

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 7, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at Pearl S. Buck International Historic Site, 520 Dublin Road, Perkasie, 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 welcomed everyone and expressed that it is a pleasure to be back at Pearl S. Buck International.

Mr. Martin introduced Janet Mintzer, president and CEO of Pearl S. Buck International. Ms. Mintzer expressed that it is a pleasure to have the Commissioners back and spoke of the history surrounding Pearl S. Buck International. She invited everyone to take a tour of the main house and visit the gift shop.

Mr. Martin recognized county officials who were present: Ed Gudknecht, Recorder of Deeds, Ray McHugh, Controller, Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts, Patricia Bachtle, Prothonotary, and Bill Snyder, Treasurer.

Mr. Martin also acknowledged Doylestown Borough Council President Det Ansinn and Hilltown Township Supervisors Rich Manfredi and Jack McIlhinney. Mr. Manfredi welcomed everyone to Hilltown Township and described it as a wonderful place to live, work and play.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed October 7, 2009 as "BUCKS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIANS AND SPECIALISTS DAY" throughout the County of Bucks in salute to the youth librarians and specialists for their dedication to developing a love of reading among children and young adults and encouraged all Bucks Countians concerned with youth and literacy to become involved by motivating our children to read today in order to ensure a stronger, more literate America for tomorrow. Martina Kominiarek thanked the Commissioners for their support of libraries and for the recognition of the great work of the youth services staff. Ms. Kominiarek introduced Det Ansinn, Library Board President, who thanked the Commissioners for their support and introduced youth services coordinator Connie Hillman. Ms. Hillman named all of the youth services librarians and staff who were present including team committee chair, Holly Ambrose, Amy Griffiths and Rosanne Vassalotti from Doylestown, Susan Geiss from Langhorne, Edana Hoy from Quakertown, Lora Terifay from Southampton, and Joelle Pandey from Warminster. Ms. Hillman thanked all of the staff for their outstanding work.

Det Ansinn announced that they had received recognition from the Pennsylvania Library Association and praised the Commissioners for their involvement in the program. Mr. Ansinn went on to thank the Commissioners, the library staff, and the library board. Commissioner Martin also thanked all of the library staff who was present for their hard work in making the program such a success.

COMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to Officer Edwin Howe and Officer John Wolper in recognition of their courageous and selfless actions in the line of duty as members of the Bucks County Security Division on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, when they displayed exceptional law enforcement skills and conflict resolution ability in resolving a domestic dispute which arose in the Office of the Prothonotary. Chris Daley, Director of Security, presented the Commendation to Officers Howe and Wolper. Officer Wolper thanked his Chief for the recent equipment updates and training.

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to William Pinto in honor of receiving the Bucks County 9-1-1 Youth Hero Award for 2009. Mr. Pinto, a minor, activated the Bucks County 9-1-1 emergency system to assist his father who was suffering from severe coughing and had fainted. As a result of his quick and decisive actions, his father received the care he needed in a prompt manner. Chuck Axt, community educator from 9-1-1, presented Mr. Pinto with an award and plaque, a letter of thanks, and a \$25.00 Walmart gift certificate. Mr. Pinto thanked everyone and stated that he would do the same for anyone. William Pinto, Sr., thanked his son for coming to his aid.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia added specific language to page 2 of the September 2, 2009 minutes.

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2009, September 16, 2009, and September 29, 2009 were approved, with the above correction noted.

DISCUSSION – Agenda Items

Rich Harvey, Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation Program, spoke regarding items 1a, 1b, and 1c and described the three farms being considered for preservation. Commissioner Martin asked Mr. Harvey to look into a specific piece of land near the Haycock farm. Mr. Cawley and Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Harvey for the good work.

Brian Duke, Director of Area Agency on Aging, spoke on items 2a, 2b, 2c, and 2d and stated that all are routine transactions.

Joshua Pasker, counsel for Abington Hospital, was present and addressed item 4c and explained why they need Bucks County approval.

Maureen McIlvaine, Director of Purchasing, spoke on item 6a in response to Mr. Martin's inquiry regarding why the low bidder did not get the job. Mr. Martin stated that bidding requirements need to be clearly communicated so that these problems can be avoided in the future. Ms. McIlvaine explained that the requirements are now being set forth early in the bidding process and more than once throughout the process.

Jerry Anderson, Director of Operations for General Services responded to Mr. Martin's inquiry regarding item 7c. Mr. Anderson also provided clarification on items 7b and 7d for Ms. Ellis-Marseglia. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked Mr. Anderson if these contracts will always go out to bid when they end, to which Mr. Anderson responded yes.

Dr. Damsker, Health Director, spoke on items 9a and 9b. He explained that they were amending the dates and getting ready for next year's grants in order to satisfy the CDC and the State. Dr. Damsker also gave a brief update regarding H1N1, the seasonal flu and the pandemic flu drill. Mr. Martin mentioned that a mailing will be going out to households in Bucks County regarding the flu.

Joe Funk, Director of Human Services, responded to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia's question on item 11a and stated that this is probably the last bill that will be seen of its kind and that a system is now in place to ensure that these bills are processed in a more timely fashion. Mr. Funk also provided clarification on items 12a and 12b in response to Mr. Martin's inquiry.

Bill Mitchell, Director of Parks & Recreation, described the acquisition being considered in item 13a. Mr. Cawley stated that he had the opportunity to visit this site with Mr. Mitchell and expressed that it is a gorgeous piece of property and promises to be the "jewel" of the Parks & Recreation system. Mr. Martin asked if the Growing Greener State funds were being used in this transaction, to which Mr. Mitchell stated yes, DCNR funds were being used.

Lynn Bush, Director of the Planning Commission and Acting Chief Clerk, spoke on item 14b and described the conservation easement on the grounds of the Pearl S. Buck Foundation. Ms. Bush went on to say that DCNR will pay for half of this acquisition and the County will pay for the other half. Janet Mintzer, President and CEO of Pearl S. Buck International, spoke about the history of the grounds and the changes that have occurred since she became President and CEO. She talked about the efforts to raise the funds needed and the fact that they raised 1 million dollars from the community towards this effort. She stated that with this money, and some state funding, an endowment now exists to ensure the future of this beautiful historic treasure. Ms. Mintzer spoke about the involvement of the late John Long, the driving force behind the effort to preserve this area, and acknowledged his wife and daughter, Paige and Devon Long. Ms. Mintzer thanked Paige and Devon for their sacrifices, Bill Mitchell for his efforts, and the Commissioners for their vision. She also spoke about her hopes for the future, including a visitor center.

Commissioner Martin presented Paige and Devon Long with a special Bucks County tile in memory of the efforts of their husband and father, John Long, and thanked them on behalf of the County. Paige Long thanked the Commissioners and spoke of her husband's efforts to see the fields of Bucks County stay green. Janet Mintzer invited everyone to visit the Memorial Stone in the water garden in front of the house in memory of John Long. Ms. Mintzer then introduced David Conn, from the Board of Directors, who thanked the Commissioners for their acknowledgement and support of this mission. Commissioner Martin commended Janet Mintzer for the leadership she has shown.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired regarding items 4a, 4b, and 4d, to which Mr. Martin provided clarification. Mr. Martin also explained with regard to item 4e that the construction on the two homes was part of the elevation process.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked if the owner of the vendor in item 15a had changed. Stacey Hajdak, Director of Public Information, stated that the name of the company was changed from Precision Marketing to Communications Concepts, but does not know who the owner is, or if it is the same owner. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia made a motion to table the item because of possible problems with the owner. Ms. Hajdak reviewed the bid process and clarified that the cost increase is due to a change in postal regulations. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked if this contract will go out to bid upon expiration in December, to which Mr. Martin stated it would. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia also inquired as to whether the vendor should bear the increased cost resulting from the Postal changes to which Maureen McIlvaine, Director of Purchasing responded that it is her belief that they should not, but referred to Glenn Hains, County Solicitor. Mr. Hains agreed with Ms. McIlvaine that the cost is not the responsibility of the vendor.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved with the exception of item 15a, which Ms. Ellis-Marseglia opposed, but was approved with the vote being 2-1-0, and item 4c, which Mr. Cawley abstained, but was approved with the vote being 2-0-1.

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. AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION	a. Michael J. Farbotnik, Marcia J. Farbotnik, and Marcella Farbotnik Solebury, PA	Approve county’s portion of a 71.87 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Farbotnik Farm on Street Rd. in Solebury Township. (TMPs 41-1-27, 41-1-27-1, and 41-1-27-2)	\$431,220. (+settlement charges and adjustments)
	b. Kenneth J. Horne Haycock, PA	Approve county’s portion of a 62.77 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Horne Farm on Creamery Rd. in Haycock Township. (TMP 14-1-6)	\$329,542.50. (+settlement charges and adjustments)
	c. Gerald J. and Linda C. Tumolo Nockamixon, PA	Approve county’s portion of a 27.42 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Tumolo Farm at Nockamixon Rd. and School Ln. in Nockamixon Township. (TMP’s 30-4-57-4, 30-4-57-5, and 30-4-57-6)	\$164,520. (+settlement charges and adjustments)
2. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Catholic Social Services Levittown, PA	Approve contract extension for care management services for the Nursing Home Transition Program. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$54,080.**
	b. King’s Caterers Bristol, Pa	Approve contract for Annual Retired & Senior Volunteer Program Recognition Luncheon. 9/17/09 – 5/20/10	\$12,600.**
	c. Pennridge Meals on Wheels Sellersville, PA	Approve contract to provide home delivered meals to seniors. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$12,390.**
	d. Falls Township Senior Citizens, Inc. Fairless Hills, PA	Approve contract to provide recreational and educational programs. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$61,457.

3.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a.	S3 Inc. Camp Hill, PA	Approve contract to provide software maintenance, management and consultation services for the automated computer system. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$60,000.**
4.	COMMISSIONERS	a.	Carroll Engineering Corp. Warrington, PA	Approve contract increase for the Neshaminy Creek Supplemental Plan.	\$150,000.**
		b.	Gilmore & Associates, Inc. New Britain, PA	Approve contract increase for the Neshaminy Creek Supplemental Plan.	\$150,000.**
		c.	Montgomery County Higher Education and Health Authority Philadelphia, PA	Approve resolution designating Chairman to approve Bonds issued solely for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.	
		d.	Pennoni Associates, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase for the Neshaminy Creek Supplemental Plan.	\$150,000.**
		e.	Premier Builders, Inc. Yardley, PA	Approve contract to provide construction on two homes in Bensalem Township as part of the Neshaminy Creek Supplemental Plan.	\$204,600.*
5.	DOMESTIC RELATIONS	a.	Orchid Cellmark East Lansing, MI	Approve contract increase to provide blood testing in contested paternity cases. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$5,000.**
6.	FINANCE	a.	Gaudelli Brothers, Inc. Millville, NJ	Approve contract to provide HVAC units for the Doylestown branch of the Bucks County Free Library.	\$66,200.
7.	GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Culligan Hatboro Hatboro, PA	Approve contract to provide a replacement for one softener tank at Neshaminy Manor.	\$15,573.
		b.	Dual Temp Co Inc. Allentown, PA	Approve contract increase for HVAC maintenance for the 911 call center at the new District Court in Quakertown. 1/1/08-12/31/10	\$13,120.
		c.	Engines Inc. Northampton, PA	Approve contract increase for maintenance inspection of the generator at the new District Court in Quakertown. 1/1/08 – 12/31/10	\$550.00*
		d.	Otis Elevator Company Moorestown, NJ	Approve contract increase for maintenance of the elevator at the new District Court in Quakertown. 10/1/05-9/30/10	\$21,000.*

8.	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	a.	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve Grant Application and Agreement for Hazardous Material Response Fund. 7/1/09 - 6/30/10	\$33,487. Revenue
9.	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. 8/31/08 – 8/30/09	\$19,621.56 Revenue
		b.	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, PA Dept. of Health, Office of PHP Harrisburg, PA	Approve award for annual bioterrorism / public health preparedness grant. 8/31/09 – 8/9/10	\$356,925.24 Revenue
10.	JUVENILE PROBATION	a.	George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania Grove City, PA	Approve contract increase to provide residential care services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$32,000.**
11.	MH/MR	a.	Horsham Clinic Ambler, PA	Approve payment of invoice for inpatient services for 3 individuals.	\$8,048.64
12.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	HealthDrive Dental Group Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase for dental services. 4/1/09-3/31/10	\$50,000.**
		b.	Columbus Micro Systems, Inc. Columbus, OH	Approve contract increase and extension for the purchase of fall detection and notification systems for residents. 6/15/09-12/31/09	\$45,000.**
13.	PARKS & RECREATION	a.	Matlock Family Trust New York, NY	Approve acquisition of 101 acres in Bridgeton Township adjacent to the Delaware River and Delaware Canal in lieu of condemnation. (TMPs 3-1-23, 3-1-22 lot 3&4 in TMP 3-3-191)	\$3,150,000. (+settlement costs and adjustments)
14.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA	Approve grant renewal for development of a Linear Referencing System (LRS) to ensure compatibility with PennDOT and DVRPC datasets. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$10,000. Revenue
		b.	Pearl S. Buck Foundation Hilltown, PA	Approve acquisition of conservation easement on grounds of Pearl S. Buck Foundation.	\$828,217. (+settlement costs and adjustments)
15.	PUBLIC INFORMATION	a.	Communications Concepts, LLC Easton, PA	Approve contract increase due to new postal regulations and approve amendment for company name change. 7/1/07-12/31/09	\$28,000*
16.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Bowman Hill Wildflower Preserve Children's Cultural Center James Michener Arts Center	Approve payment	\$3,000. \$1,000. \$25,000.

*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes

** Unit Cost/Not to Exceed

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

Adjustment #34 FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant \$45,000.
Funding for FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant

Adjustment #35 Adjust Capital per 2008 CAFR \$3,439,300.
Adjust capital funds to actual per 2008 CAFR

Adjustment #36 Additional NRCS Funding \$10,000,000.
Additional NRCS funding for the Neshaminy Creek Watershed Project provided as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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

Brian Hessesenthaler, Acting Chief Operating Officer and Director of Finance, provided additional explanation.

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Mr. Martin, and opposed by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 2-1-0, the following Personnel Actions were approved:

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Robert M. Armstrong J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	10/13/09	17.37 PH
2.	Michael D. Benningfield J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	10/13/09	17.37 PH
3.	Ryan M. Borek J.R.#512	Assistant Project Admin Unit 00	Community & Business 40.0 hrs/wk	10/13/09	18.00 PH
4.	Robin K. Elliott J.R.#555	County Social Service Aide I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	10/26/09	14.47 PH
5.	Mary Frances L. Frabotta J.R.#424	HMIS Project Administrator Unit 00	Community & Development 40.0 hrs/wk	10/13/09	18.00 PH
6.	Carol A. Gouldey J.R.#16	LPN Unit 33	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/13/09	23.24 PH
7.	Dolores Hobbs J.R.#16	LPN Unit 33	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/13/09	22.12 PH
8.	Sandra L. Hockstein J.R.#14	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	10/27/09	13.89 PH
9.	Anton O. Lueker J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	10/13/09	17.37 PH
10.	Thomas J. Naylor J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 9.0 hrs/wk	08/28/09	7.97 PH+
11.	Juan Quiles J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	10/13/09	17.37 PH
12.	Anita J. Shive J.R.#17	LPN - Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	10/14/09	23.00 PH
13.	Betty Vernat J.R.#14	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	10/27/09	13.89 PH

14.	Stephen W. Wojciechowski J.R.#467	Data Center Specialist Unit 03	Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk	10/13/09	21.41 PH
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REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
15.	Zoe A. Carver Sepdate 01/06/05 J.R.#537	County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	10/13/09	23.71 PH
16.	Edward T. Lees Sepdate 05/09/08 J.R.#16	LPN Unit 33	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/13/09	23.24 PH

PROMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
17.	Megan L. Becker J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00 To Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	08/27/09	8.15 PH To 10.00 PH+
18.	Lisa A, Brandau J.R.#527	CRT Assessment Specialist Unit 03 To Administrative Assistant – 5 Unit 03	Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk To Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk	10/07/09	18.13 PH To 19.44 PH
19.	Edith D. Sadek J.R.#477	County Caseworker II Unit 04 To MR Program Spec I Unit 04	MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk To MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk	10/26/09	28.07 PH To 29.85 PH
20.	Cherie L. Smith La Torre J.R.#475	County Caseworker II Unit 04 To MR Program Spec I Unit 04	MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk To MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk	10/26/09	28.07 PH To 29.85 PH
21.	Larry D. Waiters J.R.#16	Restorative Aide Unit 03 To LPN Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/10/09	16.81 PH To 22.12 PH

POSITION CHANGE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
22.	Colcia M. Brown J.R.#13	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant - PD Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/10/09	13.89 PH To 13.89 PH
23.	Joan M. Gaughens J.R.#476	MR Program Spec I Unit 04 To MR Program Spec I Unit 04	MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk To MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk	10/26/09	33.19 PH To 33.19 PH
24.	Dolores S. Hainey J.R.#13	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant - PD Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/10/09	13.89 PH To 13.89 PH
25.	Jason C. Martin	Laundry Aide – PD Unit 02 To Laundry Machine Operator – PD Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	10/05/09	18.83 PH To 18.83 PH
26.	Clarissa D. McKinney J.R.#13	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant - PD Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/10/09	13.89 PH To 13.89 PH
27.	Timothy M. Moran J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Corrections Officer Unit 01	Correction 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	09/26/09	17.37 PH To 17.37 PH

28.	John E. Poiron J.R.#529	Laundry Machine Operator Unit 02 To Laundry Aide Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	10/12/09	19.59 PH To 18.83 PH
29.	Thomas Smith J.R.#536	Engineer I Unit 02 To Engineer I Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	10/12/09	23.99 PH To 23.99 PH
30.	Jacqueline E. Smith Williams J.R.#556	Nursing Assistant Unit 03 To Restorative Aide Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/10/09	16.81 PH To 16.81 PH
TRANSFER					
31.	Deborah M. Ajayi J.R.#15	Nursing Assistant Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant - Pool Unit 30	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	10/10/09	16.81 PH To 15.02 PH
32.	Jeanine Etienne J.R.#13	Nursing Assistant - Pool Unit 30 To Nursing Assistant - PD Unit 03	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/10/09	15.02 PH To 13.89 PH
33.	Linda J. Lovett J.R.#461	Registrar Unit 03 To Recording Clerk Unit 03	Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk To Recorder of Deeds 40.0 hrs/wk	11/07/09	18.13 PH To 16.81 PH

CHANGE OF HOURS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
34.	Judy A. Dempsey	Project Manager – PD Unit 00 To Project Manager – PD Unit 00	Information Technology 20.0 hrs/wk To Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk	10/08/09	25.00 PH To 25.00 PH
35.	Erin M. Travis	Seasonal Help Unit 00 To Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 18.0 hrs/wk To Parks & Recreation 9.0 hrs/wk	08/28/09	8.11 PH To 8.11 PH

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
36.	Anthony D. Bell	Laundry Officer	Corrections	09/15/09	Separation
37.	Rasheedah S. Melchor	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing	09/08/09	Separation
38.	Ramona Mitchell	Aging Care Manager II	AAA	09/25/09	Separation
39.	Shawn L. Newdeck	County SW Supervisor	Children & Youth	10/05/09	Separation
40.	Marie L. Noisette	LPN-Pool	NM Nursing	09/23/09	Separation
41.	Charline H. Udoh	LPN	NM Nursing	09/18/09	Separation
42.	Richard D. Weaver	Project Manager	Information Technology	10/07/09	Separation
43.	Anne T. Webster	Registered Nurse	NM Nursing	10/10/09	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.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired regarding items 23 & 27, to which Meredith Dolan, Director of Human Resources, explained that these individuals are being moved from one position to another on the manning table.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired regarding items 10 and 17, to which Ms. Dolan explained that item 10 is a new hire and item 17 is changing positions and adding some new responsibilities.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired regarding item 5 and wanted to know when it was posted, to which Ms. Dolan responded that she did not have that information with her. Lynn Bush, Acting Chief Clerk and Director of the Planning Commission, provided further information regarding this hire and explained that this is a critical position and it was a slow process to fill it. She also stated that due to the nature of the position, this person will be working with Joe Funk, Director of Human Services, and his staff in order to catch up and get the necessary statistics done. Mr. Martin asked what the correct start date will be for this position and Ms. Dolan responded that it is October 13, 2009.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked why there was a delay getting this onto the agenda, to which Ms. Bush responded that the paperwork was processed, but she did not know why there was a delay getting it onto the agenda. Mr. Martin stated that perhaps there was a delay as a result of his asking to see the resume of the individual being hired. Ms. Bush provided further explanation regarding the delay in filling this position.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired as to when item 3 was first posted and how many people applied for the position, to which Ms. Dolan responded she believed it was posted at the end of August and there were 93 applications. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked of the 93 applications, how many were interviewed, to which Ms. Dolan responded that she believed there were 3 people interviewed and that they request the department do the interviews. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked what happened to the person who was recommended by those conducting the interviews, to which Brian Hessenthaler provided clarification that all three individuals were qualified, but that the person on the list was ranked second. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked Mr. Martin if he ever saw a consideration recommending this person, to which Mr. Martin responded he did not. Both Mr. Martin and Mr. Cawley stated that they did not take anyone off the list.

MISCELLANEOUS

Brian Hessenthaler, Acting Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following:

Mr. Hessenthaler stated that the Special Election was held on September 29, 2009, and that it went smoothly. He stated that there were only two telephone calls of concern and that overall the machines performed well.

Mr. Hessenthaler stated that the County is updating the website and if anyone would like to participate in the design of the website they should take the online survey. The survey will be available until October 16, 2009.

Mr. Hessenthaler reminded everyone that the annual Pandemic Flu Drill will take place on October 17, 2009 and that further details can be found on the county website, including the eligibility form.

Mr. Hessenthaler reported that a State Budget may be signed by Friday, but the situation is changing every day. He stated that it is still unknown how the County's Budget will be affected by the State Budget, but the Finance Department is moving forward with the County's Budget for 2010, as each department has submitted its budget for review.

The Commissioners offered comments on the following matters:

Mr. Cawley stated that at the end of the last fiscal year, the County had the highest bond rating of the County's history and property taxes have not been increased for the last three fiscal years. He stated that we have had our fiscal house in order, but we do not know if that will continue as a result of the State Budget impasse. He expressed that this is incredibly frustrating and disappointing.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia expressed her appreciation to Mr. Hessenthaler and Ms. Bush for stepping up as Acting Chief Operating Officer and Acting Chief Clerk at this time. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia also asked that Mr. Hessenthaler look into three remaining open issues: the legal bills for non-row solicitors, the whistle-blower policy, and the Human Resource policy on job postings. A discussion ensued regarding the whistle-blower policy and Ms. Dolan, Director of Human Resources stated that she worked with Glenn Hains, County Solicitor, on this document and it is currently circulating for approval of the Commissioners.

Mr. Martin commented that people continue to ask him what is going on with the Veterans Park and Veterans Cemetery. He stated that the County has received a letter from Toll Brothers informing that they are exercising their eighth extension to the settlement we have with them pursuant to the agreement. Mr. Martin asked Mr. Hains if there is a limit to the number of extensions that Toll Brothers can request, to which Mr. Hains responded the limit is now met. Bill Mitchell, Director of the Parks & Recreation Department, stated that at a Park Board meeting this evening he will have a list of Committee Members and that the planning process can begin. Mr. Cawley added that the Federal Government is moving forward with its plan at the National Cemetery site and expressed that all three Commissioners would like to see this issue be brought to conclusion. Mr. Martin mentioned that Toll Brothers is still dealing with some open legal matters that need to be resolved first.

PUBLIC COMMENT – All Items

None

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at Crossing Vineyard and Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, PA.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Mr. Martin, 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

Lynn T. Bush, Acting Chief Clerk