

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 2, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at 4:30 p.m., at Tabor Children's House, 601 New Britain Road, 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 welcomed everyone and said this is the first meeting of the year out on the road. He explained the practice of visiting businesses in the County that are partners of or that provide services that they partner with for county business. He introduced Jonathan Solomons, CEO of Tabor Children's Services, who thanked everyone for coming and advised that they recently celebrated their 100th anniversary.

Chairman Loughery recognized county row officers who were present: Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts; Donald Petrille, Jr., Register of Wills; and William Snyder, Treasurer. He also welcomed Barbara Lyons from the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors and Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt, President of Bucks County Community College.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed April 2014, as "MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD," saluting organizations, associations, and groups that provide quality child care in the community, while urging all residents of Bucks County to be advocates for children. Commissioner Marseglia thanked Tabor for having them and advised that she did her graduate work there 31 years ago. She said one of the reasons they were having the meeting there was due to their daycare center and this being the "Month of the Young Child." Accepting the proclamation was Stacy Helton, Director of Tabor Children's House.

The Commissioners proclaimed April 6 to 12, 2014 as "CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS WEEK," saluting NOVA for its continued efforts over the past 40 years to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs throughout the year. Victims and families will gather with community leaders at Newtown Friends Meetinghouse on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m. for a candlelight service to honor all victims of violent crimes. NOVA's Executive Director Barbara Clark accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for their support of their efforts to reduce violence and serve victims.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, had questions on agenda items 1b, 4a & b, and 6a.

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 19, 2014 were approved.

Upon motion of Chairman Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Martin, and opposed by Commissioner Marseglia, item 18a from the November 6, 2013 meeting was untabled with the vote of 2-1.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Items 1b & 6a – In response to Mr. Warren's question, Deputy Chief Information Officer Nancy Horvath explained why the funds are being switched from CSG to AVAYA. In response to an additional question from Mr. Warren, she advised they are changing from digital phones to IP phones. As new phone systems are added they will deduct the maintenance from the old contracts and add it to the new. Chairman Loughery further explained the process of switching over from the old to the new phone systems, relative to the move of the Children and Youth offices.

Item 1c – Commissioner Marseglia clarified that the reduced contract amount will be used to bolster in home services with other agencies.

Item 4a – In response to Mr. Warren’s question, General Services Director Gerald Anderson presented information regarding the shaft walls and fire rating. In response to additional questions, Chairman Loughery offered assurance that they are tracking errors and omissions issues.

Item 4b – In response to Mr. Warren’s question, Chairman Loughery offered information regarding the architects’ contract and how the change orders are tracking. Mr. Anderson provided additional background on the invoices.

Item 5a – Chairman Loughery provided a brief overview of this customized job training program, specifically targeted toward fabricated sheet metal product manufacturing. Dr. Shanblatt, president of Bucks County Community College, offered particulars of how the public/private partnership will work. She indicated that they will be working with several manufacturers in the County to help develop the curriculum, and to train future employees in the skills they need today. Commissioner Martin asked what happens at the end of the fifteen months, and Ms. Shanblatt advised that they will have the curriculum and equipment in place and hope to be able to sustain the program.

Item 9a – Chairman Loughery elaborated on this PILOT agreement and advised it is conditioned upon Christ’s Home providing a copy of their PILOT agreement with Centennial School District, which reflects the same terms and conditions as this PILOT agreement with the County.

Item 10a – In response to questions regarding this untabled item, Register of Wills Don Petrille Jr. confirmed \$13,500 is the final amount due. In response to Commissioner Marseglia’s question about them reducing their bill, Mr. Petrille said they had agreed to a lower hourly rate than they usually charge. Commissioner Martin pointed out that the ACLU chose Bucks County to be their test case out of all the counties in Pennsylvania, and that Mr. Petrille and his office did nothing to warrant being involved in a lawsuit, they had no choice but to defend it. Commissioner Marseglia disagreed and offered that there were other alternatives. Chairman Loughery noted there should be an end date on the contract, so rather than till “completion” and it was decided to use February 28, 2014.

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:

- Items 4a & b passed with a vote of 2-1 with Commissioner Marseglia opposing

Upon motion of Commissioner Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Martin, and opposed by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 2-1, item 18a from the November 6, 2013 meeting was UNTABLED. Upon motion of Commissioner Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Martin, and opposed by Commissioner Marseglia, this item was approved with a vote of 2-1 and added to this agenda as item 10a. This approval was conditioned upon the contract end date being changed to 2/28/14.

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. Bethany Christian Services Elkins Park, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster care services. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$15,000** (County 10%)
	b. CSG Global Conshohocken, PA	Approve removal of maintenance portion of equipment purchase and re-award directly to Avaya.	(\$42,899.58)
	c. Lutheran Children and Family Service Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract renewal for intensive in-home family services and aftercare program. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$551,000** (County 11%)
2. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Narrowbanding	a. 111 th Fighter Wing Pennsylvania Air National Guard Horsham, PA	Approve Memorandum of Understanding for secured storage space to house equipment for the narrowband system.	
3. EMERGENCY HEALTH	a. Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant to improve the County emergency medical system in accordance with the Emergency Services Act. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$305,763 (Revenue)
4. GENERAL SERVICES	a. Ernest Bock & Sons, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase for installation of fire rated shaft wall to meet code requirements in the Justice Center. Change Order – GC #047	\$48,938.62 (County 100%)

	b. Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, P.C. Dallas, TX	Approve contract increase for construction administration services for the Justice Center.	\$100,200** (County 100%)
5. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a. Bucks County Community College Newtown, PA	Approve contract for CDBG funding for the job training program for fabricated metal product manufacturing. 4/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$100,000 (County 0%)
6. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a. AVAYA Oklahoma City, OK	Approve contract to provide on-site telephone system maintenance at the new Children & Youth location. Installation - 1/14/17	\$42,899.58* (County 100%)
7. MH/DP	a. Clarke Pennsylvania, Inc. dba Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech Bryn Mawr, PA	Approve contract to provide hearing instruction. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$25,000** (County 10%)
8. PLANNING COMMISSION	a. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve COO as the authorized agent for Hazard Plan grant application and acceptance.	
9. SOLICITOR	a. Christ's Home Warminster, PA	Approve PILOT agreement. (TMP 49-001-010)	
10. REGISTER OF WILLS	a. Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide litigation services for federal lawsuit. 7/1/13 – 2/28/14	\$165/hour* (County 100%)
UNTABLED			
11. OTHER CIVICS	a. Special Olympics Pennsylvania – Bucks County	Approve payment	\$2,000

*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.	Opeoluwa O. Borode J.R. #2287	Registered Nurse Unit 60	NM Nursing Pool 28.0 hrs/wk	04/08/14	35.00 PH
2.	Joanie M. Casey J.R. #2328	Activities Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Activities 20.0 hrs/wk	04/08/14	13.26 PH
3.	Kevin T. Flanagan, Jr. J.R. #2310	Assistant Fire Marshal Unit 00	Fire Marshal 40.0 hrs/wk	04/21/14	23.00 PH
4.	Jennifer L. Nause J.R. #2292	Legal Secretary II Unit 03	Public Defender 40.0 hrs/wk	04/21/14	20.62 PH
5.	Kim Onori J.R. #2329	Activities Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Activities 20.0 hrs/wk	04/08/14	13.26 PH
6.	Renee M. Schwartz J.R. #2294	MH Program Specialist I Unit 04	MH DP Admin 37.5 hrs/wk	04/05/14	26.66 PH
7.	Catherine A. Seidner J.R. #2326	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreation Services 40.0 hrs/wk	03/10/14	15.50 PH
8.	Alex Tottser J.R. #2221	Activities Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Activities 12.0 hrs/wk	04/08/14	13.26 PH

PER DIEM TO PERM

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
9.	Carla M. Polk	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk	04/11/14	13.89 PH To 17.83 PH

POSITION CHANGE

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
10.	Donna W. Byers J.R. #2308	Assistant Office Supervisor Unit 00 To Ofc Supervisor/Asst to Exec Dir Unit 00	Planning Administrative 40.0 hrs/wk To Planning Administrative 40.0 hrs/wk	04/07/14	23.24 PH To 56,180.00 PA
11.	Catherine E. Collins J.R. #2296	County Caseworker II Unit 04 To MR Program Specialist I Unit 04	MH DP Admin 37.5 hrs/wk To MH DP Admin 37.5 hrs/wk	04/05/14	27.20 PH To 30.43 PH
12.	Joan M. Gaughens J.R. #2295	MR Program Specialist I Unit 04 To MR Program Specialist I Unit 04	MH DP Admin 37.5 hrs/wk To MH DP Admin 37.5 hrs/wk	04/05/14	35.93 PH To 35.93 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
13.	Dorothy J. Farr	Clinical & Quality Manager Unit 00 To Clinical & Quality Manager Unit 00	Behavioral Health Services 40.0 hrs/wk To Behavioral Health Services 40.0 hrs/wk	01/11/14	32.69 PH To 35.61 PH

SEPARATIONS

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
14.	Lauren M. Amato	Registered Nurse	NM Nursing Pool	03/31/14	Separation
15.	Patricia C. Benhardt	Seasonal Help	Parks Recreation Services	03/07/14	Separation
16.	Eileen M. Conover	County Caseworker II	Children & Youth	04/11/14	Separation
17.	Joseph P. Ferrara	Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	03/21/14	Separation
18.	Brianne M. Gerhard	Aging Care Manager II	Area Agency on Aging	04/17/14	Separation
19.	Ginger M. Hoyt	Admin Officer III	MH DP Admin	04/03/14	Separation
20.	Rebecca L. Karonis	Registered Nurse	NM Nursing Pool	04/01/14	Separation
21.	Ann M. Sheridan-McAndre	Aging Care Manager II	Area Agency on Aging	04/04/14	Separation
22.	Jay T. York	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	03/16/14	Separation

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

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

None

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

Congratulations to Children & Youth Director Lynne Rainey - Children & Youth recently went through their annual licensing inspection by the Department of Public Welfare. This process included interviews, record reviews and site visits, and their license was renewed with zero violations.

Election Day – April 21st is the last day to register for the May 20th general primary election. All three Bucks County locations will be open for extended hours that day.

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

Governor’s Award – Doylestown Township has won the 2014 Governor’s Award for Local Government Excellence for intergovernmental cooperation. This has to do with the Destination Peace Valley Trail and involved cooperation between Doylestown Township, the County of Bucks, New Britain Borough and New Britain Township. The County has been invited to send a representative to the awards ceremony in Harrisburg on April 15th.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin asked everyone to remember former County Public Works Director Joseph A. Bush, Jr., who served as division leader for 17 years. Mr. Bush passed away on March 26, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Lyons, Chairman of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors, presented information on Kids Castle. Saying they will need \$600,000 for Phase II of the renovations, they have applied for a grant through the Bucks County Conference and Visitors Bureau. Ms. Lyons asked that the Commissioner's look favorably on their application.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at ITT Technical Institute in Levittown.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Loughery adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Approved: April 16, 2014

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, *Chief Clerk*