

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 21, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at 10:00 am, at Town & Country Players, 4158 York Road, Buckingham, 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; and William Snyder, Treasurer.

Chairman Loughery introduced Sharon Hill-Soester, President of Town and Country Players. Ms. Hill-Soester thanked everyone for coming and shared some history of the 247 year old barn turned theater. She also spoke about the renovations and the need for additional financial assistance. She encouraged people to pick up a brochure and to come back to see a live show.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed May 2014 as “OLDER AMERICANS MONTH,” recognizing the efforts of the Bucks County Area Agency on Aging in helping to maintain the quality of life older Bucks Countians so richly deserve. Accepting the Proclamation were Najja Orr, AAA Director, and Frances Reaman of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. Ms. Reaman offered some information regarding older Americans and poverty, and shared some of her personal experiences. Mr. Orr thanked the Commissioners for their tremendous support over the years and advised that the Bucks County Area Agency on Aging is one of 52 in Pennsylvania, getting its start in the mid 60’s and officially being designated by the Commissioners in 1973. He spoke about some of the services they provide to seniors in Bucks County, highlighting their advocacy and protection services.

The Commissioners proclaimed Devin Kawaihani Barricklow as “2014 HIGH SCHOOL POET OF THE YEAR” commending her creative gift of poetry and her contribution to the literary tradition of our community. The Commissioners wished her luck in all of her future pursuits and encouraged all Bucks Countians to look to her poems for insight, enjoyment and inspiration. Accompanying Miss Barricklow to accept the proclamation was Dr. Charlie Groth, Professor at Bucks County Community College and Co-Director of the Bucks County Poetry Laureate Program. Miss Barricklow, a junior at Pennsbury High School, then read her award winning poem “A Hole in Our Drywall.”

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, had questions on agenda items 2b and 8b.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 7, 2014 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Item 1a – Richard Harvey, of the Agricultural Land Preservation Program, presented information on the County’s portion of a 34.28 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Philip and Joy Johnson farm in Solebury Township. He shared some information about the farm’s soil and crops, and said it would be the 164th farm preserved.

Item 2b – In response to Mr. Warren’s question, Director of Area Agency on Aging Najja Orr, advised that there are a total of 57 employees, with 30 case managers and six supervisors needing tablet PCs for responsibilities outside the office.

Items 8a & b - In response to Mr. Warren’s question, Chairman Loughery clarified that these do not call for additional funding; the contract terms are the same. Project Manager Kevin Spencer further explained the necessity of the two agreements due to the company’s name change. Regarding the completion date, he advised that the dates mentioned by Mr. Warren were relative to Phase 1 of the project, which has been completed, and Phase 2 of the project is scheduled for completion in early September. Additionally, Mr. Spencer provided the total costs for each phase and advised that they are currently working on three grants, in addition to receiving other donations and private

contributions. Chairman Loughery noted this is the 50th anniversary year for the nature center and he advised that they are hoping to have a Commissioners' Meeting at the site later in the fall.

Item 11c - Mary Beth Mahoney, MH/DP Administrator, responded to Commissioner Martin's question about the need for additional supervision.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- Item 11c was opposed by Commissioner Martin and passed 2-1

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. AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION	a. J. Philip and Joy N. Johnson New Hope, PA	Approve county's portion (70%) of a 34.28 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Johnson farm located on Stoney Hill Road in Solebury Township. (TMPs 41-012-026-002, 41-021-032, 41-021-032-001, and 41-021-032-002)	\$215,964 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
2. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. PCMG, Inc. Chantilly, VA	Approve purchase of 36 tablet PCs for use by staff in the field.	\$79,569.36 (County 0%)
3. COMMISSIONERS	a. Redevelopment Authority of the Bucks County Bristol, PA	Approve a cooperation agreement allowing RDA to accept a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development grant to rehabilitate homes for disabled residents.	
4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a. Pomeroy Mechanicsburg, PA	Approve purchase of 16 laptops for detectives.	\$24,880 (County 100%)
5. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a. Motorola Solutions Schaumburg, IL	Approve requisition for the annual renewal of the service agreement for technical support and repair of the County's radio system. 7/1/14 – 6/30/15	\$210,927.12 (County 100%)
6. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Narrowbanding	a. Crown Atlantic Company, LLC Canonsburg, PA	Approve contract amendment to change the radio equipment deployed at the tower site in Frenchtown, NJ. 2/20/02 – 2/19/27	
	b. Freedom Telecom Services, LLC Monkton, MD	Approve contract to provide fiber connectivity between county facilities.	\$18,258 (County 100%)
7. FINANCE	a. MAXIMUS Consulting Services, Inc. Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide central services cost allocation plan. 5/1/14 – 12/31/16	\$44,300 (County 100%)
8. GENERAL SERVICES	a. George J. Donovan AIA & Associates Bedminster, PA	Approve termination of remaining contract to allow payment to company under new name. 9/5/07 – 12/31/13	(\$117,963.56)
	b. Phillips & Donovan Architects, LLC Bedminster, PA	Approve new contract to complete the final phase of the Churchville Nature Center project. 1/1/14 - Completion	\$117,963.56** (County 100%)
9. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a. U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia, PA	Approve submission of annual Action Plan to HUD for the FY 2014 for CDBG, HOME and ESG funding. 4/1/14 - 3/31/15	\$2,670,110 (Revenue)
10. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a. Paperless Solutions Inc. Bensalem, PA	Approve contract increase for annual software maintenance. 4/1/07 – 3/31/15	\$7,000** (County 100%)

11. MH/DP	a.	BARC Developmental Services, Inc. Holicong, PA	Approve contract increase for early intervention services and to reallocate funding among services. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$178,000** (County 9%)
	b.	Family Services Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract increase for case management services and to add Behavioral Health funds for Administrative Management and Outpatient services. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$103,549** (County 4.1%)
	c.	Horizon House, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase for residential services to provide additional staffing for individuals needing supervision. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$100,000** (County 4.1%)
	d.	LifePath, Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract increase for supervised living services. 7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$52,898** (County 4.1%)
12. PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA	Approve submission and acceptance of grant application through the Transportation and Community Development Initiative program for Cross Keys Area.	\$100,000 (Revenue)
13. PROTHONOTARY	a.	Interphase Systems, Inc. Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve contract to purchase 40 new computers.	\$34,500 (County 0%)
14. OTHER CIVICS	a.	Big Brothers/Big Sisters Doylestown Fire Co #1 Neshaminy Pass Program Town and Country Players	Approve Payment	\$12,000 \$3,500 \$1,800 \$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.

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.	Joseph P. Cleary J.R. #2326	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreations Services 40.0 hrs/wk	05/22/14	8.25 PH
2.	Jessica A. Hinkle J.R #2301	Registered Nurse Unit 06	NM Registered Nurses 40.0 hrs/wk	06/02/14	29.42 PH
3.	William R. Kreps J.R. #2326	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreation Services 40.0 hrs/wk	05/22/14	8.25 PH
4.	Megan E. McDonnell J.R. #2326	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreation Services 40.0 hrs/wk	05/22/14	8.09 PH
5.	Ryan M. Miklos J.R. #2326	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreation Services 40.0 hrs/wk	06/07/14	9.00 PH
6.	Naomi R. Polster J.R. #2326	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreation Services 40.0 hrs/wk	05/22/14	9.00 PH
7.	Kelsey M. Roe J.R. #2326	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks Recreation Services 40.0 hrs/wk	05/21/14	9.00 PH
8.	Linda A. Stockton J.R. #2353	LPN Unit 33	NM Licensed Practical Nurses 40.0 hrs/wk	06/02/14	25.65 PH

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
9.	Lester R. Zipris J.R. #2388 Sep date 07/03/13	Deputy Public Defender – PD Unit 37	Public Defender 40.0 hrs/wk	05/27/14	23.33 PH

PER DIEM TO PERM

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
10. Numgbah V. Giple	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	05/31/14	13.89 PH To 17.83 PH

PERM TO PER DIEM

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
11. Lynda Whitfield	Nursing Assistant Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant - PD Unit 30	NM Nursing Assistants 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing Assistants 28.0 hrs/wk	05/31/14	18.54 PH To 16.00 PH

POSITION CHANGE

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
12. Nick L. Minasian J.R. #2324	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Sergeant Corrections Unit 81	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk To Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	05/24/14	25.57 PH To 28.20 PH
13. James H. Nottingham J.R. #2324	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Sergeant Corrections Unit 81	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk To Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	05/24/14	25.57 PH To 28.20 PH
14. Kathy Potena J.R. #2354	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	05/24/14	35.93 PH To 35.93 PH

TRANSFER

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
15. Ashlie L. Figueroa J.R. #2383	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03 To Food Service Attendant – PD Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 24.0 hrs/wk To NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	05/31/14	13.89 PH To 12.01 PH

SEPARATIONS

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
16. William E. Booth	Electronic Tech III	Emergency Communications	06/06/14	Separation
17. Joseph D. DeSena	Food Service Attendant – PT	NM Dietary Services	05/12/14	Separation
18. Cheryl D. Kirschler	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	05/02/14	Separation
19. Aaron S. Maloney	Food Service Attendant – PD	NM Dietary Services	05/06/14	Separation
20. Sam M. Nelson	Seasonal Help	Parks Recreation Services	05/01/14	Separation**
21. Maria C. Procopio-Moser	County Social Worker I	Children & Youth	05/28/14	Separation
22. Patrice M. Thompson	Nursing Assistant – Pool	NM Nursing Pool	04/28/14	Separation
23. Leah E. Woehr-Grande	Ceramist	Parks Historical Properties	05/21/14	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:

Election Day – Thanks to everyone involved with yesterday’s General Primary Election for a job well done.

Misinformation Reported by Media – A local news station recently aired a segment on polling places. After obtaining information on a website, they went to one of the polling places listed and found that it was not open. Upon questioning a local official in that municipality, it was indicated that the County had done a poor job. It turns out it was not the County that had the wrong information, it was a municipal website that they obtained their information from, and that polling location hadn’t been used since 2007. Thanks to the cooperation of the Board of Elections, Information Technology and Public Information, the County does a very thorough job reporting election information accurately.

Youth Center – The Bucks County Youth Center is the first juvenile detention center in the Commonwealth to earn Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliance. PREA was passed in 2003, and was the first federal civil statute focused on addressing sexual violence in juvenile facilities. A facility must be audited every three years to be considered compliant, and there are over 180 standards they look for. The audit includes extensive documentation and reviews, facility tours, and interviews with staff and residents. The Youth Center’s objective is to provide a safe and secure environment for the residents and this proves that. Thanks to Youth Center Director Ted Rice and his staff.

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

Election Turnout – The turnout for registered Republican voters was 11.25% and registered Democratic voter turnout was 19.17%. The official count will be certified this Friday morning.

Cross Keys Grant – This is a really exciting effort among the four municipalities that meet at the Cross Keys area. Several years ago there were improvements made to make it a safer intersection. There is a lot going on in that area, and the municipalities involved want to get together to discuss what can be done to support the businesses there and perhaps improve the traffic situation. One thing discussed is the idea of a connector road from Route 611 to Old Easton Road that would relieve some of the traffic congestion at the intersection, and also provide some opportunities for business use of property in that area. The grant would allow for in-depth traffic studies and analysis of planning, zoning and pedestrian circulation.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia thanked everyone for yesterday’s election and said she was sorry that 85% of the population chose not to vote.

Commissioner Martin commended county employees for their efforts in making the War on Terror Memorial dedication successful, despite the adverse weather conditions. Chairman Loughery agreed and suggested they send a note of appreciation to General Services and Public Information.

Chairman Loughery referenced the new polling locations and indicated that everything worked out well with the election.

Commissioner Martin mentioned that the news station previously referenced was the local Fox news station.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at the Bucks County Free Library - James A. Michener Branch, Mark Schweiker Room, 401 Mill Street, Quakertown.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Loughery adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Approved: June 4, 2014

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, *Chief Clerk*