

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 12, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held this day at 10:00 am, at the Middletown Grange Fair in Wrightstown, 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 welcomed former Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley, State Representative Craig Staats, Wrightstown Township Supervisor Jane Magne, and county row officers: Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts; David Heckler, District Attorney; Joseph Szafran, Recorder of Deeds; Donald Petrille, Jr., Register of Wills; and Edward "Duke" Donnelly, Sheriff.

COMMENDATION

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to Bill Steinhauser, John Steinhauser and Maria Taylor upon their selection as the 2015 Fred Grohens Memorial Conservation Farmers of the Year from the Bucks County Conservation District (BCCD). This was presented in recognition of their of their excellent stewardship of the Peace Valley Equestrian Center and their implementation of several conservation measures. Gretchen Schatschneider, of the BCCD, thanked the Commissioners for helping to recognize the Farmers of the Year, and presented the recipients with a framed aerial photo of their facility.

PRESENTATIONS

2014 Grange Fair queen Danielle Sherman said that representing the grange this year has been a fun and rewarding experience and she thanked those who have supported her. She then presented the crown to Rachel Burmeister, the 2015 Grange Fair queen.

Nancy Stevens, District Director for Penn State Extension, introduced horticulture educator Kathy Salisbury, who spoke about working with the many parks, orchards and vineyards in the County. She presented baskets to the Commissioners with a sampling of Bucks County agricultural products. Penn State Extension Board President Mike Coleman thanked the Commissioners for their support and shared information about Bucks County 4H and the rapidly growing agriculture industry.

Kevin Rousset, Superintendent of the Community Corrections Centers, presented a basket of produce grown at the facility to Eileen Albillar and Tammy Schoonover from the Bucks County Opportunity Council. The contents will be distributed to some less fortunate individuals in the County.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes for the regular meeting of July 22, 2015 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Item 1a – Rich Harvey, Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation Program, presented information on agricultural conservation easements on two farms. The Jacklin farm is located next to a 150 acre farm preserved by the County in 2005. It was number one in the 2015 round of applications and includes 20 acres of hay crops. The Crouse farm is highly productive, very scenic, and is surrounded by 1,000 acres of preserved farmland. It is a dairy farm, with 150 cows and also grows corn, alfalfa, wheat, soy bean and timothy. It is the 182nd farm preserved, bringing the total acreage to 15,060. Chairman Loughery spoke about this milestone in the county's Agricultural Preservation program and said it started in 1989 with the first farm being preserved in 1991.

Item 3a - f - Najja Orr, Director of Area Agency on Aging, responded to Commissioner Marseglia's question regarding some of these retroactive agreements versus the contracts for the upcoming term.

Item 4c - Children & Youth Director Lynne Rainey responded to Commissioner Marseglia's request for clarification on this contract amendment.

Item 5a - In response to Commissioner Martin's inquiry, Robert White, Executive Director of the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority, provided information on the terms of this LERTA program.

Item 5b - Chairman Loughery noted that this contract still needs final review and approval of the County Solicitor.

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 items 10a & b, which passed with a vote of 2-1 with Commissioner Marseglia opposing.

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. Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Harrisburg, PA	Approve application for Grant-In-Aid funds. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$4,267,310 (Revenue)
2. AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION	a. James S. and Terry R. Jacklin Coopersburg, PA	Approve county’s portion (50%) of a 24.91 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Jacklin farm located on State Road in Springfield Township. (TMPs 42-009-114, 42-009-114-001, and 42-009-114-003)	\$124,550 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
	b. Nancy Moskella, Donald Crouse, Diane Crouse-Dewalt and Bruce Crouse Riegelsville, PA	Approve county’s portion (40%) of a 71.89 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Crouse farm located on Durham Road in Durham Township. (TMPs 11-002-035 and 11-002-042)	\$273,182 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
	c. The Crouse Homestead LLC, Donald Crouse and Bruce Crouse Riegelsville, PA	Approve county’s portion (40%) of a 33.84 acre agricultural conservation easement on the second portion of the Crouse farm on Durham Road in Durham Township. (TMP 11-002-016)	\$128,592 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
3. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Center Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase to provide senior center services. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$2,250** (County 0%)
	b. Bensalem Senior Citizens Association Bensalem, PA	Approve contract increase to provide senior center services. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$2,930** (County 0%)
	c. Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior Citizens Trevoese, PA	Approve contract increase to provide senior center services. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$13,455** (County 0%)
	d. Eastern Upper Bucks Seniors, Inc. Ottsville, PA	Approve contract increase to provide senior center services. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$1,390** (County 0%)
	e. Falls Township Senior Citizens, Inc. Fairless Hills, PA	Approve contract increase to provide senior center services. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$8,225** (County 0%)
	f. Middletown Senior Citizens Association Levittown, PA	Approve contract increase to provide senior center services. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$3,750** (County 0%)
	g. Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Center Warminster, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide senior center services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$46,602** (County 10%)
	h. Bensalem Senior Citizens Association Bensalem, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide senior center services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$71,095** (County 10%)
	i. Bristol Borough Area Active Adult Center Bristol, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide senior center services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$61,897** (County 10%)
	j. Eastern Upper Bucks Seniors, Inc. Ottsville, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide senior center services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$17,553** (County 10%)

	k.	Falls Township Senior Citizens, Inc. Fairless Hills, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide senior center services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$65,457** (County 10%)	
	l.	Middletown Senior Citizens Association Levittown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide senior center services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$52,762** (County 10%)	
	m.	Linton's Managed Services East Norriton, PA	Approve contract increase to provide congregate and home-delivered meals. 3/5/12 – 6/30/15	\$30,000** (County 9%)	
	n.	Linton's Managed Services East Norriton, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide congregate and home-delivered meals. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$590,000** (County 9%)	
	o.	St. Mary Medical Center Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide Project MEDS training sessions. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$3,600 (Revenue)	
4.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a.	Adelphoi Village, Inc. Latrobe, PA	Approve contract increase to provide various services for delinquent children with emotional and adjustment needs. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$239,000** (County 29%)
		b.	Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bucks County Jamison, PA	Approve contract increase to provide counseling and case management services. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$15,000** (County 15%)
		c.	Edison Court, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract amendment to add additional intervention and mentoring programs for at-risk juveniles. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	
		d.	Families United Network, Inc. Muncy, PA	Approve contract renewal for foster and emergency shelter care, diagnostic services, and community based residential services for dependent youth. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$240,000** (County 19%)
		e.	Glen Mills Concordville, PA	Approve contract increase for residential institutional care and aftercare for boys. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$75,000** (County 38%)
		f.	Info-Matrix Corporation Lemoyne, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide information technology services for Automated Children and Youth System (ACYs) Database. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$617,825** (County 34%)
		g.	University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	Approve contract between Ashley Lauren Lorenz and University of Pittsburgh for child welfare education. 7/7/15 – Graduation	
		h.	University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	Approve contract between Tahesia Evette Thomas and University of Pittsburgh for child welfare education. 7/7/15 – Graduation	
5.	COMMISSIONERS	a.		Approve Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) program for Mill Run Property in Bristol Borough.	
		b.	Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 175 Doylestown, PA	Approve transfer of all right, title and interest in the Global War on Terror Memorial to the County.	
6.	COURTS	a.	County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Harrisburg, PA	Approve and authorize acceptance of grant to support and enhance the Pretrial Program. 7/1/15 – 12/31/15	\$50,000 (Revenue)
		b.	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Harrisburg, PA	Approve and authorize acceptance of grant for the Intermediate Punishment Program. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$236,011 (Revenue)

7.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a. National Medical Services, Inc. Willow Grove, PA	Approve contract to operate the Bucks County Forensic Crime Lab in Warminster. 3 year term from date of approval	\$2,865,809** (County 100%)
8.	DISTRICT COURTS	a. CSG Global Conshohocken, PA	Approve contract increase to provide additional equipment needed for District Court phone installation.	\$2,743** (County 100%)
9.	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Harrisburg, PA	Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with PennDOT to share transportation and emergency services data.	
		b. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve and authorize acceptance of revenue for 911 services, under PA Act 12 of 2015.	
10.	FINANCE	a. Admiral Insurance Company Cherry Hill, NJ	Approve contract renewal of annual Miscellaneous Professional Liability Insurance Policy. 9/1/15 – 9/1/16	\$251,875 (County 100%)
		b. Wright National Flood Insurance Company St. Petersburg, FL	Approve renewal of annual Flood Insurance Policy. 9/4/15 – 9/15/16	\$21,584 (County 100%)
11.	GENERAL SERVICES	a. Home Depot, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract to provide repair and maintenance supplies for county buildings and bridges. 1/1/15 – 12/31/15	\$31,000 (County 100%)
		b. Southampton Tire & Service, Inc. Southampton, PA	Approve contract to purchase tires. 8/31/15 – 8/31/16	\$25,000** (County 100%)
12.	HEALTH	a. Contract Pharmacy Services, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract amendment to add the Health Department to the Neshaminy Manor contract. 7/1/12 – 6/30/17	
13.	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a. Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County Chalfont, PA	Approve contract amendment to include enhanced language for the conditional commitment of funds. 6/17/15 – 6/17/17	
14.	HUMAN RESOURCES	a. First Lab Chalfont, PA	Approve contract to serve as third party administrator of drug and alcohol testing programs. 10/1/15 – 12/31/17	\$19,000/yr* (County 100%)
15.	HUMAN SERVICES	a. Family Service Association Langhorne, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide behavioral healthcare to low-income adults. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$41,000** (County 4.1%)
		b. Libertae, Inc. Bensalem, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide intensive case management services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$26,000** (County 4.1%)
		c. Worthwhile Wear Silverdale, PA	Approve contract to provide long term aftercare, housing and employment programs. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$10,000** (County 4.1%)
16.	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a. Pomeroy IT Solutions Sales Company Inc. Hebron, KY	Approve purchase of computer hardware for various departments. 8/12/15 – 12/31/15	\$190,490* (Varies)
17.	JUVENILE PROBATION	a. Alternative Rehabilitation Communities Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract increase to provide foster care, residential, and secure services for juveniles. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$80,000** (County 25%)
		b. George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania Grove City, PA	Approve contract increase to provide long-term residential care. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$22,000** (County 38%)

18. MH/DP	a. Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. Ivyland, PA	Approve contract to provide affordable housing for individuals in the “Now is the Time – Healthy Transitions” program. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$30,000** (County 0%)
	b. Child & Family Focus, Inc. Valley Forge, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide respite services to youth with mental health diagnoses. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$328,603** (County 0%)
	c. LifePath, Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract increase to provide adult developmental training, pre-vocational, supported living, community home, habilitation, and therapy services. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$12,895** (County 4.1%)
	d. Lower Bucks Hospital Bristol, PA	Approve contract increase for hospital inpatient services. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$100,000** (County 4.1%)
	e. PMHCC Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase for services provided on behalf of Mental Health Advocacy. 3/1/15 – 9/29/15	\$1,750** (County 0%)
	f. Woods Services Langhorne, PA	Approve contract increase to provide residential and day program services for individuals with intellectual disabilities. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$23,644** (County 4.1%)
19. PLANNING COMMISSION	a. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide transportation planning. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$84,000 (Revenue)
	b. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide public transit planning. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$61,734 (Revenue)
	c. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide GIS services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$15,000 (Revenue)
20. PURCHASING	a. Clean Rental Services, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve amendment to term of contract for provision and rental of uniforms for the Departments of Corrections and Security. (Final form to be approved by Solicitor) 1/1/16 – 12/31/17	\$522,101.50** (County 100%)
21. OTHER CIVICS	a. Bucks County 4H	Approve Payment	\$1,200
	Bucks County SPCA		\$5,000
	Bristol Riverside Theater		\$15,000
	Interfaith Community of Lower Bucks (ICLB)		\$250
	Reach Out Foundation		\$500
	Snipes Farm and Education Center		\$250

*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:

**2015 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
Agenda Description
August 12, 2015**

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Capital Budgets per 2014 CAFR

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #6	Open Space Fund	9,200
	Open Space Fund (Revenue)	(9,200)
Adjustment #7	2005 Bond Fund	(239,500)
	2005 Bond Fund (Revenue)	239,500
Adjustment #8	2008 Bond Fund	(69,100)
	2008 Bond Fund (Revenue)	69,100
Adjustment #9	2011 Bond Fund	(421,600)
	2011 Bond Fund (Revenue)	421,600
Adjustment #10	2013 Bond Fund	(2,010,000)
	2013 Bond Fund (Revenue)	2,010,000
Adjustment #11	Special Projects Fund	898,800
	Special Projects Fund (Revenue)	(898,800)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT - Adjust Revenue for CCAP and PCCD Grants

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #13	Main Courts	168,000
	Main Courts (Revenue)	(168,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

Chief Operating Officer Brian Hessenthaler provided additional clarification.

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PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Chairman Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, 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.	Tammi L. Ashford J.R. # 2854	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	09/08/15	22.97 PH
2.	Lisa A. Barnelli J.R. #2855	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	09/08/15	22.97 PH
3.	Juliane C. Barreto J.R. #2871	Records Administrator Unit 03	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	08/17/15	21.76 PH
4.	Charles Berreth	Security Screener – PD Unit 00	Security 18.0 hrs/wk	08/12/15	12.73 PH
5.	Nicholas J. Boscola J.R. #2791	Trades Level I - Electrician Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	08/24/15	28.09 PH
6.	Nicole M. Hamann J.R. #2858	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	09/08/15	22.97 PH
7.	Kelly C. Hoffman J.R. #2875	Food Service Attendant – PT Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	08/24/15	12.01 PH
8.	Margaret K. Matthews J.R. #2894	Activities Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Activities 20.0 hrs/wk	08/24/15	13.26 PH
9.	Vanessa E. Taylor J.R. #2876	Central Supply-O-PT. Asst – PD Unit 03	NM Physician Services 20.0 hrs/wk	08/24/15	16.28 PH
10.	Ashley Zacirka J.R. #2857	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	09/08/15	22.97 PH

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<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
11. Shawn Lynch J.R. #2286	LPN Unit 33 to LPN – Pool Unit 31	NM Licensed Practical Nurses 40.0 hrs/wk to NM Nursing Pool 28.0 hrs/wk	08/22/15	27.33 PH To 28.00 PH

POSITION CHANGE

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
12. Christopher M. Brown	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Sergeant Corrections Unit 81	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk To Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	08/15/15	26.08 PH To 28.76 PH
13. Thomas A. Freitag	Registrar Unit 03 To Election Coordinator Unit 00	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk To Board of Voter Registration 37.5 hrs/wk	08/13/15	20.70 PH To 23.68 PH
14. Julie A. Lichty	County Social Worker I Unit 04 To County Casework Supervisor Unit 84	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	08/13/15	32.26 PH To 32.88 PH
15. Jessica A. Mantione	County Caseworker II Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	08/13/15	22.97 PH To 23.92 PH
16. Joseph D. Whitesell	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Sergeant Corrections Unit 81	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk To Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	08/15/15	26.08 PH To 28.76 PH

TRANSFER

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
17. Joan L. Milewski J.R. #2766	County Social Worker I Unit 04 To MR Program Specialist I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To MH DP Admin 37.5 hrs/wk	08/24/15	32.26 PH To 32.96 PH
18. Cecelia M. Priovolos	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Corrections Officer Unit 01	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk To WCCC 40.0 hrs/wk	08/15/15	23.26 PH To 23.26 PH
19. Kelly Reed	Correctional Case Manager Unit 01 To Cmmnty Corrections Mgr Unit 00	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk To MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk	08/17/15	28.81 PH To 74,575.71 PA

MANDATED INCREASE

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
20. Michelle L. Glover	County Social Worker I Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	08/13/15	30.99 PH To 32.26 PH
21. Lauren M. Mattioni	County Social Worker I Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	08/13/15	28.46 PH To 29.02 PH

SEPARATIONS

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
22. Uma Alpert	Aging Care Manager II	Area Agency on Aging	07/31/15	Separation
23. Roberta Becher	Activities Assistant – PD	NM Activities	09/22/15	Separation
24. Michael Farbotnik, II	Soil Scientist	Health Department	09/01/15	Separation
25. Genneen M. Groth	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	07/15/15	Separation
26. Carole A. Janssens	Project Admin – Envnmntl Spclst	Housing & Community Development	07/31/15	Separation
27. Wendy P. Kakolowski	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	07/31/15	Separation
28. Ferne L. McGrath	Accounting Assistant	Main Jail	09/02/15	Separation
29. Nadine Noel Piller	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	07/25/15	Separation
30. Ismael Ramos, Jr.	Security Guard	Security	07/23/15	Separation
31. Frank R. Sladek	Security Screener – PD	Security	07/16/15	Separation
32. Wynetta K. Smith	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	07/26/15	Separation
33. Robert L. Strassler	Mrg Production Support	Information Technology	08/10/15	Separation

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

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OTHER BUSINESS – Interfaith Housing Visions

Roger Collins, Director of Housing & Community Development, presented information on Interfaith

Housing Development Corporation and their new partnership with Housing Visions. He spoke about working closely with the IHDC board members and welcomed Treasurer, Marty Brill and Vice President, Bud Johnson. At the conclusion of Mr. Collins' presentation, Chairman Loughery proposed that the County make an additional commitment to providing affordable housing in Bucks County and specifically to Interfaith Housing Visions. He pledged an investment of \$350,000 for the next year. Commissioner Marseglia thanked Mr. Brill and Mr. Johnson for all their work, and especially thanked Chairman Loughery for his work with the project. Chairman Loughery expressed his thanks to Chief Operating Officer, Brian Hessenthaler.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairman Loughery spoke about new initiatives with the Bucks County Industrial Development Authority that are designed to support farming in the County. These include the Taste & Tour Program and the Farmer's Summit. He recognized Marge McKeivitt from the Planning Commission, Pete Krauss, Executive Director and Mary Smithson, Chair of the BCIDA.

Taste & Tour - Ms. Smithson presented information on a low interest loan initiative to help sustain farms and agriculture in the county, the first projects being with Snipes Farm, McArdle Farm and Purely Farms.

Farmer's Summit - Ms. McKeivitt detailed information about the proposed farmer's summit, which will be led by the farming, agribusiness and food manufacturing communities. The purpose of the summit, which will be held in late fall or early winter, is to identify strategies that will help strengthen these industries.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

Pandemic Flu Drill – The bi-annual flu clinic will be held on Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm at Penn Ridge North High School, Central Bucks High School South, and Neshaminy High School.

State Budget – It has now been 43 days without a state budget. The County is in a strong financial position to weather this right now, but if the budget isn't passed by late September or early October it could start to be a problem. They will continue to monitor the situation and keep in contact with state legislators.

Text to 911 – A new tool soon to be deployed by Emergency Services is the ability to text to 911. They are currently training dispatchers. This will give access to the hearing and speech impaired and will be a great tool in situations where it isn't feasible to speak on the phone, such as in an active shooter situation. It is still better to call 911 when able.

Mainframe – Last Friday the migration off the mainframe was finally completed. It is appropriate that former Lieutenant Governor Cawley is here, as this had been a pet project of his.

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

Business Route 202 – The new designation for what is now called Butler Avenue has been approved and signs should be going up around the end of the year. When the new Route 202 parkway was completed, the businesses wanted to make sure they had the proper designation. Our Planning Commission staff took the lead in obtaining all the required approvals. This will be the 2nd business route in Bucks County, the 1st being Business Route 1.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin reported that Neshaminy Manor was recently inspected and did very well, as usual. He is very proud of the employees there.

Commissioner Martin noted that the county, state and local government have spent \$145 million to preserve open space. He said it's a wonderful commitment on everybody's behalf to be working together.

Commissioner Martin commented on the state's inability to pass a budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Rumbold, from Perkasio Borough, brought forward a seventy-three pound piece of the Walnut Street Bridge and presented information regarding the condition of the bridge and the effect on local residents. Chairman Loughery assured him that this is the County's number one bridge to get done, and provided additional information on the status of funding for the bridge. He expressed frustration with the state and federal requirements being imposed.

District Attorney David Heckler commented on the transfer of the operation of the crime lab to a private contractor. He offered assurance that the county has been well served over the years by the group that managed to make it work, but the burden of keeping up with federal regulations has made this the right move for the county at this time.

Wrightstown Township Supervisor Jane Magne thanked the Commissioners for their selection of the three farms for the new county loan program, and for their long standing support of farming in Bucks County. She also offered information about the Wrightstown Farmers Market, saying that both Purely Farm and Snipes Farm are vendors at the market.

Perkasie Borough Council Vice President Jim Purcell asked if there was anything they can do to help get the bridge going. Commissioner Marseglia suggested they write to their state representatives and to Representative Fitzpatrick. Commissioner Martin added that they would be happy to meet with any borough officials or provide any information they have. Mr. Purcell suggested a public meeting during the day would be helpful.

Mr. Ed Twining shared some information about the history of the Grange Fair, saying he has been to all but three of them. He spoke about husking corn for the free chicken dinner and said there's not a nicer fair in the country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2nd at The Barn at Tinicum Park in Erwinna.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Loughery adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Approved: September 2, 2015

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, *Chief Clerk*