

-BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 17, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bucks County Courthouse, 55 E. Court Street, Doylestown, PA. In attendance were Commissioner Charles H. Martin, Chairman, Commissioner James F. Cawley, Esq. and Commissioner Sandra A. Miller. Commissioner Martin opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

COMMENDATIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Controller Ray McHugh spoke about the County's Purchase Card (P-Card) Program and explained that the program allows the county to use credit cards for purchases and in turn, we receive a rebate for money spent. He introduced Jeff Warner from PNC who enrolled the County in the program. Mr. Warner provided more information on the program and presented a check totaling \$19,247.48, reflecting rebate dollars to the County. The Commissioners thanked PNC for their ideas and Mr. Warner for working with us on this program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Warren, a Middletown resident and former Commissioner, had a question regarding Ordinance 126. He inquired as to what the current bond debt is and how much it is anticipated to go up. The Commissioners responded that there will be more information on the bond presented later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of January 3, 2007 were approved.

DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

Rich Harvey, Agricultural Preservation, spoke on item 1a.  
Suzanne Kravitz, Assistant Director, Board of Elections, spoke on item 3a.  
Don Jacobs, Director, Information Services, spoke on item 10a.  
Charlie Kane, Director, Human Services, spoke on item 11a  
Bill Mitchell, Director, Parks and Recreation, spoke on item 12a.  
Brent Wiggins, Director, Emergency Communications spoke on item 13b. Joe Bush, Director, Public Works, also spoke on item 13b.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved:

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

I. CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>		<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1.	AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION	a.	Pennsylvania Bureau of Farmland Preservation Harrisburg, PA	Approve County's annual allocation for the Agricultural Land Preservation program to secure state matching funds. 1/1/07 – 12/31/08	\$2,000,000.
2.	AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a.	Pennsylvania Department of Aging Harrisburg, PA	Approve Tobacco/Bridge grant to provide individuals with community based services. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$10,716.** Revenue
		b.	Pennridge Meals on Wheels Sellersville, PA	Approve contract increase for provision of home-delivered meals to older adults. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$6,000.**
3.	BOARD OF ELECTIONS	a.	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of State Harrisburg, PA	Approve Agreement to install SURE Portal system to access voter registration information. 1/1/07 – open	
4.	CORRECTIONS	a.	Aramark Facilities Services Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase for reimbursement of maintenance services and supplies for Department of Corrections. 10/1/05 – 9/30/07	\$100,000.**
5.	COURTS	a.	Jan M. Gifford Doylestown, PA	Approve contract amendment to increase hourly rate for court reporting services. 12/1/06 – 7/16/07	\$62,691.20
6.	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a.	Motorola, Inc. Anaheim, CA	Approve extension of software maintenance agreement for Motorola Premier MDC software. 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$30,484.
7.	FINANCE	a.	Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve premium for insurance renewals for six covered bridges. 1/21/07 – 1/21/08	\$32,000
8.	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	a.	T.B.C.E. Healthworks Bristol, PA	Approve contract to provide physicals for Hazmat team members. 1/1/07 – 12/31/08	\$15,000.*
9.	HEALTH	a.	Lorraine Dougherty, M.D. Sellersville, PA	Approve payment of invoice for chemotherapy treatment for inmate. 7/26/06 – 10/25/06	\$10,701.
		b.	Penn View Oncology Concordville, PA	Approve payment of invoice for chemotherapy treatment for inmate. 7/28/06 – 9/28/06	\$11,920.25
10.	INFORMATION SERVICES	a.	Donald Brennan Associates Inc. Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide Application programming support for Clearpath System and COBOL programming as systems are moved off the Mainframe. 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$91,000.**
11.	NESHAMINY	a.	Health Skil	Approve contract to provide	\$150,000**

MANOR		Allentown, PA	health care personnel. 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	
12. PARKS AND RECREATION	a.	US Department of Agriculture, USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Summerdale, PA	Approve contract to provide integrated waterfowl damage management program. 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$64,996.
	b.	Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation Harrisburg, PA	Approve use of grant funds to display Mercer artifact exhibit at the Tile Works. 1/17/07 – 6/30/08	\$15,015. Revenue
13. PUBLIC WORKS	a.	Carroll Engineering Corporation Warrington, PA	Approve contract for final phase design and construction inspection of new County Parking Garage.	\$650,000.*
	b.	Carr & Duff Huntingdon Valley, PA	Approve contract for construction of communication tower and shelter building for 9-1-1 site in Ivyland.	\$444,300.
14. OTHER CIVICS	a.	Delaware Valley Philharmonic Network of Victim's Assistance	Approve Payment	\$2,000. \$17,500.

\*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.

PERSONNEL LIST

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the following Personnel Actions were approved.

**APPOINTMENTS**

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1. Adam T. Behar	Custodian/NMH (temp) Unit 02	Public Works/County Properties 40.0 hrs/wk	12/26/06	11.21 PH
2. Linda Davis	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	12/27/06	13.10 PH
3. Lisa J. Grabosky	Registered Nurse – PT Unit 06	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	01/09/07	29,035.46 PA 23.26 PH
4. Cyreeta J. Kitson	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	12/27/06	13.10 PH
5. Melissa M. Laird	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Elections 35.0 hrs/wk	01/03/07	16.07 PH
6. Joseph R. Landy	Security Screener Unit 00	Security 25.0 hrs/wk	01/08/07	12.73 PH
7. Fiji C. Philip	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	12/27/06	13.10 PH
8. Elizabeth L. Rowe	Accounting Assistant (temp) Unit 03	Corrections 30.0 hrs/wk	01/08/07	15.00 PH

9.	Comfort K. Sawbo	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	Nursing Assistant – PT 24.0 hrs/wk	01/09/07	13.10 PH
10.	Courtney E. Sheppard	Human Resources Intern Unit 00	Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	12/28/06	10.87 PH
11.	Michele A. Stiles	Secretary (temp) Unit 03	Corrections 25.0 hrs/wk	01/02/07	15.00 PH

**PROMOTION/DEMOTION**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
12.	Gerald B. Anderson	County Grounds Superintendent Unit 00 To Project Manager Unit 00	Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk To Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	55,344.20 PA 26.60 PH To 65,000.00 PA 31.25 PH
13.	Lauren Emma	Clerk Typist/CRT Operator Unit 03 To Administrative Assistant Unit 00	Health 40.0 hrs/wk To Health 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	31,862.69 PA 15.31 PH To 37,167.14 PA 17.86 PH
14.	Marline Emsley	Public Health Program Manager Unit 00 To Public Health Program & Grants Manager Unit 00	Health 40.0 hrs/wk To Health 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	50,150.11 PA 24.11 PH To 60,000.00 PA 28.84 PH
15.	Juliet E. Frey	Public Information Specialist Unit 00 To Web Content Administrator Unit 00	Public Information 40.0 hrs/wk To Public Information 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	36,200.79 PA 17.40 PH To 38,200.79 PA 18.36 PH
16.	Jared L. Grotz	Seasonal Help/Lifeguard/OV Unit 00 To Seasonal Help/Manager/OV Unit 00	Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks and Recreation 40.0 hrs/wk	01/20/07	8.65 PH To 13.50 PH
17.	Gary J. Kaisinger	Seasonal Help/Lifeguard/OV Unit 00 To Seasonal Help/Assistant Manager/OV Unit 00	Parks and Recreation 20.00 hrs/wk To Parks and Recreation 40.0 hrs/wk	01/20/07	8.65 PH To 10.76 PH
18.	Karen L. Kivlin	Commissioners Secretary Unit 00 To Commissioners Secretary (Chairman) Unit 00	Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk To Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk	01/01/07	49,180.74 PA 23.64 To 50,180.74 PA 24.30 PH
19.	Jennifer Lamothe	Clerk Typist/CRT Operator Unit 03 To Administrative Assistant Unit 00	Health 40.0 hrs/wk To Health 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	31,862.69 PH 15.31 PH To 37,167.14 PA 17.86 PH

20.	Ann E. Machesic	Public Information Specialist Unit 00 To Public Information Coordinator Unit 00	Public Information 40.0 hrs/wk To Public Information 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	38,636.38 PA 18.57 PH To 40,636.38 PA 19.53 PH
21.	Sean M. O'Neil J.P. #172-06	Custodian/NMH (posi #0899) Unit 02 To Custodian/NMH (posi #2791) Unit 02	Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk To Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	33,758.40 PA 16.23 HR To 33,758.40 PA 16.23 PH
22.	Ravi H. Patel	Seasonal Help/Assistant Manager/OV Unit 00 To Seasonal Help/Lifeguard/OV Unit 00	Parks and Recreation 40.0 hrs/wk To Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	01/20/07	11.09 PH To 8.90 PH +
23.	Linda A. Prosek	Commissioners Secretary (Chairman) Unit 00 To Commissioners Secretary Unit 00	Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk To Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk	01/01/07	50,551.56 PA 24.30 PH To 49,180.74 PA 23.64 PH
24.	Sara A. Silfies	County Social Work Supervisor Unit 84 To County Social Work Manager II Unit 00	Children and Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk To Children and Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk	01/20/07	59,115.81 PA 30.31 PH To 60,889.29 PA 31.22 PH
25.	Hakeem Spady J.P. #187-06	Laundry Aide Unit 02 To Laundry Machine Operator Unit 02	Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk To Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk	12/23/06	34,798.40 PA 16.76 PH To 36,275.20 PA 17.44 PH
26.	Christopher D. Zaugg	Cook Unit 03 To Food Service Attendant Unit 03	Dining Services 40.0 hrs/wk To Dining Services 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	34,438.91 PA 15.55 PH To 28,374.21 PA 13.64 PH
27.	Beth A. Zsak	Administrative Assistant Unit 00 To Procurement Administrator Unit 00	Health 40.0 hrs/wk To Health 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	37,944.71 PA 18.24 PH To 41,200.00 PA 19.80 PH

**TRANSFER**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
28.	Crystal M. Johns	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk To Nursing Pool 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	13.10 PH To 14.16 PH
29.	Stephen M. Skarbowski	GIS Technician Unit 46 To GIS Technician Unit 46	Planning Commission 40.0 hrs/wk To Board of Assessment 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	45,141.42 PA 21.70 PH To 45,141.42 PA 21.70 PH

**CHANGE OF HOURS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
30. Kathleen A. Binder	Microfilm Tech/Camera Operator Unit 03 To Microfilm Tech/Camera Operator Unit 03	Printing & Reproduction 70.0 hrs/wk To Printing & Reproduction 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	27,879.86 PA 15.31 PH To 31,862.69 PH 15.31 PH
31. Karen L. Orzel	Microfilm Tech/Camera Operator Unit 03 To Microfilm Tech/Camera Operator Unit 03	Printing & Reproduction 70.0 hrs/wk To Printing & Reproduction 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	27,879.86 PA 15.31 PH To 31,862.69 PH 15.31 PH

**SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
32.	3% cost of living increase for non-union and per diem employees effective 01/01/2007 with the exception of Exhibit A.			
33. David P. Boscola	Deputy Finance Director Unit 00 To Deputy Finance Director Unit 00	Finance 40.0 hrs/wk To Finance 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	74,101.02 PA 36.62 PH To 78,539.56 PA 37.75 PH
34. Meredith Gaskins	Public Health Epidemiologist Unit 00 To Public Health Epidemiologist Unit 00	Health 40.0 hrs/wk To Health 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	53,044.98 PA 25.50 PH To 55,000.00 PA 26.44 PH
35. Michael A. Klimpl	Litigation Solicitor Unit 77 To Litigation Solicitor Unit 77	Solicitor's Office 40.0 hrs/wk To Solicitor's Office 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	60,282.22 PA 28.98 PH To 61,526.43 PA 29.58 PH
36. Ann P. Russavage-Faust	Administrative Deputy Public Defender Unit 00 To Administrative Deputy Public Defender Unit 00	Public Defender 40.0 hrs/wk To Public Defender 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	83,610.26 PA 40.19 PH To 84,651.00 PA 40.69 PH
37. Donna L. Snyder	Assistant Solicitor Unit 77 To Assistant Solicitor Unit 77	Solicitor's Office 40.0 hrs/wk To Solicitor's Office 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	31,151.75 PA 14.97 PH To 33,244.42 PA 15.98 PH
38. Daniel S. Wassmer	Assistant Solicitor Unit 77 To Assistant Solicitor Unit 77	Solicitor's Office 40.0 hrs/wk To Solicitor's Office 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	31,151.75 PA 14.97 PH To 33,244.42 PA 15.98 PH
39. Donald E. Williams	Assistant Solicitor Unit 77 To Assistant Solicitor Unit 77	Solicitor's Office 40.0 hrs/wk To Solicitor's Office 40.0 hrs/wk	01/06/07	31,151.75 PA 14.97 PH To 33,244.42 PA 15.98 PH

**PER DIEM TO PERMANENT**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
40. Melissa M. Laird J.P. #180-06	Registrar Unit 03 To Registrar Unit 03	Board of Elections 35.0 hrs/wk To Board of Elections 35.0 hrs/wk	02/03/07	16.07 PH  To 29,256.36 PA 16.07 PH

**TITLE CHANGE**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
41. Emily P. Brookes	Applications Systems Specialist Unit 46 To Software Systems Specialist Unit 46	Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/23/06	62,154.49 PA 29.88 PH To 62,154.49 PA 29.88 PH
42. Joseph F. Fitzpatrick III	Applications Systems Specialist Unit 46 To Software Systems Specialist Unit 46	Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/23/06	56,950.48 PA 27.38 PH To 56,950.48 PA 27.38 PH
43. James R. Lynch	Applications Systems Specialist Unit 46 To Software Systems Specialist Unit 46	Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/23/06	62,154.49 PA 29.88 PH To 62,154.49 PA 29.88 PH
44. Dawn E. Michener	Applications Systems Specialist Unit 46 To Software Systems Specialist Unit 46	Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/23/06	62,154.49 PA 29.88 PH To 62,154.49 PA 29.88 PH
45. Kenneth W. Popp	Applications Systems Specialist Unit 46 To Software Systems Specialist Unit 46	Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/23/06	62,154.49 PA 29.88 PH To 62,154.49 PA 29.88 PH
46. John F. A. Sebastian	Applications Systems Specialist Unit 46 To Software Systems Specialist Unit 46	Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/23/06	43,168.63 PH 20.75 PH To 43,168.63 PA 20.75 PH
47. William D. Stoneback	Applications Systems Specialist Unit 46 To Software Systems Specialist Unit 46	Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/23/06	56,950.48 PA 27.38 PH To 56,950.48 PA 27.38 PH
48. Jonathan J. White	Applications Systems Specialist Unit 46	Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/23/06	43,168.63 PH 20.75 PH To

	To Software Systems Specialist Unit 46	To Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk		43,168.63 PA 20.75 PH
49. Kristen L. Worthington	Applications Systems Specialist Unit 46	Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/23/06	56,950.48 PA 27.38 PH
	To Software Systems Specialist Unit 46	To Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk		To 56,950.48 PA 27.38 PH

**SEPARATIONS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>UN</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DATE*</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
50. Margaret E. Akpan	Nursing Assistant	30	Nursing Pool	12/29/06	Separation
51. Ryan J. Doherty	Seasonal Help/Boat Handler/CC	00	Parks and Recreation	12/22/06	Separation
52. Catherine Guadalupe	LPN	31	Nursing Pool	12/29/06	Separation
53. Edward S. Jones	Assistant Public Defender	37	Public Defender's Office	01/06/07	Separation
54. William R. Laboski	Chief of Rangers	00	Parks and Recreation	03/30/07	Separation
55. Robert Lebo	Security Guard Trainee	00	Security Department	12/22/06	Separation
56. Phuriattia D. Lee	Nursing Assistant	03	Nursing Services	01/08/07	Separation
57. Jamal A. Lewis	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	01/17/07	Separation
58. Danielle K. Perini	Seasonal Help/Manager/OV	00	Parks and Recreation	01/12/07	Separation
59. Courtney E. Sheppard	Human Resources Intern	00	Human Resources	01/12/07	Separation
60. Ellyn C. Strauss	County Social Work Manager II	00	Children and Youth Agency	01/11/07	Separation
61. Anthony J. Viola	Registrar (temp)	03	Board of Elections	11/17/06	Separation
62. Janet P. Wyatt	Activities Assistant	03	NMH Activities	12/30/06	Separation

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season

\*estimated date

**EXHIBIT A**  
**2007 COLA Exception List**

**0% increase:**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>Name</u>
1.	Board of Assessment	Board Members		
2.	Department Solicitors			
3.	District Attorney	Administrative Aide	04011	Cathy Sue Flipping
4.	District Attorney	Victim Witness Asst	04998	Marie J. Evans
5.	District Attorney	Victim Witness Clerk	06523	Bernadette Connison
6.	Finance Department	Grants Program Coordinator	06833	Fonta Reilly
7.	Health Department	Business Manager	06835	Joanne M. Palazzolo
8.	Information Services	Fiscal Analyst II	06732	Maria I. Bianchi Fiorito
9.	Information Services	Business Analyst Coordinator	06731	Margaret L. Gross
10.	Police Training	DUI Grant Coordinator	05094	Harry McCann
11.	Public Works/County Prop	County Grounds Superintendent	05783	Gerald B. Anderson
12.	Security	Security Guards/Trainees		See attached list

Commissioner Miller noted that an individual listed under Item #55 on the Separations list was also on the Exceptions list. She inquired as to why this person appeared on both lists when the separation date is December 22, 2006. Carmen Thome, Human Resources Director responded that she will check into it but gave some examples as to why someone would be listed on both. Commissioner Cawley also questioned Summer Help and said he does not see that category listed under exceptions and a discussion occurred resulting in the following motion.

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, it was resolved that the summer positions in the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments be added to the Exceptions List.

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, it was resolved that the Cost of Living raise be adopted, excluding the noted exceptions list and additional exceptions for seasonal positions.

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

None.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote as follows, 3-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Appointments, with the exception of Catherine Conway to the Conference and Visitor’s Bureau, which was abstained by Commissioner Miller, but passed with the vote of 2-0-1.

**Board of Health - reappointment**

Vincent LaRosa, M.D. – term expires 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in January, 2011

**Bucks County Conference & Visitor’s Bureau: - new appointments**

Mike Ezrodt – term expires 12/31/10

Catherine Conway – term expires 12/31/07

**Children & Youth Advisory Board: reappointments**

George Flocco – term expires 3/1/10

Arthur Bloom – term expires 3/1/10

Rose Gold – term expires 3/1/10

Martha Jameson – term expires 3/1/10

Betty Tatham – term expires 3/1/10

**Children & Youth Advisory Board: new appointment**

Mrs. Amparo Mills – term expires 3/1/09

**Conservation District: new appointment**

Thomas Trycieki – term expires 12/31/10

**Drug & Alcohol Commission:**

Catie Weckenman – new appointment – term expires 1/17/10

Juanita Tiggett-Slaton – new appointment – term expires 1/17/10

Robert Krieger – new appointment – term expires 1/17/10

Thomas Garvin – reappointment – term expires 1/21/10

Anthony Callum – reappointment – term expires 1/21/10

**Federal Lands Reuse Authority: reappointment**

Kathleen Dominick – term expires 2/1/12

**Library Board: new appointment**

Det Ansinn, Jr. – term expires 10/16/09

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee: reappointments**

Lale Byers – term expires 3/1/09

Harry Fawkes, Jr. – term expires 3/1/09

Walter Leck – term expires 3/1/09

Peter Palestina – term expires 3/1/09

Gary Roberts – term expires 3/1/09

Dr. William F. Schurmann – term expires 3/1/09

Larry Sndyer – term expires 3/1/09

**Warminster Heights Development Corp.: new appointment**

Bradley Kirsch – term expires 10/1/07

**Women’s Advisory Council: new appointment**

Lynette Ingram – term expires 4/9/09

**Workforce Investment Board: new appointment**

Lenora Williams – term expires 12/31/09

Stephen Noll – term expires 12/31/09

Christopher Passaro – term expires 12/31/09

David Warren – term expires 12/31/09

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MISCELLANEOUS

Ordinance 126 - Brian Hessenthaler, Finance Director, spoke regarding Ordinance 126 and gave a breakdown as to how the bond money will be applied to various upcoming projects. He spoke about the overall interest cost to the county and said that we will now be saving money as the bond rating for the county has been upgraded and resulted in a lower interest rate for the County. Mr. Hessenthaler also responded to the question posed by Mr. Warren concerning the total bond indebtedness. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Hessenthaler and his staff for their efforts in getting the bond rating upgraded.

Gordon Walker, Financial Advisor, Public Financial Management, Inc., also spoke about the bond, yields and interest rates and said that this is a good time to sell debt as we are close to a forty year low. Bucky Closser, Curtin & Heefner, Bond Counsel, commented on the legal effect of the Ordinance and Chris Corcoran, PNC Bank, explained the process by which PNC became the county underwriters. The Commissioner expressed their appreciation to everyone who worked on the bond issue.

David M. Sanko, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following matter(s):

Partnerships – Mr. Sanko revisited the partnership between the Controllars Office, PNC Bank and the Finance Department stating their efforts represent a significant savings to the county. He also highlighted the partnership between Domestic Relations and the Sheriff’s Department and asked Sheriff Donnelly to speak about the county’s website and how their project serves Bucks County. Sheriff Donnelly explained that the Sheriffs Department and Domestic Relations have worked with Public Information and the I.S. Department to put together a program listing the “Top 10” criminal and domestic relations warrants. He said that the program will kick off today and will be updated every Wednesday.

Laura LoBianco, Domestic Relations explained the criteria as to how domestic relations criminals are selected for the “Top 10” emphasizing that those chosen for the list are individuals they have been unable to locate and not necessarily those owing the most in child support arrears.

Don Jacobs, IS Director, and Stacey Martin, Public Information stated that they will be able to report the statistics of visits/hits to the website.

Terrorism Taskforce – Mr. Sanko informed us that yesterday John Dougherty and the Regional Counter Terrorism Taskforce participated with the US Attorneys Office and representatives of eleven counties in the Tri-State area on a status update of the terrorist level in the Philadelphia and Delaware Valley Region.

Bond Issue – Mr. Sanko spoke regarding independent rating agencies and the upgrade to the county bond rating. He also spoke of the fiscal health of the county and said it is a result of belt tightening and maximizing revenues and attributes this to the efforts of all department employees as well as the fiscal leadership of the Commissioners. Mr. Sanko especially commended the finance department for their excellent work.

Parking Garage – Demolition on the Broad Street houses where the parking garage will be located is scheduled to start in early February. We anticipate having a schematic for the Borough to view in the next few weeks and discussions regarding traffic management issues will follow.

Commissioner Martin thanked Joe Bush and his crew for the removal of the dead trees at Fonthill Museum that a Doylestown resident had inquired about at the last meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Sandy Schiff, a Doylestown resident, spoke regarding a comment made by Deena Dean in a recent newspaper article. She requested a copy of the report showing how the county came to the \$600,000 savings that Ms. Dean referred to as Mrs. Schiff feels that the DRE machines cost more.

Commissioner Martin responded that the author of that particular column is not present at the meeting today but informed Mrs. Schiff that the internal committee reported that the Danaher machine was the lowest cost option. He referred her to the Public Information Department to obtain a copy of the document.

Janice Hobbs, a Doylestown resident, commented on the same editorial in the Intelligencer. She believes it accuses Neil Samuels of inaccurate statements and that misinformation has been given to the citizens of Bucks County. She spoke about the difference between the paper audit trail inside the machine and an actual voter verified paper ballot, which she feels is needed in order to declare the system accurate.

The Commissioners responded that there is no misunderstanding and according to the law, our system is compliant. A discussion took place regarding the accuracy on different types of voting machines.

Ruth Matheny, inquired about a letter that was sent to the Commissioners requesting the review of tapes from the Danaher machines.

Solicitor Guy Matthews replied that a detailed response answering the items she specifically requested has been mailed out. Mr. Matthews said it was sent to the address she had given him (which was the address for the Coalition) and he would be happy to furnish her with a copy of the letter after the meeting. Commissioner Cawley spoke regarding ballots that were challenged in Chester County and how voters were disenfranchised due to unidentifiable ballots.

Joe Gable, a Warwick resident, spoke regarding property tax reassessment and the state rating of equalization and feels that the cost of taxes between older and new homes is too broad. He also said there has not been a county in the Commonwealth of PA who has won a tax reassessment suit filed against them. He said the money spent to fight the lawsuit could be better utilized elsewhere.

Solicitor Guy Matthews responded that although lawsuits in other counties have been lost, the assessments were more disparate than they are in Bucks and he believes that is a significant difference. Commissioner Martin stated the he has been present at meetings where Governor Rendell discussed dealing with global tax reform, focusing first on school districts, then counties. He said Commissioner Cawley is on the Board of Directors for the County Commissioners Association and one of the goals for 2007 is to address the tax issue.

Andy Warren, a Middletown resident and former Commissioner, questioned Personnel items 12 and 14. He asked what project(s) Mr. Anderson will be managing (item 12) and who handled the grant management before the person listed under item 14 for the Health Department. Mr. Warren also inquired about the renewal of the contract for the Chief Operating Officer and how long the renewal is for. He posed the question that should there be a change in the administration, would the County Manager serve the new administration and asked if he could obtain a copy of the contract.

Commissioner Martin responded that Gordian Ehlacher handled the grants prior to his retirement and David Sanko responded that the project manager will handle the County's capital projects that are underway. Commissioner Martin stated that David Sanko's contract was for two-years and renewed for two-years. However, in the circumstance that there is a change in the administration, there is a provision where Mr. Sanko can be notified that his services are no longer required. He referred Mr. Warren to the Solicitor's Office to receive a copy of the contract.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bucks County Courthouse, 55 E. Court Street, Doylestown, PA

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: February 7, 2007

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BY:

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James F. Cawley, Esq.  
Commissioner

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David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk