller	LPN	NM Nursing	03/06/09	Separation
54.	Bonnie A. Schroeder	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing	03/10/09	Separation

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season

*estimated date **Never Started

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Surplus Sales – In the first quarter of the 2009 fiscal year, the county generated almost \$108,000 in revenue from the sale of surplus county equipment and property.

Grant Award – The Children’s Advocacy Center, a partnership consisting of NOVA, the District Attorney, Children & Youth and local police departments, will hold a meeting tomorrow at which time an announcement will be made that a \$25,000 grant has been awarded to the center by St. Mary’s Hospital. The grant will make possible the hiring of a director and will be of great assistance in helping children.

Children & Youth – Children & Youth will host four events in forty days to recruit foster parents. Informational events will be held April 20th at the Southampton Library and April 28th at the Warminster Library. On May 8th, the county will hold a foster parent recruitment day at the courthouse and government services center.

Harrisburg – Mr. Sanko announced that the Board of Commissioners and he recently returned from a three day CCAP event held in Harrisburg. It culminated in a legislative reception where he had the opportunity to meet with members of the legislature regarding upcoming reforms. He noted that the association is interested in raising the threshold for bidding requirements, allowing electronic advertising, changing the manner in which the state pays the counties for Children & Youth services, and modifying the threshold for prevailing wage projects.

State Cabinet – Mr. Sanko announced that that a new Secretary of Aging, John Michael Hall, has been approved. The governor’s nominee for Secretary of Environmental Protection, John Hanger, is undergoing a confirmation hearing today. Additionally, the Secretary of Labor & Industry, Sandi Vito, was approved by the committee, as was the Secretary of Revenue, Stephen Stetler, who indicated during his testimony that March revenues are down. Since the month had not yet drawn to a close, his comments stopped short of providing an exact amount.

At the Commissioners Association, the Senate Appropriations Chairman indicated that current revenue shortfalls, when measured against the Governor’s proposed budget, would lead to a \$12.5 billion deficit over the next 28 months. The state legislature is engaged in active discussions with the Governor’s office to resolve these issues.

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia noted that during last week’s Children & Youth legislative hearing, the Commissioners were in agreement about the possibility that foster parents in Bucks County are not sufficiently reimbursed. Pursuant to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s suggestion, the Commissioners directed that Joe Funk look into the issue and discern if improvements are possible. Commissioners Martin and Cawley noted that the Commissioners also agreed that too much paperwork is involved in the process and that more individuals are needed to act as foster parents. Mr. Funk stated that after the hearing, media attention and the Commissioners’ efforts, he has received several requests from interested individuals for more information.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia mentioned Sheard’s Mill Covered Bridge in East Rockhill and Haycock, as related to an agreement with PennDOT. Joe Bush, General Services, provided an explanation on the situation.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia spoke of increased federal funding available for housing projects and stated that she wishes to become involved in the process to decide how the money will be spent. Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, explained the process that will occur.

Commissioner Martin stated that last week, the Commissioners traveled to Philadelphia with representatives from other counties to meet with Mayor Nutter. He commented that the meeting went well and that helpful information was shared regarding the stimulus package. Another meeting will be held in May in Bucks County. He stated that the federal stimulus package will be a challenging project, and that the county will work hard to maximize the return to the county and the various programs involved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, asked the Commissioners to announce the upcoming Board of Elections meeting and voiced concerns regarding the proposal to switch from newspaper to electronic advertising. Commissioner Cawley responded that the meeting will take place on April 14th at 2:00 p.m. at the Bucks County Courthouse, Community Room, and added that the meeting will serve to review the November 2008 General Election.

Mike McDavid, Regional Director of the Penn State Cooperative Extension, spoke about a partnership between the Penn State Cooperative Extension and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. He thanked the Commissioners for their support and commended them for holding meetings throughout the community.

Paul Salvatore, a Newtown resident, asked for an update on the Bucks County Stimulus Incentive proposal. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia responded and stated that the easiest way to act would be to write a letter to the Board of Assessment. Mr. Salvatore presented a list of recommendations to help the local economy and outlined some of the ideas which were on the list.

Bob Scholder spoke about damage to the covered bridge on Keeley Avenue in New Britain Township and asked about the repair process and the federal stimulus package as related to funding for infrastructure. Mr. Martin responded and stated that Joe Bush, General Services, is looking into possible solutions, such as installing cameras on the bridges. Mr. Martin, along with Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, provided clarification in response to Mr. Scholder’s question regarding the stimulus package.

Meredith Buck, a member of the Bucks County Bar Association, announced that the association would be hosting a “candidate night” as an opportunity to learn about the candidates for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. She stated that it will be open to the public and invited everyone to attend. Mr. Cawley conveyed his regrets that he would not be able to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at the Delaware Valley College Farm Market, 2100 Lower State Road, 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