

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 21, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on this day, at 10:00 a.m., at the Bucks County Visitor Center in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. In attendance were Commissioner Robert G. Loughery, Chairman; Commissioner Charles H. Martin, Vice Chairman; and Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia. Chairman Loughery opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Loughery introduced Jerry Lepping, Executive Director of the Visit Bucks County. Mr. Lepping welcomed everyone and spoke about the tree fest, adding that this is the 11th year for this annual event.

Chairman Loughery welcomed Senator Tommy Tomlinson, Ed Kisselback from Bensalem Township Council and county row officers: Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts; Michael Gallagher, Controller; Joseph Szafran, Recorder of Deeds; Donald Petrille, Jr., Register of Wills; and Thomas Panzer, Treasurer.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners recognized Laren McClung as the “2016 BUCKS COUNTY POET LAUREATE” and commended her efforts and leadership in conveying the beauty of poetry to both readers and the community at large. Ms. McClung read a poem she wrote for her father, called “First Jump.”

The Commissioners proclaimed December 21, 2016 as “TOUR OF HONOR PARTNERS APPRECIATION DAY” extending their appreciation to Recorder of Deeds Joseph Szafran and his staff for the coordination of the Tour of Honor, and to the corporate partners who have made this public/private partnership an ongoing success. Commissioner Martin recognized Ron Davis from Parx Casino, Paul Meuller from Team Toyota, Bruce Faulk from American Heritage Credit Union, and Linda Somers from the Oxford Valley Ladies Golf League. Joe Szafran, Recorder of Deeds and Chairman of the Bucks County Tour of Honor, recognized fellow board members Christine Ferrara and Tom Mellon from Team Toyota. He then presented plaques from county-owned Moravian Pottery and Tile Works to corporate sponsor representatives, the Commissioners, and to Steve Long, Director of the Bucks County Park Rangers. Mr. Szafran noted that there will be two tours this year: one on June 5th for the Vietnam vets, and one on October 2nd for the Korean and World War II veterans.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes for the regular meeting of December 7, 2016 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Loughery read through the agenda, providing clarification and addressing questions and comments.

Items 1a and b – Rich Harvey, Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation Program, presented information on two agricultural conservation easements. The Stauffer/Leamer farm in Milford Township ranked #4 in the 2016 round of applications and is the 196th farm to be preserved. The Baringer farm in Springfield Township ranked #5 for 2016 and is the 197th farm preserved. These bring the total acreage preserved to 15,943.

Chairman Loughery noted for the record that the agricultural and farmland preservation programs will continue indefinitely.

Item 5a – Chairman Loughery explained the hotel tax increase, noting the positive effects it will have on the tourism industry in Bucks County. He then introduced Mr. Lepping, President and Director of the Visitor Center, who introduced the board members and provided further insight into the increased lodging tax and how it will benefit the County.

Item 5b – Chairman Loughery expressed appreciation to Senator Tomlinson and the Parx Casino for their efforts with this Memorandum of Understanding. Senator Tomlinson spoke about how good Parx Casino has been to the community and explained the changes to the gaming law and what they have been doing to resolve the issues. The following people also spoke regarding this matter: Tom Bonner, General Counsel for Parx Casino; Ron Davis, from Parx Casino; and Bensalem Township Council member Ed Kisselback.

Item 11b - General Services Director Kevin Spencer responded to Commissioner Marseglia’s question regarding the bid for this work.

Item 15a – Mr. Spencer responded to Commissioner Marseglia’s question regarding the booster in the Justice Center. Commissioner Marseglia requested that Mr. Spencer advise them when the work is completed.

Items 19a, b & c - Open Space Coordinator Dave Johnson presented information on three Municipal Open Space grants: one for a conservation easement on the Blough property in Milford Township; one for the purchase of the M.R. Reiter School property in Morrisville Borough; and one for improvements to Warminster Community Park. Mr. Johnson provided an update of the program and noted that the projects for both Milford and Warminster Townships will serve to deplete the funds for those municipalities. Mr. Johnson also responded to Commissioner Martin's question regarding municipalities with remaining funds.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3 - 0, the following Resolutions were approved with the exception of Item 11i, which was Tabled, and items 22b & c which were opposed by Commissioner Marseglia and passed with a vote of 2 - 1.

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION	a. Dale A. Stauffer and Lois H. Leamer Quakertown, PA	Approve county's portion (50%) of a 89.25 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Stauffer/Leamer farm on Spinnerstown Road in Milford Township. (TMPs 23-002-002 and 23-002-043)	\$468,562.50 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
	b. Richard R. and Arlene A. Baringer Richlandtown, PA	Approve county's portion (40%) of a 68.26 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Baringer farm on Jacoby Road in Springfield Township. (TMP 42-004-194)	\$313,996 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
2. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Regional Cooperative, LLC Altoona, PA	Approve contract to provide screening of contracted providers and employees. 10/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$10,000** (County 0%)
3. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	a. Allan Collaunt Associates, Inc. Broomall, PA	Approve contract renewal for consulting services for Human Services departments. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$96,074.74** (County 0%)
	b. Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide services in support of the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Medicaid program. 1/1/17 – 12/31/19	\$90,000** (County 0%)
	c. Susquehanna Accounting & Consulting Solutions, Inc. f/k/a Susquehanna Group Advisors, Inc. Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract amendment to reflect vendor name change.	
	d. Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract renewal for auditing services for the calendar year 2016.	\$73,500** (County 0%)
4. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Glen Mills Schools Concordville, PA	Approve contract renewal for residential institutional care and aftercare services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$432,000** (County 38%)
5. COMMISSIONERS	a. Bucks County Conference and Visitors Bureau Bensalem, PA	Approve Resolution amending hotel tax rate and allocation. Effective 4/1/17	
	b. Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc. t/d/b/a Parx Casino and Racing and Bensalem Township.	Approve Memorandum of Understanding to provide local share of slot machine revenue. 1/27/17 – 12/31/17	
	c. St. Mary Hospital Authority c/o Ernest R. Closser, Curtin & Heefner LLP Morrisville, PA	Approve Resolution titled "Approving a Financing Project" related to the financing and refinancing of bonds for certain St. Mary Medical Center projects and approving the Certificate of Approval of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners that authorizes the Chairman to sign all necessary documents to this effect.	
6. CORRECTIONS	a. Edison Court, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide therapy to inmates. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$14,400** (County 0%)

7.	COURTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Children & Youth Conflict Counsel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Judith A. Algeo 2. Mitchell H. Baylarian 3. Geoffrey Graham 4. Elissa B. Heinrichs 5. Francine Kaplan 6. Wm. Craig Penglase 7. Stuart Wilder 8. Keith J. Williams b. Conflict Counsel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharif N. Abaza 2. Timothy J. Barton 3. Harry J. Cooper 4. Niels C. Eriksen, Jr. 5. John J. Fioravanti 6. Elissa B. Heinrichs 7. Blake M. Jackman 8. Charles D. Jonas 9. Paul G. Lang 10. Robert Mancini 11. Wm. Craig Penglase 12. Daniel J. Schatz 13. Stuart Wilder 14. Keith J. Williams c. Court Conciliation & Evaluation Service Doylestown, PA d. Grim, Biehn and Thatcher Perkasie, PA e. R. Barry McAndrews, Esq. Warrington, PA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve contracts with eight private attorneys to represent parties in dependency cases when there is a conflict of interest with Legal Aid. (\$21,115.44 per contract) 1/1/17 – 12/31/17 Approve contracts with fourteen private attorneys to represent individual defendants in cases when there is a conflict of interest with the Bucks County Public Defender's Office. (\$35,878.08 per contract) 1/1/17 – 12/31/17 Approve contract renewal for psychological counseling and evaluation services in child custody and visitation matters. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17 Approve contract for mental health hearing officer for petitions filed in Bucks County Court. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17 Approve contract renewal to act as General Master in Court matters. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$168,923.52* (County 100%) \$502,293.12* (County 100%) \$68,700** (County 100%) \$56,600** (County 100%) \$24,000 (County 100%)
8.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Larry R. King Doylestown, PA b. Maureen Spang Chambersburg, PA c. National Medical Services, Inc. d/b/a NMS Labs Willow Grove, PA d. Richard J. Mangan New Hope, PA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve contract renewal to provide consulting services. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17 Approve contract renewal to provide consulting services. 1/2/17 – 12/31/17 Approve contract to provide DNA and drug analysis. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16 Approve contract renewal to provide consulting services. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$74,000** (County 100%) \$18,000** (County 100%) \$69,000** (County 100%) \$28,762** (County 100%)
9.	FINANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bucks County Tax Collectors b. Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC Harrisburg, PA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Bucks County Tax Collectors compensation agreement. 1/1/18 – 12/31/21 Approve contract increase and extension for auditing services for the 2016 calendar year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5,368,714* (County 100%) \$158,090 (County 100%)
10.	FIRE MARSHAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Anaconda Protective Concepts, Inc. Newark, DE b. Fortress Protection, LLC Cherry Hill, NJ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve contract to provide inspection and maintenance of county fire suppression systems. 1/1/17 – 12/31/19 Approve contract to provide inspection and maintenance of county fire and burglar alarm systems. 1/1/17 – 12/31/19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$35,575** (County 100%) \$33,810** (County 100%)

11. GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Atlantic Switch and Generator, LLC Hainesport, NJ	Approve contract increase and extension to provide preventive maintenance for all County generator units. 1/20/17 – 1/19/18	\$23,020** (County 100%)	
	b.	CMG of Easton Easton, PA	Approve contract increase for sprinkler work and hydrostatic testing related to renovations at 55 East Court Street.	\$68,447.93 (County 100%)	
	c.	Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Harrisburg, PA	Approve quit claim deed for Bridge #90 on Old Lincoln Highway over Poquessing Creek in Langhorne.	\$1 (Revenue)	
	d.	Gilmore & Associates, Inc. New Britain, PA	Approve contract increase for engineering design services for Bridge #209 on Church Lane over Haycock Creek in Haycock/Nockamixon Twp.	\$4,688** (County 100%)	
	e.	Professional Construction Contractors, Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract increase for repairs to Bucks County Bridge #252, on Milford Square Pike over Unami Creek in Milford Township.	\$12,539.79** (County 100%)	
	f.	Pro Com Roofing Corporation Warrington, PA	Approve contract increase to provide additional materials and labor for roof replacement at 30 E. Court Street in Doylestown. Change Order – COR #2	\$5,358 (County 100%)	
	g.	SBS Services Feasterville, PA	Approve contract extension for vending machine services in various county buildings and food services in the Justice Center. 12/17/16 – 12/16/17	\$10% of sales (Revenue)	
	h.	Wescott Electric Company Glen Riddle, PA	Approve contract increase for additional security equipment at 30 E. Court St. Change Order – EL #02	\$21,759.30 (County 100%)	
		TABLED	i.	Wyatt Elevator Company Folcroft, PA	Approve contract increase for costs incurred outside the scope of the maintenance contract. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16
12. HEALTH	a.	Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases Harrisburg, PA	Approve increase and extension of federal immunization grant. 1/1/17 – 3/31/17	\$108,267.73 (Revenue)	
13. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a.	Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. Ivyland, PA	Approve contract for 2016 Emergency Solutions Grant funding to provide Rapid Re-Housing services. 9/19/16 – 3/19/18	\$53,171 (County 0%)	
	b.	Interfaith Housing Visions Bristol, PA	Approve contract to provide affordable housing for Bucks County residents. 10/26/16 – 10/26/17	\$300,000 (County 0%)	
14. HUMAN SERVICES	a.	Advocates For Homeless & Those In Need – AHTN Fairless Hills, PA	Approve contract renewal for shelter, meals, and transportation support to shelters during Code Blue events. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$5,000** (County 4.1%)	
	b.	Worthwhile Wear Silverdale, PA	Approve contract renewal for long term aftercare, housing and employment programs. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$10,000** (County 4.1%)	
15. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a.	Verizon Business Highlands Ranch, CO	Approve contract increase for network changes. 1/1/09 – 12/31/18	\$12,535.38** (County 100%)	
16. JUVENILE PROBATION	a.	Data Works Plus LLC Greenville, SC	Approve purchase of Commonwealth Photo Imaging Network (CPIN) with Livescan Touch Print 5300 Series workstation for 30 E. Court Street.	\$22,800** (County 100%)	

17. MH/DP	a. Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant renewal to improve access to treatment and support services. 10/1/16 – 9/30/17	\$290,525 (Revenue)
	b. The Panto Group, LLC Catasauqua, PA	Approve contract increase and extension for project management services. 1/1/17 – 9/30/17	\$72,336** (County 3%)
18. NESHAMINY MANOR	a. John F. Amato Ardmore, PA	Approve contract to provide barbering services to residents. 1/1/17 – 12/31/18	\$17,000* (County 0%)
	b. Manheim Medical Supply, Inc. Manheim, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide disposable pads. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$7,824* (County 0%)
	c. McKesson Medical-Surgical Minnesota Supply, Inc. Golden Valley, MN	Approve contract increase and extension to provide disposable underwear. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$5,596.02* (County 0%)
	d. Penn Jersey Paper Company Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide disposable pads and disposable underwear. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$8,220.42* (County 0%)
	e. Veritiv f/k/a Xpedx, LLC Camp Hill, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide briefs. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$47,202.50* (County 0%)
19. OPEN SPACE	a. Milford Township	Approve Municipal Open Space grant for a conservation easement on 64.19 acre portion of the Blough property. Amount represents 68% of appraised value. (TMPs 23-001-164 & 23-001-164-001)	\$659,729 (County 100%)
	b. Morrisville Borough	Approve Municipal Open Space grant for purchase of the M.R. Reiter School property. Amount represents 75% of appraised value. (TMPs 24-009-107-001 & 24-009-107-003)	\$202,125 (County 100%)
	c. Warminster Township	Approve Municipal Open Space grant for improvements to Warminster Community Park.	\$647,900 (County 100%)
20. PARKS & RECREATION	a. Heritage Design Collaborative Media, PA	Approve contract to provide architectural services for Phase 1 of Stover-Myers Mill race restoration project. 12/15/16 – to completion	\$84,850 (County 52%)
21. PURCHASING	a. Wright Brothers Snow Plowing Yardville, NJ	Rescind contract for snow removal services. 11/15/16 – 5/14/18	(\$95,100)
	b. Greenscape Snow & Ice Management, LLC Glenside, PA	Approve contract to provide snow removal services. 11/15/16 – 5/14/18	\$58,500* (County 100%)
	c. M&M Lawn Care East Inc. Churchville, PA	Approve contract to provide snow removal services. 11/15/16 – 5/14/18	\$36,600* (County 100%)
22. SOLICITOR	a. Loretta Lopez c/o Jonathan H. Feinberg, Esquire Philadelphia, PA	Approve payment in the matter of Lopez v. Bucks County et.al. for settlement of litigation and general release of claims.	\$50,000 (County 100%)
	b. Maria Alff U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Philadelphia, PA	Approve settlement agreement and general release of claims.	
	c. Raynes McCarty c/o Harold Goodman Philadelphia, PA	Approve payment for settlement and release of employment claims of Maria Alff.	\$15,000 (County 100%)

	d. Toll Brothers Horsham, PA	Approve contract amendment to extend the outside settlement date to December 31, 2017.	
23. OTHER CIVICS	a. Bucks County Audubon Society	Approve Payment	\$2,000
	Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission - Walk to Prevent Suicide		\$1,500
	Bucks County Opportunity Council - Food Banks		\$6,000
	Foundations at the Manor		\$3,000
	Rolling Harvest Food Rescue		\$2,500
	Towns Against Graffiti		\$3,000

*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 ADJUSTMENTS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following Budget Adjustments were adopted:

2016 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

December 21, 2016

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust operating budget to cover additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #24	Commissioners	25,000
Adjustment #25	Solicitor	49,000
Adjustment #26	Board of Elections	26,000
Adjustment #27	ERP	10,000
Adjustment #28	Mail Room	20,000
Adjustment #29	Sheriff	80,000
	Sheriff (Revenue)	(80,000)
Adjustment #30	Coroner	78,000
Adjustment #31	Clerk of Courts	24,000
Adjustment #32	Domestic Relations	130,000
	Domestic Relations (Revenue)	(30,000)
	Law Library	6,000
	Main Courts	(160,000)
	Grand Jury	2,000
	Court Stenographers	3,000
	Adult Probation	68,000
	Juvenile Probation	68,000
	Youth Center	87,000
	Youth Center (Revenue)	(67,000)
	Juvenile Placements	(68,000)
Adjustment #33	Guardian Ad Litem	6,000
Adjustment #34	Public Defender	32,000
Adjustment #35	District Attorney	356,000
Adjustment #36	Corrections Admin	5,000

	BCCF	470,000
	BCCF (Revenue)	(113,000)
Adjustment #37	Emergency Health	10,000
Adjustment #38	Human Services	58,000
	Human Services (Revenue)	(50,000)
Adjustment #39	Police Training	21,000
	Police Training (Revenue)	(21,000)
Adjustment #40	Security	160,000
Adjustment #41	Neshaminy Manor	1,782,000
	Neshaminy Manor (Revenue)	(262,000)
Adjustment #42	Area Agency on Aging	51,000
	Area Agency on Aging (Revenue)	(51,000)
Adjustment #43	MH/DP	1,285,000
	MH/DP (Revenue)	(1,228,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		(2,782,000)

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PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following Personnel Actions were approved:

APPOINTMENTS

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
1.	Sheena A. Alleyne J.R. #3345	LPN – Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing Pool 14.0 hrs/wk	12/27/16	29.13 PH
2.	Chiquita Burke J.R. #3216	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	12/22/16	23.43 PH
3.	Marie-Anne Delice J.R. #3337	Registered Nurse – Pool Unit 60	NM Nursing Pool 14.0 hrs/wk	12/27/16	37.00 PH
4.	Deirdre Hottinger J.R. #3347	Nursing Assistant – Pool Unit 30	NM Nursing Pool 14.0 hrs/wk	12/27/16	21.00 PH
5.	Jessica Ohm J.R. #3313	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 24.0 hrs/wk	12/27/16	14.46 PH
6.	Jeannie N. Redner J.R. #3337	Registered Nurse – Pool Unit 60	NM Nursing Pool 14.0 hrs/wk	12/27/16	37.00 PH
7.	Sarah A. Santin J.R. #3329	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	12/22/16	23.43 PH
8.	Adesh Singh J.R. #3285	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	12/27/16	23.43 PH
9.	Weedor Varela J.R. #3337	Registered Nurse – Pool Unit 60	NM Nursing Pool 14.0 hrs/wk	12/27/16	37.00 PH

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	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
10.	Sherry M. Ahearn J.R. #3344	Administrative Assistant – PD Unit 00 To Health Clerk Unit 03	Public Information 28.0 hrs/wk To Health 40.0 hrs/wk	01/03/17	17.50 PH To 20.70 PH
11.	Bethy A. Brunache J.R. #3330	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 24.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	12/24/16	14.48 PH To 19.19 PH

POSITION CHANGE

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
12.	Kelly M. Teel	County Social Worker I Unit 04 To County Caseworker Supervisor Unit 84	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	12/22/16	32.91 PH To 33.54 PH

13. Sean M. Oneil	Custodian Leadman – NMH Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/10/16	23.51 PH
	To	To		To
	Custodian – NMH Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk		21.93 PH

TRANSFER

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
14. Kelly A. Fennell	Support Caseworker Unit 05	Domestic Relations 40.0 hrs/wk	01/03/17	22.75 PH
J.R. #3237	To	To		To
	Clerk Typist II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk		17.40 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
15. Ut Thi Le	Financial Analyst II Unit 00	NM Business Office 40.0 hrs/wk	12/22/16	26.73 PH
	To	To		To
	Financial Analyst II Unit 00	NM Business Office 40.0 hrs/wk		28.06 PH

SEPARATIONS

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
16. James T. Cunningham	D & A Supervisor	Corrections Administration	12/02/16	Separation***
17. Marisol Graham	Aging Care Manager II	Area Agency on Aging	12/02/16	Separation
18. Lucille Krout	Administrative Clk-Health	Health Department-State	12/06/16	Separation
19. Cindy M. McDuffie	Dispatcher Trainee – PD	911 Emergency Response	12/01/16	Separation
20. Valerie E. Passanante	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	12/09/16	Separation
21. Nathan S. Rotenberg	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01/09/17	Separation**
22. Alec Lee S. Shaffer	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	12/05/16	Separation
23. James J. Smith	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	11/10/16	Separation
24. Carla M. Starling	County Caseworker II	Children & Youth	12/10/16	Separation
25. Michelle A. Taylor	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	12/08/16	Separation

*estimated date **Never Started ***Agreement ****Reinstatement

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

General Services Director Kevin Spencer presented an update on the county bridge program, advising that seven of the 115 county owned bridges are covered bridges, and eleven are stone arch bridges. Mr. Spencer reported that, with the creation of the Bridge Department in 2014, they have five full-time employees dedicated to overseeing, maintaining, inspecting and repairing the county bridges. Mr. Spencer reported on the bridge projects completed in 2016 – four major projects and three smaller ones - and spoke about the upcoming projects they have planned for 2017, including other longer range projects they have been working on. In response to Commissioner Martin’s question, Mr. Spencer advised that the bridge numbers are assigned by PennDOT.

Chairman Loughery wished a happy birthday to Commissioner Marseglia.

PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Loughery introduced Jerry Lepping, Executive Director of Visit Bucks County, to say a few words about the Bucks County Tourism Grant Program. Mr. Lepping said the program began eight years ago to help non-profits with their marketing and promotion efforts. A total of \$3,246,500 in grant money has been awarded to-date. He announced the current grant recipients as follows:

Acting Naturally	\$2,000
Andalusia Foundation	\$5,000
Bristol Riverside Theatre	\$35,000
Bucks Beautiful	\$5,000
Bucks County Audubon Society	\$4,000
Bucks County Children's Museum	\$10,000
Bucks County Choral Society	\$2,000
Bucks County Wine Trail	\$15,000
Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000
Delaware River Towns	\$10,000
Friends of Washington Crossing	\$30,000
Heritage Conservancy	\$7,000
Historic Fallsington	\$8,000

Historical Society of Bensalem Township	\$2,000
James A. Michener Art Museum	\$25,000
Johnsville Centrifuge	\$1,000
Lenape Chamber Ensemble	\$3,000
Mercer Museum	\$25,000
New Hope Celebrates	\$6,000
New Hope Chamber of Commerce	\$1,000
Newtown Arts	\$2,000
Newtown Historic Association	\$4,000
Newtown Theatre	\$2,000
Pearl S. Buck International	\$20,000
Pennsbury Society	\$10,000
Quakertown Alive!	\$2,000
Tyler Park Center for the Arts	\$6,000
Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000
Total	\$262,000

Commissioner Martin advised that the Bristol Riverside Theatre – one of today’s major recipients of grant funds – will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary next year and noted that they have wonderful things planned for next season.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Lynn T. Bush, Chief Clerk, reported on the following:

Ms. Bush, speaking for both herself and Mr. Hessenthaler, said they are grateful for the hard work of all the county employees this year, as well as the leadership of the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commissioners expressed seasonal wishes to all.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Smith, from Morrisville Borough Council, thanked the Commissioners and the Planning Commission – especially Lynn Bush and Dave Johnson – for the project with Summerseat and said she is looking forward to working with them on it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: January 18, 2017

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Vice Chairman

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, *Chief Clerk*