

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 16, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held this day, at 10:00 a.m., at the Bucks County Visitor Center in Bensalem, 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 introduced Jerry Lepping, Executive Director of the Visit Bucks County. Mr. Lepping thanked the Commissioners and invited everyone to tour the Christmas tree display, adding that the trees were decorated by 25 different organizations in Bucks County. He also promoted the Visit Bucks County ad campaign.

Chairman Loughery welcomed Bensalem Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo and former County Commissioner Sandra Miller, pointing out that Ms. Miller is at the end of her term as chair of the Conference and Visitors Bureau and thanking her for her service. Chairman Loughery also welcomed County Row Officers Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts; Joseph Szafran, Recorder of Deeds; Donald Petrille, Jr., Register of Wills; Duke Donnelly, Sheriff; Treasurer Elect, Tom Panzer; and William Snyder, Treasurer. Chairman Loughery stated that, after 36 years, this is Mr. Snyder's last Commissioners' meeting,

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed the "TREE OF HOPE" as Bucks County's official symbol of support for recovery from the ravages of addiction. In doing so, they applaud those striving for a sober and drug-free lifestyle and encourage communities throughout Bucks County to eradicate stigma and embrace recovering persons and their families. Commissioner Marseglia advised that the dedication ceremony will be held tonight at 6:30 in the Bucks County Administration Building. Eileen Martin, chair of the Bucks County PRO-ACT Advisory Board, accepted the proclamation and spoke briefly about the stigma of drug and alcohol addiction.

COMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to Boy Scout Andrew Widmeier of Pipersville, in recognition of his bravery, service and rapid response during the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds' Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. on October 5, 2015. Recorder of Deeds Joseph Szafran spoke briefly about the Honor Flight program, explaining that each veteran is paired with a guardian. Mr. Widmeier was a guardian for World War II veteran Mr. Ted Marchese that day, providing him with the services he needed and saved his life. The Commissioners presented Mr. Widmeier with a plaque with a Mercer county tile, after which Mr. Marchese expressed his appreciation to Mr. Widmeier. Mr. Widmeier said he was thankful for the opportunity to be a part of Honor Flight and grateful to have been paired up with Mr. Marchese.

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to William Snyder, in celebration of his retirement after more than 36 years of dedicated service as Bucks County Treasurer. The Commissioners offered gratitude for his dedication to the County and their shared mission to serve the public on a daily basis. Mr. Snyder expressed his thanks and said he has enjoyed every day of working at the Courthouse. Chairman Loughery also presented him with a Mercer county tile and his name plate from the Commissioners' meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes of the regular meetings of November 18, 2015 and December 2, 2015 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Loughery reviewed the agenda for the public, providing clarification and addressing questions and comments.

Item 7b – Chairman Loughery clarified that Interfaith Housing Development Corporation of Bucks County merged with Housing Visions earlier this year as part of a new business plan to manage Interfaith's assets.

Items 8a through v – In response to Chairman Loughery's question, MH/DP Administrator Donna Duffy Bell confirmed that these contracts are for the current fiscal year and shared additional information regarding the prior year's contracts and expenditures.

Items 11a through d - Open Space Coordinator Dave Johnson presented information on Municipal Open Space grants in Newtown Borough, Riegelsville Borough, Springfield Township, and Trumbauersville Borough. Newtown

Borough is restoring its 1.18 acre borough-owned park. Riegelsville Borough will be constructing 7,500 linear feet of pedestrian trails and added trail amenities. Springfield Township will be conserving a 15.6 acre portion of the Wernett property. Traumbauersville Borough was seeking funds to plant trees and shrubbery in the borough park, which was previously approved by the Commissioners.

Mr. Johnson also provided a fiscal update on the Open Space Program. The initial bond amount for the Municipal Open Space Program was \$26 million and, to date, \$14 million has been spent. 26 municipalities have obligated all of their allocations, while 13 municipalities have not used their allocated funds. Five municipalities will be looking to use their funds in early 2016. For the Natural Areas Program, there is \$1.5 million in funding remaining out the initial allocation and the Planning Commission is seeking applications through the end of the year. The Delaware Riverfront Program continues to be well funded.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- Item 8h passed with a vote of 2-1 with Commissioner Martin 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. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Food Management Services, Inc. d/b/a Linton’s Managed Services, Inc. Blue Bell, PA	Approve termination of contract to provide congregate and home delivered meals.	(\$286,059) (County 9%)
	b. Food Management Services, Inc. d/b/a Linton’s Managed Services, Inc. Blue Bell, PA	Approve emergency contract to provide congregate and home delivered meals. 12/26/15 – 3/31/16	\$175,633** (County 9%)
2. BOARD OF ASSESSMENT	a. Tyler Technologies, Inc. Moraine, OH	Approve contract renewal for annual software maintenance for iasWorld. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$235,940 (County 100%)
3. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bucks County Jamison, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide counseling and case management services for adolescents. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$643,704** (County 14%)
	b. Neighborhood First Program, Inc. Bristol, PA	Approve contract increase to provide mentoring and monitoring for youth and juvenile offenders. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$9,000** (County 14%)
	c. Neighborhood First Program, Inc. Bristol, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide mentoring and monitoring for youth and juvenile offenders. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$540,000** (County 14%)
4. CORRECTIONS	a. Paul Kolakowski Churchville, PA	Approve contract to teach adult basic education through computer assisted teaching methods. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$56,025.54** (County 0%)
	b. R.W. Powitz Associates, P.C. Old Saybrook, CT	Approve contract to provide forensic consulting services to Corrections and the Youth Center. 1/1/16– 12/31/17	\$15,000**/year (County 100%)
5. COURTS	a. Children & Youth Conflict Counsel 1. Judith A. Algeo 2. Elissa B. Heinrichs 3. Francine Kaplan 4. Wm. Craig Penglase 5. Stuart Wilder	Approve contracts with six private attorneys to represent parties in dependency cases when there is a conflict of interest with Legal Aid. (\$19,897.56 per contract) 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$119,385.36* (County 100%)

	6. Keith J. Williams		
	b. Conflict Counsel 1. Sharif Abaza 2. Harry J. Cooper 3. John J. Fioravanti 4. Elissa B. Heinrichs 5. Charles D. Jonas 6. Paul G. Lang 7. Robert Mancini 8. Wm. Craig Penglase 9. Stuart Wilder 10. Keith J. Williams	Approve contracts with ten private attorneys to represent individual defendants in cases when there is a conflict of interest with the Bucks County Public Defender's Office. (\$33,808.84 per contract) 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$338,088.40* (County 100%)
6. GENERAL SERVICES	a. PennDot Engineering District 6-0 Harrisburg, PA	Approve signature authorization and execution of supplemental agreement to increase funding for replacement of County Bridge #45 located on Stoney Bridge Road in Bedminster Township.	\$1,299,798 (Revenue)
7. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a. Bucks County Redevelopment Authority Bristol, PA	Approve contract for CDBG funding for County-wide Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. 1/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$400,000 (County 0%)
	b. Interfaith Housing Visions Bristol, PA	Approve contract for the management and operations of Interfaith Housing Visions properties. 12/16/15 – 12/31/16	\$350,000 (County 100%)
	c. Richlandtown Borough	Approve contract extension to complete the Benner Memorial Hall project. 1/1/16 – 9/30/16	
	d. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia, PA	Approve grant renewal for Homeless Management Information System. 1/1/16– 12/31/16	\$103,023 (Revenue)
8. MH/DP	a. Association for Habilitation and Employment of the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. Jenkintown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide supported employment services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$108,043** (County 4.1%)
	b. Associated Production Services, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide pre-vocational services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$224,074** (County 4.1%)
	c. BelMed Ambulance, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide ambulance services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$40,000** (County 4.1%)
	d. CareLink Community Support Services Eddystone, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide maximum supervision residential rehabilitation service. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$101,729** (County 4.1%)
	e. Delta Community Supports, Inc. Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide adult developmental training services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$17,472** (County 4.1%)
	f. Family Services Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide intensive and administrative case management services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$85,000** (County 4.1%)
	g. Goodwill Keystone Area Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide supported employment services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$81,158** (County 4.1%)

h.	Horizon House, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide residential services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$838,647** (County 4.1%)
i.	Indian Creek Foundation, Inc. Souderton, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide residential services and pre-vocational services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$309,636** (County 4.1%)
j.	KenCrest Services Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide home and community habilitation and early intervention therapy services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$604,884** (County 9%)
k.	Kutest Kids Early Intervention Co. Bala Cynwyd, PA	Approve contract to approve rates for waiver services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	
l.	Lenape Valley Foundation Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide mental health services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$4,632,276** (County 4.5%)
m.	Martha Lloyd Community Residential Facility, Inc. Troy, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide adult developmental training services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$78, 553** (County 4.1%)
n.	NetSmart Technologies, Inc. Overland Park, KS	Approve contract renewal for software maintenance and support. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$44,883.47** (County 4.1%)
o.	Penn Foundation Sellersville, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide mental health services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$2,785,812** (County 4.4%)
p.	Reach Out Foundations of Bucks County Penndel, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide social rehabilitation drop-in center. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$135,000* (County 4.1%)
q.	Rockhill Mennonite Community Sellersville, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide older adult day services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$16,038** (County 4.1%)
r.	Salisbury Behavioral Health, Inc. aka Milestones Community Healthcare, Inc. Roslyn, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide supported living and residential services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$2,526,721** (County 4.1%)
s.	Senior Care Centers of America, Inc. Trevose, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide adult developmental training. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$4,550** (County 4.1%)
t.	T.E.C., Inc., d/b/a Family and Friends Point Pleasant, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide funding for supported living services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$1,017,203** (County 4.1%)
u.	The Melmark Home, Inc. Berwyn, Pa	Approve contract renewal to provide supervised living and adult developmental training services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$129,594** (County 4.1%)
v.	Woods Services Langhorne, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide residential and day program services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$1,895,597** (County 4.1%)
9.	NESHAMINY MANOR		
a.	Manheim Medical Supply, Inc. Manheim, PA	Approve contract extension to provide disposable pads. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$9,790* (County 0%)
b.	Manheim Medical Supply, Inc. Manheim, PA	Approve contract extension to purchase bariatric briefs.	\$35,600* (County 0%)

		1/1/16 – 12/31/16	
	c. McKesson Medical-Surgical Minnesota Supply, Inc. Golden Valley, MN	Approve contract extension to provide disposable underwear. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$6,814* (County 0%)
	d. Penn Jersey Paper Company Philadelphia	Approve contract extension to provide disposable pads and disposable underwear. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$14,600* (County 0%)
	e. Xpedx, LLC – A Veritiv Company Camp Hill, PA	Approve contract extension to provide briefs. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$124,220* (County 0%)
10. OPEN SPACE	a. Newtown Borough	Approve Municipal Open Space Improvement Grant for 75% of the project cost to upgrade and enhance the borough owned property known as Newtown Commons.	\$224,306 (County 100%)
	b. Riegelsville Borough	Approve Municipal Open Space Improvement Grant for 75% of the project cost for construction of a stone trail and trail related amenities.	\$223,535 (County 100%)
	c. Springfield Township	Approve Municipal Open Space Grant for 75% of the conservation easement on a 15.6 acre portion of the Wernett property. (TMP 42-008-066.)	\$111,150 (County 100%)
	d. Trumbauersville Borough	Approve Municipal Open Space Improvement Grant for 75% of the project cost for the planting of trees and shrubbery in the borough park.	\$10,500 (County 100%)
11. PARKS & RECREATION	a. Boucher & James, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to design and prepare bid specifications for construction of a .71 mile paved multi-use trail that will close the gap in the existing trail at Peace Valley Park. 12/16/15 – 12/15/16	\$56,922 (County 0%)
12. PUBLIC INFORMATION	a. Perfexion, Inc. King of Prussia, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide hosting, maintenance and licensing of County website. 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$28,720** (County 100%)
13. RECORDER OF DEEDS	a. Info Quick Solutions Inc. Liverpool, NY	Approve contract increase and extension to perform verification processes for recorded documents. 3/1/16 – 2/28/17	\$60,000* (County 0%)
14. REGISTER OF WILLS	a. MTS Software Solutions Moorestown, NJ	Approve purchase of nine new Fujitsu scanners.	\$16,755 (County 100%)
15. SOLICITOR	a. Toll Brothers Horsham, PA	Approve contract amendment to extend the outside settlement date to December 31, 2016.	
16. OTHER CIVICS	a. Bucks County Legal Aide Society	Approve Payment.	\$1,200
	Doylestown FISH		\$1,500

*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 Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Budget Adjustment was adopted:

2015 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
Agenda Description
December 16, 2015

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT - Adjust operating budget to cover additional expenditures

<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adjustment #26	Behavioral Health (Revenue)	(7,241,000)
	Behavioral Health	7,241,000
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

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2016 COUNTY BUDGET, TAX LEVY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Chairman Loughery summarized that the proposed operating budget is \$402.566 million, which provides a projected surplus and does not call for a tax increase in property taxes. He noted that expenditures are roughly \$403 and if one takes into account pass-through costs and expenditures for Behavioral Health and Community and Housing Development, then total expenditures are around \$498 million. Chairman Loughery also said the budget reflects the priorities and values of the Board of Commissioners in addition to the needs and wants of residents. Finally, he thanked Chief Operating Officer Brian Hessenthaler, Finance Director David Boscola, courts, row offices, department heads, and division leaders for their work in the budget process, which began in August.

Commissioner Martin commented that is amazing that the County can pass a budget but the State cannot.

Commissioner Marseglia thanked everyone involved in the budget process.

ADOPTION OF COUNTY BUDGET

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

- Adopt the 2016 County Budget as recommended by the Director of Finance and Administration.

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

ADOPTION OF COUNTY TAX LEVY

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

- Adopt the 2016 County Tax Levies, Millage Rate (23.2) and user fee schedules as recommended by the Director of Finance and Administration. (Health, Neshaminy Manor and Parks)

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

ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATIONS

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

- Approve the 2015 Appropriations to County agencies and authorities as recommended by the Director of Finance and Administration.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Approve Ordinance No. 149 for the implementation of a fee for local use as provided by 75 PA.C.S. §1935, allowing a county, in its discretion, to impose a county fee of \$5.00 for each nonexempt vehicle registered to an address located within its borders.

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

Prior to the vote, Chairman Loughery explained that the State’s transportation bill, which was passed two years ago, allowed counties to add an additional \$5.00 fee on residents’ vehicle registrations. Bucks County would use this dedicated revenue stream for transportation projects, and in particular, bridge maintenance. Commissioner Martin added, if approved, the resolution would be effective in 90 days.

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

Approving Resolution titled “Approving a Financing Project” related to the financing and refinancing of bonds for certain St. Mary Medical Center projects and approving the Certificate of Approval of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners that authorizes the Chairman 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.

PERSONNEL

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

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Sheryl M. Anderson J.R. #2972	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	12/28/15	13.89 PH
2.	Sylvia C. Dash J.R. #3008	Activities Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Activities 20.0 hrs/wk	12/28/15	13.26 PH
3.	Kevin M. Gallagher, Jr. J.R. #3007	County Info Tech Generalist 2 Unit 00	Children & Youth 40.0 hrs/wk	01/11/16	65,500.00 PA
4.	Casey L. Gillen J.R. #3009	Food Service Attendant – PD Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	12/28/15	12.01 PH
5.	Victoria D. Greenwood J.R. #2606	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 24.0 hrs/wk	12/28/15	13.89 PH
6.	Doretta J. Lesesne J.R. #2930	Activities Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Activities 6.0 hrs/wk	12/28/15	13.26 PH
7.	Sandra Maltese J.R. #3008	Activities Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Activities 20.0 hrs/wk	12/28/15	13.26 PH
8.	Nadine Martin J.R. #2524	LPN - Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing Pool 28.0 hrs/wk	12/28/15	28.00 PH
9.	Rachel A. Onate J.R. #2304	LPN - Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing Pool 28.0 hrs/wk	12/28/15	28.00 PH
10. 10.	Taria S. Redding J.R. #2972	Nursing Assistant - PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	12/28/15	13.89 PH
11.	Michael A. Smith J.R. #2969	Food Service Attendant - PD Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	12/28/15	12.01 PH
12.	Jean Bernard Virgile J.R. #2972	Nursing Assistant - PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	12/28/15	13.89 PH

PER DIEM TO PERM

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
13	Daniela Joseph	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	12/26/15	13.89 PH
		To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	To NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk		To 18.81 PH

POSITION CHANGE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
14	George P. Brennan J.R. #2936	Laundry Machine Operator Unit 02 To Custodian-NMH Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/19/15	22.37 PH To 21.50 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
15	Mark A. Clayton, Jr.	Sergeant Corrections Unit 81 To Lieutenant Corrections Unit 80	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections Administration 40.0 hrs/wk	12/19/15	30.90 PH To 35.12 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
16	David M. Galione	Deputy Superintendent Unit 00 To Deputy Superintendent Unit 00	MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk To MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk	01/27/16	83,617.88 PA To 86,000.00 PA
17	Leslie G. Slingsby	County Casework Manager II Unit 00 To County Casework Manager II Unit 00	Children & Youth 40.0 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 40.0 hrs/wk	12/17/15	75,000.00 PA To 79,000.00 PA

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
18	Susan M. Annunziata	Housekeeping Manager	General Services	12/07/15	Separation
19	Mary K. Dougherty	Food Service Attendant –PD	NM Dietary Services	12/07/15	Separation
20	Doree R. Gitzes	Activities Assistant -PD	NM Activities	12/20/15	Separation
21	Susan M. McKnight	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	12/09/15	Separation
22	Robert A. Mercer	Resident Naturalist	Parks Recreation Services	01/08/16	Separation
23	Robert J. Morris, Jr.	Cook	Main Jail	12/09/15	Separation
24	Diane H. Stellfox	Registered Nurse – Pool	NM Nursing Pool	12/21/15	Separation

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

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

Drug and Alcohol Commission

Jan King	New Appointment	Term expires 12/16/2018
Joseph Sciscio, Jr.	New Appointment	Term expires 12/16/2018

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

Drug and Alcohol Commission

Linda O'Neill	New Appointment	Term expires 12/16/2018
Michael DeMaio	New Appointment	Term expires 12/16/2018

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

Library Board

William. P. Draper	Reappointment	Term expires 12/31/2018
Constance Moore	Reappointment	Term expires 12/31/2018

Conference and Visitors Bureau

Albert Giagnacova	Reappointment	Term expires 12/31/2019
Sandra Miller	Reappointment	Term expires 12/31/2019

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

Conservation District

Jeffrey Vey	Reappointment	Term expires 12/31/2020
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EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Brian Hessenthaler, Chief Operating Officer, commended all those involved in the budget process, in particular Dave Boscola, Russell Rice and the Finance Department. He said the County continues to show its prudent care of taxpayers’ money.

In addition, Mr. Hessenthaler noted that it was day 169 of the State’s budget impasse. He said unless something changed in the next few days, the next Commissioners’ meeting will mark six months without a state budget. This continues to hinder counties and municipalities, while those in Harrisburg continue to earn a paycheck.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia expressed Happy Holiday wishes to all.

Commissioner Martin said in his 20-plus career as a Commissioner, he has never heard a negative comment uttered about Treasurer William Snyder. He has enjoyed working with Mr. Snyder all of these years and wished him the best in his retirement.

Chairman Loughery echoed Commissioner Martin’s comments about Mr. Snyder. He said Treasurer-elect Thomas Panzer has big shoes to fill but sees nothing but a smooth transition in 2016. He reiterated his thanks to everyone who had a hand in the budget, including the row offices and courts. He asked Court Administrator Douglas Praul to relay that message to President Judge Finley. Chairman Loughery said there was a healthy dialogue to deliver a budget that set priorities and strategic investments toward the needs of the community. He said now the real work begins to manage the budget into next year, which will surely be accomplished.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe DeFinis, from Middletown Township, commented on the feral cat issue at Core Creek Park. He lives across the street from Core Creek Park and stated there are hundreds of plastic bins around the park that are used as cat houses. Mr. DeFinis suggested that the Commissioners pass an ordinance that would forbid people from bringing in additional bins and that they should be removed. Commissioner Marseglia said there has been dialogue about the situation and the County wants to find a solution, but the real problem is that people are dumping cats and kittens in the park. Chairman Loughery elaborated on Commissioner Marseglia’s comments and that the crux of the issue is how one stops this from happening. Commissioner Martin said an ordinance should be passed to deter animal abandonment and impose a hefty fine.

Mark Olesek, from Wycombe, thanked Bill Snyder for his work over the years and also commented on the feral cat issue at Core Creek Park. He said is a former resident of Middletown Township and used the park regularly. He recently drive through the park for the first time in 20 years and said he was taken aback by the number of plastic bins. He questioned why staff is not cleaning up the bins on the daily basis and getting rid of them.

PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Loughery introduced Jerry Lepping, Executive Director of Visit Bucks County, to say a few words about the Bucks County Tourism Grant Program. Mr. Lepping said the program began eight years ago to help non-profits market themselves and Bucks County. In total, \$2.747 million in grant money has been awarded. He recognized outgoing Board Chair Sandra Miller and incoming Chair William Haas, who is also on the Grant Committee Panel along with Commissioner Martin and Jeffrey Marshall from the Heritage Conservancy. Mr. Lepping announced the Fall 2015 grant recipients as follows:

Acting Naturally	\$4,000
Bucks Beautiful	\$10,000
Bucks County Audubon Society	\$5,000
Bucks County Children's Museum	\$15,000
Bucks County Choral Society	\$2,000
Bucks County Wine Trail	\$5,000
Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce	\$15,00
Delaware Canal 21	\$5,000
Friends of Washington Crossing Park	\$30,000
Greater New Hope Chamber of Commerce	\$1,000

Heritage Conservancy	\$15,000
Historic Fallsington	\$1,000
Historical Society of Bensalem Township	\$2,000
James A. Michener Art Museum	\$25,000
Lenape Chamber Ensemble	\$5,000
Mercer Museum	\$25,000
New Hope Celebrates	\$8,000
Newtown Chamber Orchestra	\$2,000
Newtown Historic Association	\$3,000
Newtown Theatre	\$3,000
Pearl S. Buck International	\$15,000
Pennsbury Society	\$15,000
Quakertown Alive!	\$3,000
Warminster Symphony	\$2,000
Total	\$216,000

meeting of the Bucks
Commissioners will be
January 6, 2016, at
Commissioners'
Bucks County

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public
County Board of
held on Wednesday,
10:00 a.m. in the
Meeting Room of the
Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Loughery adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Approved: January 20, 2016

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Commissioner

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