

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 19, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held today at 10:00 am, in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 55 E. Court Street, Doylestown, 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 recognized county row officers who were present: Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts; Neale Dougherty, Controller; Judi Reiss, Prothonotary; and Thomas Panzer, Treasurer.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed June 2019 as "BUCKS COUNTY DRUG COURT MONTH," recognizing and applauding the ongoing promise and demonstrated good work of this program. Judge Wallace Bateman accepted the Proclamation, accompanied by Judge Rea Boylan, Judge Gary Gilman, and other members of the team. Judge Bateman thanked the Commissioners and spoke briefly about the program. He noted that Judge Boylan is the heart and soul of the program and said that she and Judge Gilman both serve as drug court judges. Other team members who were present introduced themselves.

The Commissioners proclaimed their support for LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH, applauding the efforts of everyone involved in Doylestown's Pride Festival to initiate positive dialogue, to help bridge gaps that divide, and to promote unity and respect among all citizens. Marlene Pray, Director of the Rainbow Room and Pride Committee member, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for the recognition. She was joined by fellow committee members Doylestown Borough Councilman, Tim Brennan, and local business owner, Debra Camarota.

The Commissioners proclaimed June 19, 2019 as "GRADUATE MONTH AND BUCKS FOR KIDS 28th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION," congratulating the founders, board members, volunteers, and supporters of Bucks for Kids as they commemorate almost three decades of serving the children of Bucks County. Accepting the proclamation was Nancy Taylor, Executive Director of Bucks for Kids, who thanked the Commissioners for their support and introduced scholarship recipients Jordan Perry, Timothy Schweiker, Amanda Milnes, Madison Knowles, and case workers Dustin McCartney, Tracy Murphy, and Jennifer Horn.

After viewing the video, "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" the Commissioners proclaimed June 19, 2019 as "WHAT'S SO COOL ABOUT MANUFACTURING CHAMPIONSHIP DAY," applauding the participants in the video for helping to promote manufacturing. Commissioner Loughery recognized Jack Pfunder, President and CEO of Manufactures Resource Inc., creator of the program, who works with the Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center, the Bucks County Workforce Development Board, and CareerLink to facilitate bringing the What's So Cool About Manufacturing Program to Bucks County schools. The video profiled Macron Dynamincs and its innovative work. Accepting the proclamation from Neil Armstrong Middle School was Principal Ed Drayton, Teachers Joe Marlow and Dawn Martesi, students Mayah Alford, Thomas Brennan, Jayleen Chaves, Pyper Goldey, Layla Matthias and Giovanni Nigro, and from Macron Dynamics, CEO and President Anthony Cirone and EVP Craig Marshall.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Gregory McCarthy from Doylestown Borough requested clarification regarding the agenda, including the county percentage amounts and contract term dates and how they relate to the county budget. Both Commissioners Loughery and Martin, and Chief Operating Officer Brian Hessenthaler responded to the various questions.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Loughery announced that the County Commissioners held an Executive Session on June 13th, 2019 to discuss the pending litigation of *Taha vs. Bucks County*, Case No: 12-6867, United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes for the regular meeting of June 5, 2019 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Items 8b & c - Chief Information Officer Don Jacobs responded to questions from Commissioner Martin regarding why the contract was being rescinded. Purchasing Director Maureen McIlvaine provided additional clarification.

Item 9a – Rich Harvey, Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation Program, presented information on a Natural Areas Conservation Easement in Lower Makefield Township. He advised that this project will bring the total Natural Areas projects to 113, totaling 5,027 acres. Mr. Harvey also provided an update on the farms and advised there are currently three being surveyed that he hopes to have ready by the Grange Fair.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved with the exception of item 10b, which passed 2-0-1 with Commissioner Martin abstaining.

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania Bristol, PA	Approve contract increase to provide legal services for seniors. 7/1/18 – 6/30/19	\$10,000** (County 0%)
	b. Lenape Valley Foundation Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide Senior Empowerment for Life Fulfillment demonstration program. 7/1/19 – 6/30/24	\$750,000** (County 0%)
	c. Snipes Farm and Education Center, Inc. Morrisville, PA	Approve contract to provide community nutritional services for seniors. 6/1/19 – 8/31/19	\$10,000** (County 0%)
2. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Affinity Psychological Services d/b/a PA Forensic Associates Reading, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide highly specialized foster care for at-risk children. 7/1/18 – 6/30/19	\$62,000** (County 12%)
	b. Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley Jenkintown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster care services. 7/1/18 – 6/30/20	\$164,000** (County 13%)
	c. Christ’s Home for Children Warminster, PA	Approve contract renewal for group home services, transitional living services, and a mother/baby program. 7/1/18 – 6/30/19	\$900,000** (County 11%)
	d. Hoffman Homes for Youth Littlestown, PA	Approve contract to provide clothing and personal care allowance for medical assistance clients. 7/1/18 – 6/30/20	\$1,000** (County 40%)
	e. Merakey Montgomery County, f/k/a NHS Montgomery County Erdenheim, PA	Approve contract renewal for therapeutic family care, foster care, and mother/baby programs. 7/1/18 – 6/30/20	\$420,000** (County 15%)
	f. Neighborhood First Program, Inc. Bristol, PA	Approve contract renewal for Summer TRACK (Truancy Reduction and Curfew for Kids) Program. 6/1/19 – 9/30/19	\$10,000 (County 10%)
	g. Neshaminy School District Langhorne, PA	Approve contract for Summer PASS (Planned Action Stimulates Success) Program. 6/1/19 – 9/30/19	\$10,000 (County 10%)
	h. Pinebrook Family Answers Allentown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster care and transportation services. 7/1/18 – 6/30/20	\$20,000** (County 20%)
	i. Sabina Mauro LLC Yardley, PA	Approve contract to provide foster parent evaluations and screening services. 7/1/19 – 12/31/20	\$20,000** (County 20%)
	j. The Salvation Army (Children’s Services) Allentown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster care services. 7/1/18 - 6/30/20	\$95,000** (County 20%)

3.	COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	a.	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia, PA	Approve submission of annual Action Plan for the FY 2019 and acceptance of the 2018 grant award for CDBG, HOME and ESG funding. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$3,240,787 (Revenue)
4.	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a.	Herman Goldner Co., Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide tower site HVAC equipment maintenance services. 9/1/19 – 8/31/20	\$10,764* (County 100%)
5.	EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES	a.	Aria Health d/b/a Jefferson - Northeast Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase and extension for physician services from Regional EMS Medical Director. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$18,000 (County 0%)
		b.	Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Harrisburg, PA	Approve County Emergency Medical Services grant. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$287,371 (Revenue)
6.	HEALTH	a.	A. Mastrocco Jr. Moving and Storage, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract for storage of public health preparedness equipment. 7/1/19 – 6/30/21	\$95,952** (County 100%)
7.	HOUSING SERVICES	a.	Bristol Township	Approve amendment to Cooperation Agreement to add Bristol Township to the HOME Consortium for the last year of Qualification Period. 7/1/18 – 6/30/20	
8.	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a.	Vertiv Corporation Columbus, OH	Approve contract renewal to provide maintenance for uninterrupted power supply for data centers. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$23,074.24 (County 100%)
		b.	Core BTS, Inc. Chicago, IL	Approve contract to provide maintenance and support for communications equipment. 7/1/19 – 6/30/22	\$242,448.75 (County 100%)
		c.	Office Depot, Inc Boca Raton, FL	Rescind contract to provide maintenance and support for communications equipment. 6/1/19 – 5/31/22	(\$188,972.10)
9.	OPEN SPACE	a.	Lower Makefield Township	Approve Natural Areas Conservation Easement on Oxford Valley Road property. (TMP 20-034-020-006)	Settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
10.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	Richland Township	Approve maintenance agreement for Upper Bucks Rail Trail. 1/1/19 – 1/1/29	
		b.	SEPTA Philadelphia, PA	Approve lease agreement for the Newtown Rail Trail. (TMP 48-012-024, 48-012-077, and 48-018-003) 5/22/19 – 5/22/49	\$1.00 (County 100%)
11.	RECORDS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE	a.	Kofile Preservation Inc. Essex, VT	Approve contract to provide historical record preservation services. 6/19/19 – 3/31/20	\$36,709** (County 0%)
12.	YOUTH CENTER	a.		Approve out-of-county travel expenses for two employees to attend Therapeutic Crisis Intervention training.	\$6,522.08* (County 50%)
		b.	County of Snyder Middleburg, PA	Approve contract to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles. 7/1/19 – 6/30/24	\$300/day /resident (Revenue)
13.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Peace Valley Holistic Center	Approve Payment	\$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

None

PERSONNEL

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

COMMISSIONERS LIST								
June 19, 2019								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources								
Item numbers 1 through 37								
APPOINTMENTS								
REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
1	4123	Jessica L. Albrecht	Program Assistant - PD	Parks Historical Properties	00	18.0	6/15/2019	13.00 PH
2	4081	Cheryl V. Corcino	LP N - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	31	14.0	6/25/2019	30.30 PH
3	4067	Michael DiMaio	Administrative Assistant	Public Defender	00	40.0	6/24/2019	22.07 PH
4	4024	Lea Jensen	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services	00	40.0	6/8/2019	9.18 PH
5	4119	Stephanie M. McFadden	HR Office Coordinator - PD	Human Resources	00	28.0	6/20/2019	15.50 PH
6	4113	Daniel B. Miller	Assistant Fire Marshal - PD	Fire Marshal	00	20.0	6/26/2019	23.43 PH
7	4078	Harika Nallamala	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	03	12.0	6/22/2019	12.75 PH
8	4057	Tracey Rahn	Clerk Typist II	Children and Youth	04	37.5	7/2/2019	18.47 PH
9	4036	Suzann Teichert	Business Analyst	Information Technology	00	40.0	6/20/2019	31.25 PH
10	4053	Carol A. Treger	Data-Database Administrator	Information Technology	00	40.0	6/20/2019	31.25 PH
REHIRE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
11	4081	Cherryl L. Abrams	LP N - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	31	14.0	6/25/2019	30.30 PH
Termination Date: 10/08/2014								
12	4093	Nicholas R. Macaluso	Project Manager - PD	General Services	00	40.0	6/12/2019	18.00 PH
Termination Date: 4/28/2018								
PER DIEM TO PERMANENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
13	4075	Martine Derilus	Nursing Assistant - PD TO	NM Nursing Assistants	03	24.0 TO	6/22/2019	20.37 PH
		Nursing Assistant				40.0		
14	4075	Allison M. Dominick	Nursing Assistant - Pool TO	NM Nursing Assistants	30 TO	14.0 TO	6/22/2019	20.37 PH
		Nursing Assistant				03		
15	4100	Michelle P. Miller	General Service - PD TO	General Services TO	00 TO	30.0 TO	7/1/2019	11.73 PH TO
		Support Clerk				05		
POSITION CHANGE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
16	N/A	Drew D. Dycus	Public Health Epidemiologist TO	Health Department	00	40.0	7/15/2019	63,672.00 PA TO
		Public Health Bioterrorism Coordinator						
17	4061	Kristen M. Griego	Caseworker TO	Children and Youth	04	37.5	6/24/2019	28.33 PH TO
		Social Worker I						
18	N/A	Jennifer E. Horn	CYF Program Specialist II TO	Children and Youth	84 TO	37.5 TO	7/1/2019	44.28 PH TO
		Casework Manager				00		
19	N/A	Rian C. King	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services	00	40.0	5/25/2019	9.55 PH TO
20	4112	Brian J. Rickabaugh	Maintenance TO	General Services	02	40.0	6/24/2019	23.27 PH TO
		BMI						
21	N/A	Rita R. Zielinski	PHN II TO	Health Department	06 TO	40.0	6/10/2019	35.76 PH TO
		PHN IV Supervisor				86		
22	4010	Joyce M. Zuzack	PHN III TO	Health Department	06	40.0	7/8/2019	38.26 PH TO
		PHN II						
SALARY ADJUSTMENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
23	N/A	Tammy L. O'Donnell	Casework Manager	Children and Youth	00	40.0	7/1/2019	88,434.00 PA TO
24	N/A	Lauren M. Smith	Human Resources Director	Human Resources	11	40.0	6/22/2019	86,700.00 PA TO
								89,300.00 PA
SEPARATION								
NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE		REMARKS			
25	Teresa M. Balcitis	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	6/24/2019	Separation**			
26	Gretchen L. Burkholder	Registered Nurse - PD	NM Nursing Pool	6/11/2019	Separation			
27	Kaitlyn R. Christy	Registrar - PD	Board of Voter Registration	6/13/2019	Separation			
28	Anne J. Durison	Clerk Stenographer - PD	Public Defender	6/28/2019	Separation			
29	Brian A. Foster	Engineer I	General Services	6/13/2019	Separation			
30	Lynne D. Kallus-Rainey	Children & Youth Administrator	Children and Youth	8/2/2019	Separation			
31	Karen M. Kingsley	Election Specialist	Board of Voter Registration	8/2/2019	Separation			
32	Jonathan P. Lambert Jr	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services	6/1/2019	Separation			
33	Ryan C. McAfee	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	6/24/2019	Separation**			
34	Alysha M. Monte	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	6/21/2019	Separation			
35	Maryjo Pellegrino	Director of Finance and Administration	Main Jail	7/5/2019	Separation			
36	David Lee Snyder	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	7/4/2019	Separation			
37	David John Strunk	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services	5/24/2019	Separation			

*Estimated Date **Never Started ***Agreement ****Reinstatement

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Loughery, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointment was approved:

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Stephen Stasolla

New Appointment

Upon motion of Commissioner Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointments were approved:

Workforce Development Board

James Horan

New Appointment

Jeremy Meyers

New Appointment

Jan Rossi

New Appointment

Lisa Lasley

New Appointment

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CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

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

Flu Clinics – Dates have been set for the annual flu clinics being held on Saturdays this fall from 10 am to 3 pm as follows:

- September 14, 2019 - Upper Bucks Government Services Center
- Lower Bucks Government Services Center
- September 28, 2019 - Bucks County Health Department

Neshaminy Manor recognized – Neshaminy Manor has been recognized by Genesis with the “2019 Leadership of Excellence Award.” This award is based on family satisfaction surveys, and of over 400 facilities across the county, Neshaminy Manor was one of only 26 to receive the award.

Grandfamily Expo – Later today, the Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission is hosting a grandfamily expo for caregivers raising the children of loved ones due to substance use and/or mental health issues. This will be held at Christ's Home Community Center in Warminster from 3 to 8 pm.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin said to watch the state budget that will be released soon to see if they will be including any money for voting machines. He advised that the county hosted a very successful display of the potential voting machines by the vendors on Monday.

Commissioner Martin referenced the personnel list, noting the retirement of Children & Youth Director Lynne Rainey. He said that she has done a great job in a very difficult position and she will be hard to replace. He expressed hope that she will be able to attend a meeting before her retirement date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Naomi Fisher, from Employment Technology Inc., said she works for a state funded non-profit whose mission is to support Pennsylvanians with disabilities to achieve greater independence, choices, and opportunities. She spoke about the obstacles these individuals face when looking for jobs and said she is trying to build network of supportive employers. She asked for any interested local businesses to please reach out to her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Loughery announced that the next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be the annual picnic meeting, at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2019. This will be held at Stover-Myers Mill Park in Pipersville.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: July 10, 2019

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Vice Chairman

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Deanna M. Giorno
Chief Clerk