

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 4, 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 David Heckler, District Attorney and William Snyder, Treasurer.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed March 11, 2015 as “UNITED WAY OPERATION HELPING HAND DAY,” offering encouragement to the many Bucks Countians who are able to support this project and help these dedicated organizations respond to the needs of their neighbors by bringing canned food or other non-perishables to their schools, offices, or other participating locations. Accepting the proclamation was Marissa Christie, Chief Development Officer at United Way of Bucks County. Ms. Christie spoke about food insecurity in the county and the March 11th food drive to benefit Operation Helping Hand.

The Commissioners proclaimed March 14, 2015 as “BUCKS COUNTY ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE CELEBRATION,” encouraging all Bucks Countians to join the annual parade at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, as it steps off from St. Joseph the Worker Church in Falls Township. George Galloway, founder of the Bucks County St. Patrick’s Day Parade, thanked the Commissioners and advised that this year they are honoring veterans and the Irish Brigade. He introduced the 2015 Grand Marshal, Joe Hogan of Levittown, who said it was an honor to be selected and spoke about his connection to the Washington Crossing National Cemetery.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Bill Weigman, Chief of Police from Lower Southampton, expressed thanks to the Commissioners and spoke in support of agenda item 7e.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes for the regular meeting of February 18, 2015 were approved.

Upon motion of Chairman Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, item 8a from 2/18/15 was untabled.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Item 1a – Richard Harvey, of the Agricultural Land Preservation Program, presented information on the County’s portion of a 33.96 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Stein Farm in Tinicum Township. This farm will be the 177th farm preserved, and will bring the total acreage to 14,692. The majority of the site is pasture and crop land and they have about forty horses.

Item 3b – Jeff Darwalk, from the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority, provided a summary of the redevelopment plan.

Item 7b – In response to Commissioner Martin’s question, District Attorney David Heckler provided additional clarification regarding this grant, highlighting some of the ways they are using it to attack domestic violence.

Item 7d – District Attorney David Heckler spoke briefly about the excellent work Mr. King has done to assist them in investigations. He clarified that Mr. King is an independent contractor and a recent newspaper incorrectly stated that Mr. King’s contract included medical benefits.

Item 10a – Commissioner Loughery clarified that these funds came from the Act 13 Marcellus Shale funds to be used for bridge improvements.

Items 11a-i – Commissioner Loughery and Planning Commission Executive Director Lynn Bush both provided additional clarification on these CDBG related contracts.

Items 12a-c - Chief Operating Officer Brian Hessenthaler provided additional information on these Human Resources items.

Item 14a - Open Space Coordinator Dave Johnson presented information on a Municipal Open Space Program grant for construction of playground facilities in Commons Park in Ivyland Borough.

RESOLUTIONS

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

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.	AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION	a. William J. Stein Ottsville, PA	Approve county’s portion (10%) of a 33.96 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Stein farm located on Tohickon Valley Road in Tinicum Township. (TMP 44-001-006)	\$25,470 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
2.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide family strengthening to kinship families. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$49,500** (County 20%)
3.	COMMISSIONERS	a. Bucks County Industrial Development Authority (BCIDA) Doylestown, PA	Approve resolution designating Chairman of the County Commissioners to approve issuance of tax-exempt obligations by the Bucks County Industrial Development Authority (BCIDA) solely for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to finance a project of the School Lane Charter School.	
		b. Bucks County Redevelopment Authority Bristol, PA	Approve Certified Redevelopment Area Plan for Route 13 in Bristol Township.	
4.	CORONER	a.	Approve addition to fee schedule to provide for the return of cremated remains to families.	
		b. Ian Hood, M.D. ChB. (Forensic Pathology Consultants, Inc.) Delanco, NJ	Approve contract to increase autopsy rate for primary forensic pathologist. 3/4/15 – 12/31/19	\$800/2015* \$850/2016* \$900/2017-19* (County 100%)
		c. Erica Williams, M.D. Wayne, PA	Approve contract to increase autopsy rate for forensic pathologist. 3/4/15 – 12/31/19	\$700/2015* \$750/2016* \$800/2017-19* (County 100%)
5.	CORRECTIONS	a. Pomeroy IT Solutions Sales Company, Inc. Hebron, KY	Approve contract to replace servers for the Offender Management System.	\$48,336* (County 100%)
6.	CRIME LAB	a. Perkin Elmer Health Sciences Shelton, CT	Approve contract renewal to provide for maintenance and repair of lab instruments. 1/1/15 – 12/31/15	\$51,707.93** (County 100%)
7.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a. A Woman’s Place Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide programs and training. 1/1/15 – 12/31/17	\$248,017** (County 0%)
		b. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women Washington, DC	Approve grant award under the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program. 1/1/15 – 12/31/17	\$650,000 (Revenue)

	c.	Karen Kreller Plumsteadville, PA	Approve contract increase and extension due to a reallocation of funds to the Encouraging Arrest Program Grant. 2/1/15 – 10/31/15	\$8,690** (County 0%)
	d.	Larry R. King Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal for consulting services. 1/1/15 – 12/31/15	\$74,000** (County 100%)
	e.	Metro Technology Services, Inc. Wayne, PA	Approve contract to provide a data sharing initiative for the Bucks County Network Against Domestic Abuse.	\$80,200** (County 0%)
	f.	Network of Victim Assistance Jamison, PA	Approve contract to provide advocacy services and training. 1/1/15 – 12/31/17	\$169,823** (County 0%)
8.	ERP IMPLEMENTATION	a. Infor Inc. Minneapolis, MN	Approve upgrade of software to allow Infor applications to run on Windows Server 2012.	\$22,480 (County 100%)
9.	FINANCE	a. Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Pennsylvania Department of Education Harrisburg, PA	Approve Keystone Grant for capital improvements at the Pennwood Library in Langhorne. 4/1/15 – 10/31/16	\$430,324 (Revenue)
	b.	PELICAN Insurance c/o CCAP (County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania) Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract renewal for General Liability, Professional Liability, and Mcare Assessment for Neshaminy Manor. 3/1/15 – 3/1/16	\$135,554 (County 100%)
	c.	Western World Insurance Co. Franklin Lakes, NJ	Approve Public Officials & Employment Practices Liability policy. 3/31/15 – 3/31/16	\$123,041 (County 100%)
10.	GENERAL SERVICES	a. Bi-State Construction Co., Inc. Easton, PA	Approve contract for repairs to Bridge #339, located on Bucks Road in Bedminster Township.	\$686,805* (County 100%)
	b.	Worth & Company Pipersville, PA	Approve contract increase for additional plumbing required for café facilities in the Justice Center. Plumbing Change Order #3	\$15,757.37 (County 100%)
	c.	Worth & Company Pipersville, PA	Approve contract increase for additional supplies for the Justice Center HVAC system. Plumbing Change Order #4	\$6,029.83 (County 100%)
	d.	Worth & Company Pipersville, PA	Approve contract increase for floor boxes at the Justice Center to achieve appropriate fire rating. Plumbing Change Order #5	\$70,070.39 (County 100%)
11.	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a. BARC Developmental Services Holicong, PA	Approve contract for CDBG funding to replace the center portion of the roof on the BARC Quakertown Production Services building in Richland Township. 12/1/14 – 11/30/15	\$55,000 (County 0%)
	b.	Family Service Association Langhorne, PA	Approve contract for CDBG funding to provide shelter operations in Levittown. 12/1/14 – 11/30/15	\$149,200 (County 0%)
	c.	Legal Aid of Southeastern PA Norristown, PA	Approve contract for CDBG funding to provide legal representation for housing related issues. 12/1/14 – 11/30/15	\$52,000 (County 0%)
	d.	Morrisville Borough	Approve contract for CDBG funding for rehabilitation of the public restroom at Williamson Park. 12/1/14 – 11/30/15	\$26,945 (County 0%)

	e.	New Britain Borough	Approve contract for CDBG funding to provide ADA modifications to the borough building. 12/1/14 – 11/30/15	\$109,935 (County 0%)
	f.	Nockamixon Township	Approve contract for CDBG funding to support operational costs of the Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Center. 1/1/15 – 12/31/15	\$22,800 (County 0%)
	g.	Richlandtown Borough	Approve contract for CDBG funding to create a handicap accessible entrance to Benner Memorial Hall. 12/1/14 – 12/31/15	\$80,000 (County 0%)
	h.	Vita Education Services Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for CDBG funding to support the Decisions for Change program for ex-offenders. 3/1/15 – 11/30/15	\$20,000 (County 0%)
	i.	Warminster Heights Development Corp. Warminster, PA	Approve contract for CDBG funding to replace the roofs on residential rental buildings. 12/1/14 – 11/30/15	\$150,000 (County 0%)
12.		HUMAN RESOURCES		
	a.	American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO 88 Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve contract amendment to allow for the collection of healthcare contributions for the Keystone Point of Service (KPOS) plan. 1/1/11 – 12/31/15	
	b.	American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO 88 Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement for Unit 03. 01/01/13 – 12/31/16	
	c.	Pennsylvania Social Services Union, (PSSU), Local 668 Dickson City, PA	Approve contract amendment to formalize on-call system for Health Department employees. 1/1/11 – 12/31/15	
13.		HUMAN SERVICES		
	a.	Latino Leadership Alliance of Bucks County Bristol, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide information dissemination and various classes and services. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$17,300** (County 4.1%)
14.		OPEN SPACE		
	a.	Ivyland Borough	Approve Municipal Open Space grant for construction of playground facilities in Commons Park; Amount represents 36% of the average estimated costs. (TMP 17-003-017)	\$19,844 (County 100%)
15.		PLANNING COMMISSION		
	a.	Hilltown Township	Approve contract to prepare an update to the Hilltown Township Comprehensive Plan.	\$26,500 (Revenue)
16.		RECORDER OF DEEDS		
	a.	Red Vision Systems Inc. Parsippany, NJ	Approve sale of deed, mortgage and index images from 1954 through 1979.	\$5,000 (Revenue)
17.		JUVENILE PROBATION		
	a.	Amy Blank Wilson, Ph.D. Moreland Hills, OH	Approve contract amendment to correct travel expenses to current federal allowable rate. 10/1/13 – 9/30/15	
		UNTABLED		
18.		OTHER CIVICS		
	a.	Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Center	Approve Payment	\$3,000
		Boy Scouts of America		\$4,000
		Foundation for Educational Excellence c/o Bristol Twp SD		\$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 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.	Jessica M. Christman J.R. #2702	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children and Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	03/23/15	22.97 PH
2.	Morgan A. Danko J.R. #2640	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children and Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	03/23/15	22.97 PH
3.	Stephanie K. Drake J.R. #2554	County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children and Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	03/09/15	23.92 PH
4.	Kelly Kerr J.R. #2680	Environmental Protection Technician Unit 03	Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk	03/23/15	17.83 PH
5.	Melissa D. Morris J.R. #2659	Pub Health Preparedness Plannr Unit 00	Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk	05/04/15	60,000.00 PA
6.	Amanda L. Purdy J.R. #2704	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children and Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	03/23/15	22.97 PH

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
7.	Gail L. Poust Sep Date 03/03/15	Project Manager - PD Unit 00	General Services 16.0 hrs/wk	03/09/15	28.00 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
8.	Cheryl A. Carels J.R. #2658	County Social Worker I Unit 04 To MR Program Spec I Unit 04	Children and Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To MH DP Admin 37.5 hrs/wk	03/09/15	32.26 PH To 32.96 PH
9.	Elizabeth A. Jacques J.R. #2656	County Social Worker I Unit 04 To MR Program Spec I Unit 04	Children and Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To MH DP Admin 37.5 hrs/wk	03/23/15	32.26 PH To 32.96 PH

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
10.	Chloe E. Brady	Seasonal Help	Parks Recreation Services	01/14/15	Separation
11.	Louise L. Casimir	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	02/12/15	Separation
12.	Kelly N. Chavis	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	02/12/15	Separation
13.	Ryan J. Diehl	Seasonal Help	Parks Recreation Services	02/10/15	Separation
14.	Emily K. Gardner	Food Service Attdnt – PD	NM Dietary Services	02/12/15	Separation
15.	Shieta K. Paschall	Nursing Assistant – Pool	NM Nursing Pool	02/06/15	Separation
16.	James M. Rice	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	02/19/15	Separation
17.	Thomas A. Sally Jr.	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	02/28/15	Separation
18.	Karen L. White	LPN	NM Licensed Pract Nurses	03/02/15	Separation

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

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

Industrial Development Authority

Patrick J. Mallon New Appointment term expires 1/1/20

Chairman Loughery appointed Manfred Marschewski as Chairman of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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

2015-16 Budget – Governor Wolf released the proposed budget yesterday for 2015-16. They will start reviewing it to determine what type of potential impact it could have for the County.

Drug Take Back Program – The next installment of this successful program will be held on Saturday, April 25th. More information will be forthcoming.

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

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Ms. Bush advised she is working with Director of Emergency Services, Scott Forster, on updating the County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan. The first meeting was held yesterday with a majority of the municipalities in attendance, in spite of the unfavorable weather. This update is required every four or five years and they hope to have it approved by FEMA for adoption in the fall.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Regarding the gift shop at the Justice Center, Commissioner Martin advised that he will refine his thoughts on the matter and report back.

Commissioner Martin commented on the proposed state budget.

Commissioner Marseglia introduced a video which was shown called “Heroin Kills.” After the video, District Attorney David Heckler responded to Chairman Loughery’s question about where the video will be available and mentioned that it is available in both the one minute and a ten minute version. Mr. Heckler explained they are trying to distribute it over the web, and are providing it to township supervisors to be broadcast on their public access channels. He also explained how people who do not abuse drugs can become addicted to heroin and opiates. Commissioner Marseglia spoke about putting the message out on Facebook and Mr. Heckler said they have thumb drives that they are distributing to the school districts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Martina Kominiarek, Executive Director of the Bucks County Free Library, introduced their new on-line program for preschoolers called “Let’s Play School.” She presented the Commissioners with t-shirts and thanked them for their support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Courthouse Community Room.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: March 18, 2015

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, *Chief Clerk*