

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 1, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at the American Legion Morell Smith Post 440, 41 Linden Avenue, Newtown, 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, which was led by Army Reserve Col. Chuck Hutt.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Martin thanked the American Legion for hosting the meeting, and introduced Jim Casey, who welcomed everyone on behalf of all Legion members.

Mr. Martin introduced Newtown Township Supervisors Mike Gallagher and Gerald Schenkman, who noted that Newtown is celebrating its 325th anniversary, and invited everyone to attend Independence Day festivities taking place during the upcoming holiday weekend.

He also introduced a county elected official who was present at the meeting: Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed July 1 – 7, 2009 as “MILITARY CHILDREN’S EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND AWARENESS WEEK” and expressed their appreciation to Kathylee Forrester, founder of Patches for Kids, an organization which assists the children of military personnel deployed overseas to express their feelings and emotions. Ms. Forrester accepted and spoke about the foundation and the children it assists. She introduced Col. Chuck Hutt, Mary Anne Del Rosario, and Phyllis Wawro of Huntingdon Valley Bank, and spoke about the bank’s campaign for unity. Col. Hutt also spoke about the importance of a strong family support team for members of the military and commended Ms. Forrester and her foundation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Martin offered two corrections to the Minutes of June 3, 2009, and Ms. Ellis-Marseglia offered one correction to the Minutes of June 17, 2009.

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of June 3, 2009 and June 17, 2009 were approved, with the corrections noted.

DISCUSSION – Agenda Items

Brian Duke, Area Agency on Aging, spoke on item 1a.

Dick Manna, Quality Assurance, spoke on item 3a.

Mr. Martin provided background information on item 3b and shared his concerns about the agreement. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia and Mr. Cawley also expressed their opinions. It was noted that RDA representatives were not present at the meeting. The Board discussed Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s proposed changes to the agreement, and Mr. Cawley commended her for her diligence. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to refer the agreement to the Economic Development Committee for review.

Brian Hessenthaler, Finance, spoke on item 6a.

Jerry Anderson, General Services, spoke on items 7a, b, c, e, f and g, and answered Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s questions regarding the generic engineering contracts. He introduced PECO representative Maureen Walsh, who spoke on item 7d.

Joe Funk, Health & Human Services, spoke on item 8b and 9a.

Don Jacobs, Information Technology, spoke on item 10a.

Maureen McIlvaine, Purchasing, responded to the Commissioners questions on items 12a – c regarding bidding procedures, the vendors, and how the county’s demand for vehicle maintenance services is divided between them. She also explained that the previous contract terminated, and a discussion followed regarding vehicle maintenance services that may be necessary during the month of July before the new contracts would take effect. Jerry Anderson, General Services, provided additional clarification.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Cawley, with the vote being 3-0, items 12a – c were TABLED.

Mr. Cawley motioned to empower the Director of Purchasing to inquire whether former vendors for vehicle maintenance would be willing to extend previous contracts for one month to expire on July 30, 2009, not including the vendor with which the county experienced problems. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia seconded, and the motion was approved with the vote being 3-0.

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved with the exception items 2a and 6a, which Ms. Ellis-Marseglia opposed but were approved with the vote being 2-1-0, and item 11d, which Mr. Martin opposed but was 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.	AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Adrienne Cohen and Jean Williams Plymouth Meeting, PA and Newark, DE	Approve contract to provide Senior Center Leadership training. 6/1/09 – 6/30/09	\$17,000.**
		b. Aramark Services, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide non-kosher congregate and home-delivered meals. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$640,949.43**
2.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Families United Network, Inc. Muncy, PA	Approve contract increase to provide foster care, emergency shelter and residential services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$49,000.**
		b. University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA and Jennifer Lometti	Approve Agreement for Child Welfare Education for Leadership Program. 7/1/09 – graduation	
3.	COMMISSIONERS	a. Bass II Enterprises, Inc. Minotola, NJ	Approve contract increase for foundation upgrade and damage repair for one home in Middletown and one home in Hulmeville.	\$36,016.*
	RETABLED	b. Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks Bristol, PA	Approve Cooperation Agreement for the redevelopment project related to the Rohm & Haas property in Bristol Township.	
4.	COURTS	a. West Payment Center Carol Stream, IL	Approve payment of invoice for book shipments to update Judicial Subscriptions.	\$11,721.84**
5.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a. Timothy J. Michals, MD Philadelphia, PA	Approve payment of consulting fees for pending case. 3/4/09 – 4/15/09	\$14,500.
6.	FINANCE	a. Chubb Insurance Company Philadelphia, PA	Approve property insurance renewal. 7/1/09 – 7/1/10	\$318,020.

7.	GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Horsham Water & Sewer Authority Horsham, PA	Approve Sanitary Sewer & Water Easement.	
		b.	Langan Engineers Warrington, PA	Approve contract to provide engineering services as requested by the county.	\$15,000.**
		c.	McCormick Taylor Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide engineering services as requested by the county.	\$15,000.**
		d.	PECO Energy Company Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract for voluntary load reduction of energy. 7/1/09 – 12/31/10	
		e.	T & M Associates Washington Crossing, PA	Approve contract to provide engineering services as requested by the county.	\$15,000.**
		f.	Tri State Engineers and Land Surveyors, Inc. Feasterville, PA	Approve contract to provide engineering services as requested by the county.	\$15,000.**
		g.	Urban Engineers, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide engineering services as requested by the county.	\$15,000.**
8.	HEALTH	a.	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health, Division of WIC Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant renewal for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. 10/1/09 – 9/30/10	\$673,481. Revenue.
		b.	Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Administrative Unit Harrisburg, PA	Approve award of Immunization Grant to prevent and control disease. 7/1/09 – 6/30/12	\$1,650,000. Revenue
9.	HUMAN SERVICES	a.	Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase to allocate remaining Human Services Development Funds (HSDF) for the current fiscal year. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$8,500.
10.	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a.	Unisys Corp. Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract to provide maintenance for mainframe computer. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$33,564.78*
11.	MH/MR	a.	CO-MANS, Inc. Pennel, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust service allocations. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$21,153.**
		b.	Divine Providence Village Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust service allocations. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$3,000.**
		c.	Growth Horizons, Inc. Glenside, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust service allocations. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$570,000.**
		d.	Horizon House, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust service allocations. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$67,956.**
		e.	Ken-Crest Services Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust service allocations. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$181,704.**

	f.	Lenape Valley Foundation Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust service allocations. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$133,785.**	
	g.	LifePath, Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust service allocations. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$497,193.**	
	h.	Reach Out Foundation of Bucks County Morrisville, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust service allocations. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$10,780.	
12.	PURCHASING	a.	Accel Auto Service Warminster, PA	Approve contract to provide vehicle maintenance and repair services. 8/1/09 – 7/31/11	\$113,400.*
			TABLED		
		b.	Kerrigan Automotive Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide vehicle maintenance and repair services. 8/1/09 – 7/31/11	\$16,800.*
			TABLED		
		c.	Scrappy's Auto Service Penndel, PA	Approve contract to provide vehicle maintenance and repair services. 8/1/09 – 7/31/11	\$35,400.*
			TABLED		
13.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Community Conservatory James Michener Arts Center Newtown Chamber Orchestra Patches Kids Organization	Approve Payment	\$2,500. \$25,000. \$1,000. \$1,000.

*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.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

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

Adjustment #12-029 December C Adjustment
Adjust Operating budgets to actual expenditures per the December C Budget Balance Report

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Brian Hessenthaler, Finance, provided an explanation.

PERSONNEL

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

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Frank Arrivello J.R.#383	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Park Rangers 10.0 hrs/wk	06/12/09	9.00 PH
2.	Manny Rodriguez J.R.#408	Food Service Attendant Unit 03	NM Dietary 40.0 hrs/wk	06/22/09	12.01 PH
3.	Matthew C. Rose J.R.#209	Seasonal Help Unit 00	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	06/22/09	11.21 PH
4.	Kimberly A. White J.R.#17	LPN - Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	06/23/09	23.00 PH
5.	Charline H. Udoh J.R.#16	LPN Unit 33	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	07/06/09	22.12 PH

PROMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
6.	Shantelle J. Gammon J.R.#414	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	07/04/09	25.13 PH To 26.28 PH
7.	Aimee H. Grace J.R.#415	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	07/04/09	25.78 PH To 26.96 PH
8.	Joan L. Milewski J.R.#412	County Caseworker I Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	07/04/09	25.13 PH To 26.28 PH
9.	Michelle C. Nord J.R.#413	County Caseworker I Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	07/04/09	25.13 PH To 26.28 PH
10.	Michelle A. Smith J.R.#416	County Caseworker I Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	07/04/09	25.13 PH To 26.28 PH
11.	Megan I. Zdziera J.R.#417	County Caseworker I Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	07/04/09	25.13 PH To 26.28 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
12.	Jeanine Etienne J.R.#15	Nursing Assistant - PT Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant - Pool Unit 30	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	07/18/09	13.89 PH To 15.02 PH
13.	Jessica L. Nomland J.R.#348	Support Specialist Unit 05 To Secretary Unit 03	Domestic Relations 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	07/04/09	18.78 PH To 18.13 PH

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
14.	Coleman P. Breme	Records Officer	WCCC	10/02/09	Separation
15.	Daniel M. Christiansen	Trades Leadsman	General Services	06/27/09	Separation
16.	Andrea E. Curran	Seasonal Help	Parks & Recreation	06/26/09	Separation
17.	Jason L. Davis	Corrections Officer	Corrections	06/22/09	Separation
18.	Casey D. Jones	Seasonal Help	General Services	06/16/09	Separation
19.	Shmille Jones	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing	06/19/09	Separation
20.	Victoria A. Leyden	Nursing Assistant - Pool	NM Nursing	06/12/09	Separation
21.	Mary B. Linder	LPN – Pool	NM Nursing	06/13/09	Separation
22.	David A. Marshall	Seasonal Help	General Services	06/16/09	Separation
23.	Patricia A. Medd	Coordinator – Office Manager	Consumer Protection	07/06/09	Separation
24.	Matthew H. Walters	Seasonal Help	Parks & Recreation	06/18/09	Separation
25.	Steven L. Weiss	Education Director	NM Admin	06/24/09	Separation
26.	Clark H. White III	Seasonal Help	General Services	06/16/09	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.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired about the timing of the release of the list, and Mr. Sanko responded.

APPOINTMENTS

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:

Human Relations Council

Ernesto Mateo Gange – reappointment – term expires 7/19/12

Workforce Investment Board

Elizabeth Graver – reappointment – term expires 7/1/12

Barbara Miller – reappointment – term expires 7/1/12

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

Juvenile Detention Center Board of Managers

Warren Knight – reappointment – term expires 7/1/12

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MISCELLANEOUS

David M. Sanko, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following matters:

Yesterday afternoon, Robert Baldi was unanimously confirmed as a Common Pleas Judge for Bucks County by the Pennsylvania Senate.

Mr. Sanko reported that he learned that the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Governor's office have approved the KOEZ application for Express Scripts.

The state budget was not completed on time for the seventh year in a row. During meetings with various legislators last week and speaking about budget opportunities, Mr. Sanko learned the Governor desires to increase spending and raise taxes, including the income tax. There is no indication that the budget will be completed in the next few weeks, although there are meetings at the governor's residence daily to resolve the issue.

Today, the state Attorney General's office is statutorily taking over all responsibility for issues related to Consumer Protection and home contractors on the state registry list. That will relieve the county Consumer Protection office of approximately 20-30 calls per month and keep some of the less respectable contractors out of the business.

Last Friday, during a conversation with Senator Specter's office, Mr. Sanko learned that the interoperability grant for the computer communication system, which would allow for data transmissions between EMS, fire and police personnel, has been approved for \$300,000. by the Senate Appropriation Committee. The project was estimated to cost \$2.4 million. Congressman Murphy, however, is still pledging \$1 million towards the project.

The Commissioners offered comments on the following matters:

The Commissioners each shared their opinions and concerns on the Governor's plan to raise the personal income tax.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked about the status of a proposed letter to state senators regarding the initial budget. Mr. Sanko replied that he communicated the message while in Harrisburg last week, but Ms. Ellis-Marseglia requested that the letter be sent anyway.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked about the status of an insurance RFP and requested that it be placed on an agenda for discussion. Brian Hessenthaler, Finance, provided a response.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked Mr. Funk for his opinion on a letter received from the Department of Public Welfare asking for the Commissioners' support of a House Bill. The Board asked that he draft a letter either for their signature or conveying his response.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia spoke about recent events involving misconduct and county employees, and presented a Whistleblower Policy that she drafted. She suggested that all employees sign the policy, and that it could be added to the county employee handbook. The Board discussed the policy and agreed to conduct research on the issue so as to make a recommendation in the near future.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked about the hiring of a Deputy Director of Health & Human Services, and the Board discussed the position and the need to fill it.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia spoke about non-row office solicitors in several departments to document their hours, and Mr. Cawley stated that he wished to follow up with the Solicitor on the issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT – All Items

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, asked Mr. Cawley about the possibility of creating an election evaluation committee, to which he responded that the Director of the Board of Elections is currently researching the issue.

Sandy Schiff, a Doylestown resident, spoke about a voting machine incident report for the Primary Election.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., at Peace Valley Nature Center, Lakeview North Pavillion No. 5, 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