

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 18, 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 Chairman Robert G. Loughery and Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia. Commissioner Charles H. Martin was not present. Chairman Loughery opened the meeting with a moment of silence and he asked everyone to keep the people of Paris in their thoughts. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Loughery recognized county row officers who were present: Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts; Kim Doran, Acting Controller; Donald Petrille, Jr., Register of Wills; William Snyder, Treasurer; and Tom Panzer, Treasurer Elect.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed November 18, 2015, as “CORDUS MUNDI DAY,” recognizing Cordus Mundi for 10 years of achievement in enhancing and enriching the cultural fabric of Bucks County. They applaud the group for providing accessible opportunities for residents of all ages to be inspired by the power of live performance and expanding appreciation for excellence in choral music. Rick Rosen, Artistic Director and Founder, accepted the proclamation and shared some information on the history of this choral group. He advised they are having a concert at 4:00 pm this Sunday at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Doylestown. He then led an acapella version of Amazing Grace.

The Commissioners proclaimed December 1, 2015 as “#GIVINGTUESDAYBUCKS,” encouraging all Bucks Countians to unite to give back to the community in any way that is personally meaningful not only during the upcoming holiday season but throughout the year. Jenny Salisbury, Assistant Director, Foundation & Alumni Relations, Bucks County Community College, thanked the Commissioners for their support and spoke briefly about this initiative. She invited everyone to their Community Donation Collection Day on December 1<sup>st</sup> in the Mougis Auditorium in the Student Center of Delaware Valley University, where they will be collecting everything from clothing, food, and baby items to gift cards, which will then be donated to the organizations with the most need.

The Commissioners proclaimed November 2015, as “EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH” throughout the County of Bucks, and in so doing, encouraged Bucks County citizens to recognize November as Epilepsy Awareness Month and to help promote continued community education and awareness programs about epilepsy. Accepting the proclamation was Steven Wouch, Chairman of the Board of the Epilepsy Foundation Eastern Pennsylvania, who thanked the Commissioners for recognizing Epilepsy Awareness Month, and shared his personal experience with the disease.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Chairman Loughery, with the vote being 2-0, the minutes for the regular meeting of November 4, 2015 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Chairman Loughery, with the vote being 2-0, the following Resolutions were approved:

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

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	a. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services Harrisburg, PA	Approve Amendment #7 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement. 1/1/12 – 12/31/16	
2. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. NHS Youth Services, Inc. Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide residential treatment, emergency shelter, and community based care. 7/1/14– 6/30/15	\$217,841** (County 34%)

3. CORONER	a. Daniel R. Farrar	Approve certification course required for all employees.	\$2,992.89** (County 0%)
	b. Rosalie Runkle	Approve certification course required for all employees.	\$2,992.89** (County 100%)
4. FINANCE	a. Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide auditing services for the 2015 calendar year.	\$158,090 (County 100%)
5. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a. U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia, PA	Approve 2015 grant award agreements for CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.	\$2,528,236 (Revenue)
6. HUMAN SERVICES	a. St. Mary Medical Center Foundation Langhorne, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide case management services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$6,500** (County 4.1%)
	b. The Salvation Army – Operating Unit in Bucks County Levittown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide case management services, referral services and counseling. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$5,500** (County 4.1%)
7. MH/DP	a. Access Services, Inc. Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide home and community habilitation, supported living, and intensive case management services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$447,969** (County 4.1%)
	b. LifePath, Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide adult developmental training, pre-vocational, supported living, community home, habilitation, and therapy services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$214,222** (County 6.4%)
	c. Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant renewal to improve access to treatment and support services. 10/1/15 – 9/29/16	\$324,680 (Revenue)

\*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.

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Chairman Loughery, with the vote being 2-0, the following Personnel Actions were approved:

**APPOINTMENTS**

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
1.	John Ives J.R. #2925	Planner Unit 46	Planning Administrative 40.0 hrs/wk	12/14/15	23.92 PH
2.	Ronald Keaser J.R. #2820	Business Analyst Unit 00	Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk	11/30/15	31.25 PH
3.	Alice C. Kennedy J.R. #2957	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 30	NM Nursing Pool 28.0 hrs/wk	11/30/15	16.00 PH
4.	Colleen Riley J.R. #2971	Clerk Typist II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	12/14/15	17.06 PH
5.	Dionne Showell J.R. #2911	County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	11/30/15	23.92 PH
6.	Teyonna Shields Washington J.R. #2964	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 30	NM Nursing Pool 28.0 hrs/wk	11/30/15	16.00 PH

**POSITION CHANGE**

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
7.	Elizabeth Abney J.R. #2966	Nursing Assistant- PT Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant- PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 24.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	11/28/15	13.89 PH To 13.89 PH
8.	Kelly A. Kerr J.R. #2938	Envmmntl Prtn Technician Unit 03 To EPS I Unit 46	Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk To Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk	01/25/16	19.19 PH To 22.97 PH

**SEPARATIONS**

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
9. Elaine Y. Malcolm-Daniels	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	11/02/15	Separation
10. Marie Monaghan	Planner	Planning Administrative	11/04/15	Separation
11. Brian J. Petrikonis	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	11/09/15	Separation
12. Lauren M. Staffen	Pub Health Epidemiologist	Health	12/07/15	Separation
13. Lynda Whitfield	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Pool	11/01/15	Separation
14. Ashley R. Zacirka	County Caseworker II	Children & Youth	11/13/15	Separation

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

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EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

County Budget – The preliminary 2016 county budget will be released next Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

State Budget – Day 141 of the state budget impasse; Chairman Loughery will be speaking about it.

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

Electronics Collection – The last event of the year will be held this Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at FDR Middle School in Bristol from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. It’s a good opportunity to get rid of old computers, appliances and televisions.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Regarding the state budget impasse, Chairman Loughery presented a solution that would entail working with county row offices to withhold payment of certain state fees until such time as the county has been reimbursed by the state. Register of Wills Don Petrille, speaking for himself and Clerk of Courts Mary Smithson, indicated their willingness to work with the commissioners on the proposed idea. Human Services Director Jonathan Rubin expressed appreciation for the commissioners’ efforts to try to figure out how to continue paying for services when other counties are trying to figure out how to stop paying for services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. in the Bucks County Courthouse Community Room.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: December 16, 2015

**BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

BY:

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Robert G. Loughery  
*Chairman*

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Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia  
*Commissioner*

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Lynn T. Bush  
*Chief Clerk*