

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 6, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at the Upper Bucks Senior Center, Milford Fire Company, 2185 Milford Square Pike, Quakertown, 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

Mr. Martin thanked the Fire Company and Upper Bucks Senior Center for their hospitality and noted that today's meeting location is appropriate, as May is Older Americans Month. He introduced Rose O'Brien, Center Manager, who spoke about the center and thanked its 842 members, as well as its volunteers and local municipalities for their assistance.

Chairman Martin recognized county officials who were present: Patricia Bachtle, Prothonotary, Edward "Duke" Donnelly, Sheriff, Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts, and Bill Snyder, Treasurer.

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Area Agency on Aging, Brian Duke, Director, presented the Charles Kane Friend of Seniors Award and a special-edition Commissioners' tile to Mr. Jeffrey Vey. Mr. Duke spoke about the award and noted that community partnerships, with Mr. Vey, for example, are necessary to achieve the agency's goal of helping seniors. Mr. Vey, who serves as Milford Township Manager and Milford Fire Company President, accepted and advocated for a community-minded spirit. Mr. Martin stated that Mr. Vey is well-deserving of the award and shared some of his additional contributions to the community.

David Damsker, Director, Health Department, provided an update and addressed some common concerns about the recent outbreak of swine flu. He outlined the Health Department's response to the outbreak, encouraged everyone to stay home if feeling ill, and to wash their hands as a preventative measure. Dr. Damsker thanked Stacey Hajdak, Director, Public Information, and Meredith Allen, Public Health Epidemiologist, for their valuable assistance.

Mr. Steve Biddle asked about county assistance with payment for prescription medicines as part of a two-week emergency evacuation kit, because insurance companies may not cover the cost. Dr. Damsker responded and encouraged everyone to make a detailed list of their prescription medicines to be prepared for an emergency.

PROCLAMATION

The Commissioners proclaimed May 2009 as "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" throughout the County of Bucks in support of the Area Agency on Aging's efforts to help maintain the quality of life older Bucks Countians deserve. The 27th Annual Senior Games and a Senior Expo will take place during Older Americans Month, which is themed "Living Today for a Better Tomorrow." Nancy Keenan, Chairwoman, Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, accepted and dedicated the proclamation to two volunteers, Shirley Leister and Robert Beck.

The Commissioners proclaimed May 2009 as "FOSTER PARENT AND VOLUNTEER MONTH." They urged Bucks Countians to consider the enormous impact they can impart by participating in the foster care network and to contact the Bucks County Children & Youth Social Services Agency (BCCYSSA) for more information. Ginny Trea, Senior Manager, BCCYSSA, spoke about upcoming events and introduced Renee Atkins, Foster Parent Coordinator.

The Commissioners proclaimed May 3 - 9, 2009 as "CORRECTIONS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK" and saluted the Bucks County Correctional Facility and Mens' and Womens' Community Correctional Centers for their commitment to maintaining a nationally recognized standard of excellence in the secure, safe and humane operation of corrections facilities. Along with members of Corrections personnel, Harris Gubernick, Director, accepted and thanked the Commissioners on behalf of all 347 Corrections employees. Mr. Martin added that efforts are being coordinated to recognize Officer Mark Baum, a Corrections employee who lost his life while on duty in Iraq, and support his family.

The Commissioners proclaimed May 9, 2009, as “LETTER CARRIERS’ FOOD COLLECTION DAY” and urged residents to participate in the National Association of Letter Carriers’ Food Drive, when residents can leave non-perishable food items by their mailbox to be picked up and delivered to area food banks and pantries. Ed Neeham, Duncan Shepard and Frank Powell of USPS, and Mel White of the Emergency Relief Association of Lower Bucks accepted. Mr. Shepard displayed a reminder card which was sent in the mail to area residents and encouraged participation in the drive.

COMMENDATION

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to Ms. Sonia Smith, Community & Business Development, in honor of her selection as the recipient of the 2009 Eastern Pennsylvania SBA Women in Business Champion of the Year Award. The Commissioners applauded her public outreach endeavors, which “promote the resources available to emerging, existing and expanding women-owned businesses through loans, workshops, workforce development and housing assistance.” David Dickson, District Director, Philadelphia District Office, Small Business Association, spoke about the award and congratulated Ms. Smith. Ms. Smith expressed her gratitude and stated that it is an honor to be recognized for her efforts to make Bucks County a better place to live and work.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Cawley, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2009, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 1, 2009, were approved.

Mr. Cawley offered a correction to page 7 of the Minutes of April 15, 2009. He clarified that while he supported the spirit of the motion directing row office solicitors to document their work hours, because of his belief that taxpayers get an excellent deal in terms of the compensation paid for the work provided, he wished the record reflect his serious concerns about the Board of Commissioners’ power to direct the row office solicitors to act.

Mr. Martin also noted that he cast a “nay” vote on the aforementioned motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Agenda Items

Sandy Schiff, a Doylestown resident, inquired about 16a. Deena Dean, Board of Elections, responded and spoke about the support services provided for the Primary and General Elections.

William Wilson, Chairman, Bucks County Covered Bridge Society, spoke on item 7a. He thanked the Board for fireproofing the bridges and hoped that the destruction of bridges could be prevented in the future. He also announced an upcoming Covered Bridge Society Event, “Breakfast on the Bridge”.

DISCUSSION – Agenda Items

Maureen McIlvaine, Purchasing, spoke on items 2a & b and asked that both items be tabled. The Board discussed the request but ultimately did not consent to table.

Joe Funk, Health & Human Services, spoke on item 3d. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked for a document listing vendors and their anticipated usage at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Harris Gubernick, Corrections, spoke on item 5a.

Joe Bush, General Services, spoke on item 7a.

Jerry Anderson, General Services, requested that item 7d be tabled. He also spoke on item 7c and explained that due to the size of the project, he would not recommend moving forward without hiring a construction management firm. The Board members each spoke about their impressions of the vendor’s previous work performance and Mr. Sanko provided additional clarification regarding the RFP process.

Bruce Ugboode, Health Department, spoke on items 8a – c.

Meri Dolan, Human Resources, spoke on item 9a. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked about salaries for a supervisor position, and Mr. Funk, Mr. Sanko, and Ted Rice, Youth Center provided input and responses.

Ms. Dolan also spoke on item 9b regarding post-accident testing and explained that alcohol testing is currently conducted by law enforcement officials, if deemed necessary. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia suggested the words “and alcohol” be added to the policy, and the Board discussed the proposal at length. Mr. Sanko explained that the only change is the time period in which post-accident testing shall occur, to be consistent with county vehicle policy. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia requested that the county vehicle policies be adopted at a public meeting.

Bill Mitchell, Parks & Recreation, spoke on item 13b about the project and negotiations between the county and landowners.

Deena Dean, Board of Elections, spoke on item 16a.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, item 7d was TABLED.

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Cawley, with the vote being 3-0, only the sentence of item 9b dealing with post-accident drug testing within three hours was RETABLED. The remainder of the policy was passed unanimously.

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 3b, c, e, g & h, 7c, 9a, and 16a, 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.	BOARD OF ASSESSMENT	a. Donald Brennan Associates, Inc. Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract to provide technical services during transition into new software system. 6/1/09 – 12/31/10	\$16,800.**
2.	BOARD OF ELECTIONS	a. Courier Times Levittown, PA	Approve contract to place legal advertisements. 4/15/09 – 12/31/10	\$67,573.*
		b. Intelligencer Levittown, PA	Approve contract to place legal advertisements. 4/15/09 – 12/31/10	\$41,772.40*
3.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Bethanna Southampton, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care and residential treatment services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$180,000.**
		b. Bethany Christian Services Elkins Park, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$45,000.**
		c. COBYS Family Services Leola, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$183,000.**
		d. Community Service Foundation Pipersville, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care and day treatment services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$3,366,000.**
		e. Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries Mechanicsburg, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care and residential services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$536,700.**
		f. National Mentor Healthcare, LLC, d/b/a Pennsylvania Mentor Conshohocken, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care, residential treatment and step down services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$36,500.**
		g. The Impact Project, Inc. Emmaus, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$182,000.**
		h. Youth Services Agency Jim Thorpe, PA	Approve contract to provide case management, counseling and residential treatment services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$3,382,000.**
4.	COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	a. Interfaith Housing Development Corporation (IHDC) Bristol, PA	Approve contract extension to continue project assessment and development. 6/1/04 – 5/31/11	

		b. Interfaith Housing Development Corporation (IHDC) Bristol, PA	Approve contract to acquire and renovate properties for lease purchase, rental or direct sale to low income families. 4/1/09 – 4/1/11	\$600,000.
		c. U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development Philadelphia, PA	Approve submission of amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan and authorize acceptance of funds for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Programs. 9/09 – 9/12	\$975,905. Revenue
5.	CORRECTIONS	a. Compass Group Inc., Canteen Correctional Services Franklin, MA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide food service for Bucks County Correctional Facilities. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$1,091,628.**
6.	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a. Maintech Cranford, NJ	Approve contract award to provide hardware maintenance and repair of computer components. 3/31/09 – 3/31/12	\$18,813.60
7.	GENERAL SERVICES	a. Central Bucks Painters Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to install fire retardant, repair shingles and replace signs on six covered bridges.	\$150,870.**
		b. Engines, Inc. Northampton, PA	Approve contract increase for maintenance inspection of generators for various county buildings. 1/1/08 – 12/31/10	\$8,000.**
		c. Joseph Jingoli & Son, Inc. Lawrenceville, NJ	Approve contract to provide construction management services for the Justice Center project.	\$2,258,840.**
		d. Laurant Construction Co., Inc. Pennington, NJ	Approve contract to replace the roof of the Administration Building in Doylestown, PA.	\$182,850.
		e. Lederach Electric Lederach, PA	Approve contract to install exterior lights and poles and concrete bases for parking lot at District Court 07-1-09 Building in Warminster, PA.	\$49,500.
		f. Northeast Union, Inc. Bensalem, PA	Approve contract to replace roof of the Peace Valley Park Barn.	\$22,050.
8.	HEALTH	a. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, PA Dept. of Health, Office of PHP Harrisburg, PA	Approve amendment to award for annual bioterrorism / public health preparedness grant. 8/31/06 – 8/9/09	\$487,911. Revenue
		b. Hospital Preparedness Program at the Office of Public Health Preparedness Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant award for Bucks County Medical Reserve Corps for recruitment efforts and supplies. 4/20/09 – 8/8/09	\$7,236.17. Revenue
		c. Vericor LLC Holmen, WI	Approve contract to purchase Point of Dispensing supplies to satisfy goals and objectives of Bio-Terrorism state grant.	\$336,359.56* *
9.	HUMAN RESOURCES	a. Bucks County Senior Youth Counselors Doylestown, PA	Approve Amendment to 71 Memorandum of Understanding. 1/1/07 – 12/31/11	
		b. Human Resources	Approve revised, updated policies within the County of Bucks Human Resources Policies and revised updates to Personnel Practices & Procedures. Effective 5/6/09	

TABLED

UNTABLED

RETABLED, only as to post-accident drug testing within three hours

PERSONNEL

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

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Nicole E. Alimenti J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	05/01/09	7.59 PH+
2.	Ashley DiAmico J.R.#21	Food Service Attendant – PT Unit 03	NM Dietary 24.0 hrs/wk	05/09/09	12.01 PH
3.	Patrick T. Kennedy J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	04/25/09	7.22 PH+
4.	Peter C. Liese J.R.#280	Security Guard Trainee Unit 08	Security 40.0 hrs/wk	05/11/09	16.17 PH
5.	Crystal N. Litchy J.R.#13	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	05/12/09	13.89 PH
6.	Immacula A. Michel J.R.#14	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	05/12/09	13.89 PH
7.	Amoria S. Ransome J.R.#15	Nursing Assistant – Pool Unit 30	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	05/12/09	15.02
8.	Michele L. Viola J.R.#18	Registered Nurse Unit 06	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	04/27/09	25.42 PH
9.	Agnes Williams J.R.#16	LPN Unit 33	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	05/11/09	23.24 PH

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
10.	Michael W. Kauffman, Jr. J.R.#279 Sep Date 11/20/05	Security Guard Trainee Unit 08	Security 40.0 hrs/wk	05/11/09	16.17 PH
11.	Charlotte M. Tatu J.R.#17 Sep Date 12/15/08	LPN – Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	05/09/09	23.00 PH

PER DIEM TO PERM

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
12.	Cynthia J. Ashwell J.R.#304	Ranger Clerk Unit 00 To Clerk Typist Unit 03	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks & Recreation 35.0 hrs/wk	05/09/09	10.25 PH To 15.05 PH

PROMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
13.	Roy E. Hendricks III	Security Guard Unit 08 To Sergeant of Security Unit 08	Security 40.0 hrs/wk To Security 40.0 hrs/wk	05/11/09 11/11/09	16.67PH To 21.39 PH To 22.03 PH
14.	Renata M. Lorenz J.R.#92	Food Service Attendant – PT Unit 03 To Food Service Attendant Unit 03	NM Dietary 24.0 hrs/wk To NM Dietary 40.0 hrs/wk	04/25/09	12.01 PH To 13.78 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
15. Donna P. DeLucia	Assistant Director of Nursing Unit 00 To Assistant Director of Nursing Unit 00	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	05/10/09	78,250.92 PA To 80,598.45 PA
16. Mary B. Linder	LPN Unit 31 To LPN Unit 31	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	04/25/09	26.26 PH To 23.00 PH
17. Suzanne P. Weaver	Director of Clinical Outcomes Unit 00 To Director of Clinical Outcomes Unit 00	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	01/01/09	78,222.44 PA To 80,569.11 PA

TRANSFER

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
18. Kenneth F. Frey J.R.#269	Sergeant of Security Unit 00 To Custodian - NMH Unit 02	Security 40.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	05/09/09	23.30 PH To 18.33 PH
19. Richard E. Gorman J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk	05/09/09	17.89 PH To 17.89 PH
20. Patrick G. Herman J.R.#334	Mailroom Clerk Unit 03 To Forester Helper Unit 02	Mail Room 35.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	05/09/08	16.81 PH To 20.53 PH

SEPARATIONS

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
21. Kevin Candio	LPN	NM Nursing	04/21/09	Separation
22. Miriam M. Chewe	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing	04/24/09	Separation
23. Michele Dixon	Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	04/27/09	Separation
24. Joann M. Fahey	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing	04/01/09	Separation
25. David M. Gash	Museum Assistant	Parks & Recreation	04/19/09	Separation
26. Kendra A. Glover	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing	04/27/09	Separation
27. Saly George	LPN	NM Nursing	04/15/09	Separation
28. Andrea Kaluli	Food Service Attendant	NM Dietary	04/23/09	Separation
29. Michael L. Mohapp	Printing & Microfilming Helper	Printing & Reproduction	04/25/09	Separation
30. Emmanuel S. Roberts	Corrections Officer	Corrections	04/03/09	Separation
31. Peri Ann Thompson	Secretary	Main Jail	04/29/09	Separation
32. Catherine Tomlin	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing	04/27/09	Separation
33. Michael Wilker	Security Guard	Security	05/29/09	Separation

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season

*estimated date

**Never Started

Amended date: Howard S. Rubin Security Guard Trainee 5/2/09 Separation

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 matters:

State Budget - Mr. Sanko stated that revenues in April bring the projected state budget deficit to exceed \$3 billion. The legislature will be forced to make tough choices, as the budget starting point will be \$5 billion out of balance after an additional \$2 billion of spending is added.

Foster Parent Day – Foster Parent Day will occur prior to the next Commissioner’s meeting.

National Day of Prayer – Although the event is not sponsored by Bucks County, a National Day of Prayer ceremony will occur on the courthouse grounds Thursday at 12 o’clock noon.

Primary Election – The Primary Election will be held on May 19th, and Mr. Sanko encouraged everyone to vote.

Commissioner Cawley thanked Lynn Bush and the Planning Commission staff for the 2009 municipal directory.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Women’s Advisory Council

Rachel Martin - new appointment - term expires 4/9/12

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

Bicycle Advisory Task Force

Andrew Hamilton - reappointment - term expires 6/30/10

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:

Economic Development Advisory Board

Tara King - new appointment - term expires 12/31/09

William D. Rickett - new appointment - term expires 12/31/09

Juvenile Detention Center Board of Managers

Honorable Judge Jeffrey Finley - new appointment - term expires 7/1/11

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – All Items

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at the Solebury Township Building, 3092 Sugas Road, Solebury, 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, LCSW
Commissioner

David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk