

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 19, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 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; Ray McHugh, Controller; Pat Bachtle, Prothonotary; and William Snyder, Treasurer.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed March 2014, as “SOCIAL WORK MONTH”, and thanked all social workers in the Bucks County community who fight for and provide guidance to countless individuals and families so that they can have a brighter future. Accepting the proclamation was Cynthia Corbin from the National Association of Social Workers – Southeast PA Division. Ms. Corbin thanked everyone for their support and spoke about the work they do, helping all people, at all socio-economic levels. She said this month’s focus is that all people matter.

The Commissioners proclaimed March 24 to 28, 2014 as “WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK,” and encouraged all consumers to call or visit the Bucks County Office of Consumer Protection/Weights and Measures for the most up-to-date information. Accepting the proclamation was Mike Bannon from Consumer Protection. Mr. Bannon thanked the Commissioners for their support and explained some of what they do, including over 10,000 documented inspections last year of things like scales at supermarkets and pumps at gasoline stations.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, had questions on agenda items 1c, 1f, 3a, 6a, 8a and 8c.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2014 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Item 1c – In response to Mr. Warren’s questions, Chief Information Officer Don Jacobs explained the need to have this coterminous with their other contracts and confirmed that it is a complete transportable phone system that will come with them when they move locations.

Item 1f – In response to Mr. Warren and Commissioner Martin, Children & Youth Director Lynne Rainey provided some details on the block grant funding for this program. Regarding the number of truants served, Ms. Rainey offered some statistics on improved school performances and a detailed overview of the program. Contributing to the extensive discussion that followed were Chairman Loughery, Commissioner Martin and Ms. Rainey.

Item 3a – Commissioner Marseglia addressed Mr. Warren’s earlier question, stating the importance of having a high quality plan, something the County has not had in the past. Chairman Loughery expounded upon the County’s plans for restructuring of the Community and Business Development office and Jason Alexander’s unique skill sets, experience and qualifications.

Item 6a – In response to Mr. Warren’s question, Chairman Loughery advised the delay is due to the snow.

Item 8a – In response to Mr. Warren’s question, Human Resources Director Meredith Dolan explained that they had changed the language several meetings ago and it wasn’t working out, so they are reverting back to the original language. Finance Director Dave Boscola provided further clarification on the accrual of vacation days for division leaders and department heads.

Item 8b – Controller Ray McHugh provided clarification on the step increase for a group of five employees, which was skipped due to no agreement being in effect for 2012.

Item 8c – Chairman Loughery responded to Mr. Warren’s earlier question by clarifying that Ms. Mahoney is receiving a bonus, due to the additional responsibilities she has taken on since the departure of both the Behavioral Health Director and the Human Services Director.

Item 9a – Lynne Rainey offered some statistical data and background on the services provided, in response to questions posed by Commissioner Martin and Chairman Loughery.

Items 12a – Open Space Coordinator Dave Johnson presented information on a Municipal Open Space Program grant on the Weiman property in New Britain Township.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- Item 1f passed with a vote of 2-1 with Commissioner Martin opposing.
- Item 5a 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, approve the following:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. The Bair Foundation of Pennsylvania, Inc. New Wilmington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster care services. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$20,000** (County 20%)
	b. Christ’s Home for Children Warminster, PA	Approve contract renewal for group home services, transitional living services, and a mother/baby program. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$1,715,000** (County 11%)
	c. CSG Global Conshohocken, PA	Approve contract for delivery and installation of voice system equipment and for maintenance agreement. Installation – 1/14/17	\$162,924.69* (County 100%)
	d. KidsPeace National Centers, Inc. Schnecksville, PA	Approve contract renewal for shelter, foster care and residential treatment services for children. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$318,000** (County 15%)
	e. K/S Consultants, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract renewal for family therapy, advocate services and education consultation 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$245,000** (County 14%)
	f. K/S Consultants, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide truancy prevention/diversion to youth. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$215,595** (County 4%)
	g. K/S MST, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide multisystemic therapy services to youth and families. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$52,168** (County 4%)
	h. St. Mary Medical Center Langhorne, PA	Approve contract for emergency shelter services. 7/1/13 – 6/30/2014	\$105,000** (County 20%)
	i. Tabor Children’s Services Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide life skills and transitional support to facilitate the transition out of the foster care system. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$896,180** (County 14%)
	j. Tabor Children’s Services Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide intensive family services. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$450,000** (County 1%)
2. COMMISSIONERS	a. Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve resolution to appropriate funds for housing and emergency shelter services.	\$150,000 (County 100%)

3. COMMUNITY & BUSINESS	a. Capacity for Change, LLC (Jason Alexander) West Chester, PA	Approve contract to prepare housing plan as required by HUD. 4/1/14 – 3/31/15	\$16,735** (County 0%)
	b. Interfaith Housing Development Corporation of Bucks County Bristol, PA	Approve funding to establish a revolving line of credit to provide quality affordable housing to residents. 3/1/14 – 2/28/19	\$150,000 (County 100%)
4. CORRECTIONS	a. Honeywell International Inc. Ft. Washington, PA	Approve contract to upgrade Windows operating systems at the Youth Center and all Department of Corrections Facilities.	\$395,475 (County 100%)
5. FINANCE	a. Western World Ins. Co. Franklin Lakes, NJ	Approve renewal of Public Officials & Employment Practices liability policy. 3/31/14 – 3/31/15	\$123,041 (County 100%)
6. GENERAL SERVICES	a. Heritage Business Center, L.P. Doylestown, PA	Approve addendum to delay lease start date for Children & Youth office relocation by one month. 5/1/14 – 5/31/17	
7. HEALTH	a. Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Family Health Harrisburg, PA	Approve renewal of grant for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program. 7/1/14 – 6/30/17	\$380,769 (Revenue)
8. HUMAN RESOURCES	a.	Delete and replace the vacation (Sec 2) language in the Personnel Manual for Non Union employees. 3/1/14 - Open	
	b.	Approve Memorandum of Understanding to align employees of the Public Defender's Office with proper step increases. 1/1/12 – 12/31/12	
	c. Mary Beth Mahoney	Approve Resolution awarding bonus to Mary Beth Mahoney for oversight of Behavioral Health Services.	\$7,500
9. HUMAN SERVICES	a. YWCA of Bucks County Trevose, PA	Approve contract renewal for employment services workshops. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$30,000** (County 0%)
10. JUVENILE PROBATION	a. Alternative Rehabilitation Communities Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract renewal for foster care, residential, and secure services for juveniles. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$340,000** (County 20%)
11. MH/DP	a. Child & Family Focus, Inc. Valley Forge, PA	Approve contract amendment to add funding for outpatient individual therapy services. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$60,000** (County 0.2%)
12. OPEN SPACE	a. New Britain Township on behalf of Dr. Jay Springer	Approve Municipal Open Space Program grant for 75% of the average appraised easement value on a 27.34 acre portion of TMP 26-004-063.	\$185,570 (County 100%)
13. OTHER CIVICS	a. Bristol Riverside Theater David and Charlotte Steinbach Foundation NOVA	Approve Payment	\$15,000 \$800 \$14,000

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

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Samantha A. Doccy J.R. #2306	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	03/25/14	13.89 PH
2.	Emily K. Gardner J.R. #2303	Food Service Attendant – PT Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	03/22/14	12.01 PH
3.	Jessica M. Kimmel J.R. #2280	Environmental Protection Tech Unit 03	Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk	03/24/14	17.83 PH
4.	Eugesse V. Labranche J.R. #2014	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 24.0 hrs/wk	03/25/14	13.89 PH
5.	Ervin Marcha J.R. #2303	Food Service Attendant – PD Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	03/23/14	12.01 PH
6.	Shelly A. Ramsay J.R. #2306	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	03/25/14	13.89 PH
7.	Lauren M. Staffen J.R. #2224	Public Health Epidemiologist Unit 00	Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk	04/07/14	62,000.00 PA

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
8.	Cheryl A. Friedman Sep date 02/06/14	Corrections Officer Unit 01	MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk	02/07/14	25.57 PH****

PER DIEM TO PERM

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
9.	Mary S. Monkoski J.R. #2327	Activities Assistant – PD Unit 03 To Asst Therapeutic Rec Director Unit 00	NM Activities 20.0 hrs/wk To NM Activities 40.0 hrs/wk	03/24/14	13.26 PH To 43,000.00 PA

POSITION CHANGE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
10.	James M. Coyne J.R. #2334	Sergeant Corrections Unit 81 To Lieutenant Corrections Unit 80	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk To Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	03/22/14	30.29 PH To 34.43 PH
11.	Karen L. Fanelli	Commissioners Secretary Unit 00 To Commissioners Admin Asst Unit 00	Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk To Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk	01/11/14	57,030.46 PA To 59,530.46 PA
12.	Tina Mazaheri	Assistant Solicitor Unit 77 To Litigation Solicitor Unit 77	Solicitor 40.0 hrs/wk To Solicitor 40.0 hrs/wk	03/31/14	38,550.54 PA To 70,747.20 PA
13.	Karen M. Nagy	Commissioners Secretary Unit 00 To Commissioners Admin Asst Unit 00	Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk To Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk	01/11/14	58,070.86 PA To 60,570.86 PA
14.	Robin R. Rosenthal	Commissioners Secretary Unit 00 To Commissioners Admin Asst Unit 00	Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk To Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk	01/11/14	57,030.46 PA To 59,530.46 PA

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
15.	Mary T. Scott J.R. #2259	LPN Unit 33 To Dir Restorative Services Unit 00	NM Licensed Practical Nurses 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Admin 40.0 hrs/wk	03/24/14	26.40 PH To 61,519.31 PA

END OUT OF CLASS/TEMP ASSIGNMENT

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
16.	Donna W. Byers	Ofc Spvr/Asst to Exec Dir Unit 00 To Assistant Office Supervisor Unit 00	Planning Administrative 40.0 hrs/wk To Planning Administrative 40.0 hrs/wk	03/08/14	27.01 PH To 23.24 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
17.	Pamela J. Hueber	Admissions Director Unit 00 To Admissions Director Unit 00	NM Business Office 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Business Office 40.0 hrs/wk	03/22/14	68,828.10 PA To 72,378.10 PA

SEPARATIONS

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
18.	Lindsay Lauer	Dispatcher Trainee – PD	911 Emergency Response	03/10/14	Separation**
19.	Mariel R. Lorenz	Aging Care Manager II	Area Agency on Aging	03/12/14	Separation
20.	Colleen M. Skoglund	Registered Nurse	NM Nursing Pool	02/27/14	Separation
21.	Christina M. Torres	County Caseworker II	Children & Youth	03/13/14	Separation
22.	Jason B. Wood	Environmental Protection Tech	Health Department	03/07/14	Separation**

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season *estimated date **Never Started ***Agreement ****Reinstatement

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Pennsylvania County Corrections Association – Bucks County Department of Corrections will be hosting the 2014 spring conference from Sunday, April 6th through Wednesday, April 9th at the Crowne Plaza in Trevoise.

Operation Take Back - Another event for turning in prescription drugs will be held on Saturday, April 26th.

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

Bucks County is one of ten counties in Pennsylvania to receive transportation money to address two congested corridors; one along the Newtown bypass, and the other on Street Road in Bensalem Township. The County will receive a total of \$1.75 million to have more traffic responsive signals installed along those routes.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Warren offered that there may be a negative connotation associated with the word “bonus” for county employees, and suggested “out of class pay” or “additional compensation” as alternatives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at Tabor Children’s House, located at 601 New Britain Road in Doylestown.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Loughery adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Approved: April 2, 2014

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, *Chief Clerk*