

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 21, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held this day at 10:00 am, at the Bucks County Courthouse, 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, and Ray McHugh, Controller.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners recognized Sandra Becker as the “2014 BUCKS COUNTY POET LAUREATE” and in so doing, commended her efforts and leadership in conveying the beauty of poetry to both readers and the community at large. They encouraged all Bucks Countians to look to her poetry for insight and inspiration. Ms. Becker expressed her thanks to the Commissioners and recited her poem, “A City Girl Feeds Country Cows.”

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2014 were approved.

Upon motion of Chairman Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, item 10b from the 1/7/15 meeting was untabled.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Item 2a – Richard Harvey, of the Agricultural Land Preservation Program, presented information on the County’s portion of a 36.29 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Mohr Farm in Springfield Township. He advised that this farm is almost on the border of Northampton County and the main crop is hay. Mr. Harvey said it was the 175th farm preserved to date, bringing the total acreage to 14,607. In response to Commissioner Martin, he advised that there are forty farms left on the list for consideration, and he thanked the Commissioners for their commitment to the program.

Item 8a - Upon motion of Chairman Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with a vote of 3 – 0, this item was tabled. Brian Hessenthaler, Chief Operating Officer, provided an explanation for tabling it.

Item 10a & b - Open Space Coordinator Dave Johnson presented information on two Municipal Open Space grants: one for trail improvements at Covered Bridge Park in New Britain Borough, and one for improvements within Veterans Park in Newtown Township. He noted that the improvements at Covered Bridge Park are part of the Destination Peace Valley project and the Veterans Park improvements are for Noah’s Playground, which is designed for special needs children. Mr. Johnson also responded to Commissioner Martin’s questions regarding the easement needed, the status of open space left in Newtown Township, and remaining open space funds.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved with these exceptions and notations:

- Item 8a was Tabled with a vote of 3-0
- Item 10b from the 1/7/15 meeting was untabled and added to this agenda as item 5b

RESOLVED, that the Bucks County Board of Commissioners upon the recommendation of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, thereby approve the following:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
1. ADULT PROBATION	a. Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Santa Rosa, CA	Approve contract for various drug screenings. 1/1/15 – 12/31/15	\$103,970** (County 92%)	
2. AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION	a. Alan D. Mohr and Michael K. Mohr, Administrators for the Estate of Gayle A. Mohr Coopersburg, PA	Approve county's portion (10%) of a 36.29 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Mohr farm located on Passer Road in Springfield Township. (TMP 42-005-098)	\$25,403 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)	
	b. Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Farmland Preservation Harrisburg, PA	Approve annual allocation to be submitted to the state for matching funds for farmland preservation. 1/1/15 – 12/31/16	\$2,500,000 (County 100%)	
3. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Glen Mills Concordville, PA	Approve contract renewal for residential institutional care and aftercare for boys. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$165,000** (County 38%)	
4. FINANCE	a. Ohio Casualty Insurance Company Fairfield, OH	Approve increase and extension of Builders Risk insurance policy for new Justice Center. 6/30/11 – 1/17/15	\$2,691 (County 100%)	
	b. Safety National Casualty Corp. St. Louis, MO	Approve contract renewal for Excess Workers Compensation policy. 2/1/15 – 2/1/16	\$279,870 (County 100%)	
	c. Travelers Insurance Company Hartford, CT	Approve contract renewal for Property insurance policy. 2/1/15 – 2/1/16	\$467,070 (County 100%)	
	d. Travelers Insurance Company Hartford, CT	Approve contract renewal for Excess General Liability and Excess Auto policy. 2/1/15 – 2/1/16	\$170,950 (County 100%)	
	e. Travelers Insurance Company Hartford, CT	Approve contract renewal to insure seven covered bridges. 1/21/15 – 1/21/16	\$38,588 (County 100%)	
5. GENERAL SERVICES	a. Clearwater Construction, Inc. Mercer, PA	Approve contract decrease for sidewalk repairs to Bucks County Bridge #13, located on Walnut Street in Perkasio Borough.	(\$7,900) Credit	
	<i>UNTABLED</i>	b. Ernest Bock & Sons, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase for resizing of attorney tables. Change Order – GC #106	\$34,345 (County 100%)
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	a. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve Hazardous Material Response Fund grant. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$60,592 (Revenue)	
7. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a. Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania fka Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide fair housing services. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$30,000** (County 100%)	
	b. Vita Education Services Doylestown, PA	Approve contract extension for CDBG funding to support the Decisions for Change program for ex-offenders. 12/1/14 – 2/28/15		
8. HUMAN RESOURCES	a. International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 835A(01) Drexel Hill, PA	Approve Act 195 reopener Arbitration Award for employees at the Correctional Facility and approve Collective Bargaining Agreement. 1/1/12 – 12/31/15		
	<i>TABLED</i>			

	b.	PMA Management Corporation Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide administrative services for workers compensation, general and auto liability claims. 1/1/15 – 12/31/15	\$124,689* (County 100%)	
9.	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a.	AT&T Carol Stream, IL	Approve contract for cell phone services. 1/1/15 – 12/31/15	\$31,000* (County 100%)
		b.	Verizon Wireless Lehigh Valley, PA	Approve contract for cell phone services. 1/1/15 – 12/31/15	\$422,000* (County 100%)
10.	OPEN SPACE	a.	New Britain Borough	Approve Municipal Open Space Program grant for trail improvements at Covered Bridge Park. Amount represents 75% of average estimated costs. (TMP 25-003-035)	\$57,369 (County 100%)
		b.	Newtown Township	Approve Municipal Open Space grant for improvements within Veterans Park, contingent upon placement of conservation easement on portion of property that contains the improvements. Amount represents 75% of average estimated costs. (TMPs 29-003-025-002 & 29-049-058)	\$180,000 (County 100%)
11.	PARKS & RECREATION	a.	Dennis Bonner & Michael Brnilovich, aka B&B Turf Management, LP Fallsington, PA	Approve contract to manage Oxford Valley Golf Course. 2/15/15 – 2/15/16	\$180,000* (County 100%)
12.	RECORDER OF DEEDS	a.	Info Quick Solutions Inc. (IQS) Liverpool, NY	Approve contract increase and extension to perform verifications of recorded documents. 3/1/15 – 2/29/16	\$60,000* (County 0%)
13.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need	Approve Payment	\$1,000
			Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless		\$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.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

Upon motion of Chairman Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, and by roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Martin - aye, Commissioner Marseglia - aye, Chairman Loughery – aye, with the vote being 3-0, the following miscellaneous item was approved

Resolve that the financing and refinancing of bonds that relate to certain St. Mary Medical Center projects is approved and the Chairman is authorized to sign all necessary documents to this effect. This Resolution in no way pledges or otherwise obligates the County of Bucks for the payment of any principal or interest with regard to these bonds.

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

Commissioner Martin addressed Mr. Ernest Closser, from Curtin & Heefner LLP, inquiring about the status of one of the St. Mary Hospital Authority Board members, Nanci Ciarraocchi.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - None

PERSONNEL

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

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	David C. Davenport J.R. #2634	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	19.65 PH

2.	Anthony M. DeAngelis J.R. #2634	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	19.65 PH
3.	Samuel J. DiValentino J.R. #2652	Security Screener - PD Unit 00	Security 12.5 hrs/wk	1/12/15	12.73 PH
4.	Amanda E. Durning J.R. #2599	Cook Unit 01	MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	21.29 PH
5.	Helena M. Gallant J.R. #2609	Activities Asst – PD Unit 03	NM Activities 12 hrs/wk	1/27/15	13.26 PH
6.	Deanna Goines J.R. #2576	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	1/27/15	13.89 PH
7.	Cynthia A. Hendricks J.R. #2653	Security Screener - PD Unit 00	Security 12.5 hrs/wk	1/12/15	12.73 PH
8.	Nathan A. Picone J.R. #2634	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	19.65 PH
9.	Monique C. Rosado J.R. #2634	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	19.65 PH
10.	William R. Siani J.R. #2634	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	19.65 PH

POSITION CHANGE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
11.	Doree R. Gitzes	Activities Asst – PD Unit 03 To Activities Asst – PD Unit 03	NM Activities 20.0 hrs/wk To NM Activities 20.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	13.52 PH To 13.52 PH
12.	Rachel M. Michel J.R. #2645	Health Clerk Unit 03 To Nutritionist Unit 46	Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk To Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk	1/22/15	19.23 PH To 21.06 PH
13.	Janet C. Mood	Activities Asst – PD Unit 03 To Activities Asst – PD Unit 03	NM Activities 12.0 hrs/wk To NM Activities 12.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	13.52 PH To 13.52 PH
14.	Kim M. Onori	Activities Asst – PD Unit 03 To Activities Asst – PD Unit 03	NM Activities 20.0 hrs/wk To NM Activities 20.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	13.26 PH To 13.26 PH
15.	Kathleen A. Schweizer	Clerk Typist II Unit 04 To Administrative Asst I Unit 04	Area Agency on Aging 37.5 hrs/wk To Area Agency on Aging 37.5 hrs/wk	1/26/15	22.29 PH To 22.97 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
16.	Sherry M. Ahearn J.R. #2622	Seasonal Help – PD Unit 05 To Administrative Assistant - PD Unit 00	Prothonotary 20.0 hrs/wk To Public Information 28.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	12.40 PH To 16.00 PH
17.	Elaine T. Boulton J.R. #2665	Legal Secretary II Unit 03 To Administrative Asst-5 Unit 03	District Attorney 40.0 hrs/wk To Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk	1/26/15	21.44 PH To 21.44 PH
18.	Pamela A. Elder	Micro Tech-Camera Oper Unit 03 To Activities Asst Unit 03	Printing and Reproduction 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Activities 40.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	18.54 PH To 18.54 PH
19.	Kathleen A. Krieger	Micro Tech-Camera Oper Unit 03 To Receptionist-Clerical Unit 03	Printing and Reproduction 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Business Office 40.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	18.54 PH To 18.54 PH
20.	Stephanie B. Schwartz J.R. #2536	County Caseworker II Unit 04 To Aging Care Manager II Unit 04	Children and Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Area Agency on Aging 37.5 hrs/wk	1/26/15	30.99 PH To 30.99 PH
21.	Janine M. Slabicki J.R. #2536	County Caseworker II Unit 04 To Aging Care Manager II Unit 04	Children and Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Area Agency on Aging 37.5 hrs/wk	1/26/15	25.03 PH To 25.03 PH
22.	Patricia A. Stockett J.R. #2638	Administrative Assistant Unit 03 To Central Supply Tech Unit 03	Planning Administrative 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Physician Services 40.0 hrs/wk	1/26/15	21.44 PH To 21.44 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
23. Catherine A. Seidner	Seasonal Help Unit 00 To Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreation Services 40.0 hrs/wk To Parks Recreation Services 40.0 hrs/wk	2/04/15	15.50 PH To 16.00 PH

SEPARATIONS

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
24. Donna M. Doherty	Administrative Asst-5	Board of Assessment	1/05/15	Separation
25. David P. Farnish	Data Center Specialist	Information Technology	1/23/15	Separation
26. Karen L. Mayer	Veterans Assistant	Military Affairs	1/02/15	Separation

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

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

Community College Authority

John F. Cordisco, Esquire New Appointment term expires 1/31/20

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Chairman Loughery, and opposed by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 2-1, the following appointments were approved:

Conference and Visitors Bureau

James Humphreys	Reappointment	term expires 1/31/19
Paul A. Licetra	Reappointment	term expires 1/31/19
Ron Gilbert	Reappointment	term expires 1/31/19
Matthew Etzrodt	Reappointment	term expires 1/31/19
Katherine Weeder	Reappointment	term expires 1/31/19

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

Parks & Recreation Board

Todd Kowalski Reappointment term expires 1/31/20

Saint Mary Hospital Authority

Nanci Ciarraocchi Reappointment term expires 1/31/20

Water and Sewer Authority

Helen Bosley New Appointment term expires 1/31/20

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MISCELLANEOUS

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

Homeless Count - The Homeless Point-In-Time Count is scheduled for next Thursday, January 29th. This is an important event as it could impact our federal funding.

Weather Event – There were fifty accidents within the first forty-five minutes of the storm and the ambulance squads raised code to red. Mr. Hessenthaler thanked and commended the first responders and the 911 Call Center for their handling of the situation. He said it was a great effort by all involved.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin complimented Mr. Anderson and his group for the move to the new Justice Center last Sunday in the bad weather conditions and said everything went as well as can be expected.

Commissioner Martin commented on the Housing Committee meeting he attended this week.

Commissioner Martin encouraged people to attend a rally to support our local police on Saturday, January 31st at Core Creek Park.

Commissioner Marseglia spoke about security at the new Justice Center and asked whose decision it was to change how it is being handled. Mr. Hessenthaler responded that they are still trying to determine the best method and added that he believes the Sheriff's Department made the decision. He did send out an email advising that a conversation does need to take place. Commissioner Martin mentioned the new equipment purchased for the lobby that does not appear to be being used. He agreed that it is an issue that needs to be addressed and suggested they wait until next week when everyone is in the office. Commissioner Marseglia reiterated the need for better communication.

Chairman Loughery added his thanks for the move this past weekend, saying it was well done especially with the weather on Sunday, and said there is another move scheduled for this weekend with more snow coming.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Courthouse Community Room.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: February 4, 2015

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, *Chief Clerk*