

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 7, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, February 7, 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

The Commissioners proclaimed February 4th through February 10th, 2007 as "BUCKS COUNTY CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK" throughout the County of Bucks in an effort to educate consumers on how to make well-informed purchases, avoid scams and "smell a con". Mike Bannon, Director, Consumer Protection, thanked the Commissioners and stated that 2006 was a very busy year for their office. Some matters they were involved in included working with the District Attorney's Office on fraudulent practices, the Elder Abuse Taskforce and case mediation for consumers, where they recovered almost \$400,000. in refunds for residents. He informed the public that a press conference will be held this afternoon regarding predatory lending and a consumer information table has been set up on the second floor of the Courthouse. He thanked the Commissioners for their support, expressed his appreciation to his staff for their excellent work and thanked everyone for the honor.

COMMENDATIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Warren, a Middletown resident and former Commissioner, had a question regarding Agenda Item #9a and Personnel Item #22. He asked what the original bid was for Item #9a and regarding Item #22, what was the original occupied position of the individual being rehired.

David Sanko, Chief Operating Officer, stated that the increase for agenda item 9a is due to an overwhelming response to regional participants. The original estimate was for about 250-300 people attending the 5-county region emergency management exercise and now the count is over 600. He explained that this exercise is federally funded through Homeland Security and the amount has roughly doubled due to the additional participants.

Commissioner Martin responded that the opening for the position (item #22) is due to the retirement of an employee (item #41). The job is being filled by an individual who previously held that position and is returning to the County.

William Swezey, II, spoke regarding Agenda Item #15a. He asked if the Commissioner were aware that there was a competing bid that came in at \$300,000 lower than the contract listed on the agenda.

Robert Dickson, First Deputy, Recorder of Deeds, responded that an email was sent to Mr. Swezey requesting additional information but did not hear back from him. Mr. Swezey responded that he replied to Mr. Dickson's email on December 20, 2006 providing government references. Maureen McIlvaine referenced the email addressed to Mr. Swezey (from Bob Dickson) regarding the deadline given to respond, but she did not see Mr. Swezey's response. The Commissioners stated that they will take that under consideration when they get to that agenda item and thanked Mr. Swezey for bringing it to their attention.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of January 17, 2007 were approved.

DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

Vitor Vicente, Director, Community and Business Development, spoke on item 4a.
 Harris Gubernick, Director, Department of Corrections, spoke on item 5c.
 T. Gary Gambardella, Chief Deputy, District Attorney, spoke on item 7a.
 David Sanko, Chief Operating Officer, spoke on items 9a – 9c.
 Kris Kern, Director, Open Space, spoke on item 13a.
 Bill Mitchell, Director, Parks and Recreation, spoke on item 14a and 14d.
 Bob Dickson, First Deputy, Recorder of Deeds, spoke on item 15a with a recommendation to Table the item.
 David Boscola, Deputy Finance Director, spoke on Budget Adjustment 12-027 and 02-001.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved, with the exception of Item 15a, which was TABLED with the vote being 3-0.

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.	AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Catholic Social Services Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide care management services for Nursing Home Transition Program. 1/1/07 – 6/30/07	\$29,250.**
		b. Pennsylvania Department of Aging Harrisburg, PA	Approve Amendment to Medicaid Waiver Grant to incorporate increased travel rates for PA. 7/1/06 – 6/30/11	
		c. Pennsylvania Department of Aging Harrisburg, PA	Approve Amendment to Tobacco/Bridge Grant to incorporate increased travel rates for PA. 7/1/04 – 6/30/07	
		d. Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract to support operational costs for county subsidized senior centers. 7/1/04 – 6/30/07	\$20,000. Revenue
		e. Synergy Software Technologies, Inc. Essex Junction, VT	Approve contract renewal for web-based hosting service. 2/22/07 – 2/23/08	\$18,490.**
2.	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	a. Allan Collaunt Associates, Inc. ACA Broomall, PA	Approve contract to provide oversight services for managed healthcare initiative. 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$81,871.28
		b. Milliman Consultants and Actuaries Wayne, PA	Approve contract to provide actuarial services. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$62,000.**
3.	CHILDREN AND YOUTH	a. Catholic Social Services Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract for screening of postpartum depression. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$160,000.**

	b.	Catholic Social Services Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract for case management, counseling and life skills education. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$140,000.**
	c.	Catholic Social Services Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide in-home parenting skills. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$6,000.**
	d.	VisionQuest National Ltd. Downington, PA	Approve contract to provide treatment programs. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$185,000.**
4.		COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS		
	a.	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia, PA	Approve submission of grant application and authorization process for FY2007 funding for the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs. 4/1/07 – 3/31/08	\$3,650,000 Revenue
5.		CORRECTIONS		
	a.	B&S Sheet Metal Mechanical, Inc. Morrisville, PA	Approve contract increase for additional modifications required by engineering for the Men's Community Correctional Center.	\$3,268.
	b.	Honeywell International Ft. Washington, PA	Approve contract to supply and install detectors and replace monitors in the main control center at the Men's Community Correctional Center.	\$14,762.
	c.	Mobilease Modular Space Thorofare, NJ	Approve contract to provide modular unit for inmate temporary housing. 2/7/07 – 5/1/07	\$986,400.
6.		COURTS		
	a.	Conflict Counsel 1. Michael S. Goodwin	Approve contract to provide representation to indigent clients in cases where there is a conflict of interest with the Public Defender's Office. 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$27,500.04**
	b.	Court Conciliation and Evaluation Services New Britain, PA	Approve contract to provide psychological counseling and evaluation services in child custody and visitation matters. 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$65,000.**
	c.	Director of Judicial Programs Philadelphia, PA	Approve application and authorize acceptance of reimbursement for Senior Judge Reimbursable Costs. 1/1/06 – 12/31/06	\$32,903.40 Revenue
	d.	Probational Volunteer Services Doylestown, PA	Approve annual allocation of grant funds for Vita's alternative disposition services. 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$13,500.

7.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a.	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Harrisburg, PA	Approve application and acceptance of Older Adults Crimes Task Force Grant. (PCCD Funds). 4/1/07 – 3/31/08	\$50,883. Revenue
8.	EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES	a.	Zoll Data Systems Broomfield, CO	Approve contract renewal for technical support and fast upgrade to data collection system. 11/15/06 – 11/15/07	\$15,180.
9.	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	a.	Crystal Tea Room/Finley Catering Philadelphia, PA	Approve increase in payment for additional participants to attend multi-agency federal table top exercise. 12/20/06 – 2/8/07	\$18,000.**
		b.	Commonwealth of PA (PEMA) Harrisburg, PA	Approve Homeland Security Grant Agreement for equipment and regional planning and training exercises. 7/1/06 – 6/30/08	\$2,313,480. Revenue
		c.	Commonwealth of PA (PEMA) Harrisburg, PA	Approve Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Agreement for equipment and regional planning and training exercises. 5/31/06 – 5/31/08	\$19,520,000. Revenue
10.	FINANCE	a.	Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve premium for insurance renewals for Excess Workers Compensation. 2/1/07 – 2/1/08	\$254,052.
		b.	Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve premium for insurance renewals for Excess General Liability and Excess Auto coverage. 2/1/07 – 2/1/08	\$191,345.
		c.	Tozour-Trane King of Prussia, PA	Approve contract increase for purchase and installation of thermostat controller for the Doylestown Branch Library.	\$1,591.
11.	HEALTH	a.	Bucks County Health Department	Approve revised rules and regulations Governing Individual Water Supply Systems & Construction Specifications.	
		b.	CFG Health Systems, LLC Marlton, NJ	Approve contract increase and renewal to provide counseling services for inmates. 10/1/06 – 9/30/07	\$560,064.**
		c.	Lower Bucks Hospital Bristol, PA	Approve contract to provide hospital services to patients in Healthy Woman Program. 1/1/07 – until terminated by either party.	\$11,000.**

12.	MH/MR	a.	Lenape Valley Foundation Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase for walk-in crisis, target service and case management allocations. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$51,618.**
13.	OPEN SPACE	a.	Plumstead Township Plumstead, PA	Approve Natural Areas Program Grant to acquire 30.788 acre conservation easement located at 6013 Stump Road in Plumstead Township. (T.M.P. 34-006-036)	\$92,364.
14.	PARKS AND RECREATION	a.	Dennis Bonner & Michael Brnilovich n/a B&B Turf Management Fallsington, PA	Approve professional services contract for management of Oxford Valley Golf Course. 2/15/07 – 2/15/08	\$171,000.*
		b.	George Sengpiel & Associates Inc. Langhorne, PA	Approve payment of professional services invoices for various appraisals. 1/1/06 – 12/31/06	\$11,950.
		c.	Kathleen Corolluzzo, Executor of the Estate of Thomas E. Donlon Langhorne, PA	Approve purchase of property in Middletown Township as part of NRCS flood mitigation program in lieu of condemnation. (T.M.P. 22-002-098)	\$245,000. (plus insurance and settlement costs)
		d.	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency – Public Assistance Office Harrisburg, PA	Approve authorization for department director to sign documents for Public Assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.	
15.	RECORDER OF DEEDS	a.	Foveonics Imaging Tech Eatontown, NJ	Approve contract to provide conversion of book bound images to CD Rom and microfilm.	\$659,542.*
	TABLED				
16.	TRANSPORT	a.	PA Department of Public Welfare, Medical Assistance Trans Program, DPW – Bureau of Social Services Harrisburg, PA	Approve compliance certification and pass through contract to provide transportation services to medical assistance clients. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$1,926,348.
17.	PUBLIC WORKS	a.	Carr & Duff Huntingdon Valley, PA	Approve contract increase for lighting at construction site in Ivyland.	\$14,900.

*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. James V. Burns	Accountant I Unit 04	Children and Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk	02/20/07	37,132.22 PA 19.04 PH
2. Ellen G. Clinton	Nursing Assistant Unit 30	Nursing Pool 40.0 hrs/wk	01/23/07	14.59 PH
3. Robin A. Evans	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	01/23/07	13.49 PH
4. Anthony J. Fresco	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	02/20/07	32,761.78 PA 15.75 PH
5. Marc A. Goldberg	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	02/20/07	32,761.78 PA 15.75 PH
6. Mary Koch	Naturalist Aide Unit 00	Parks and Recreation 8.0 hrs/wk	02/12/07	11.82 PH
7. Alicia D. Kryston	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	02/20/07	32,761.78 PA 15.75 PH
8. Adelaide M. MacNamara	Laundry Aide Unit 02	Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk	02/20/07	33,758.40 PA 16.23 PH
9. Randall P. Main	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	02/20/07	32,761.78 PA 15.75 PH
10. Richelle A. Marek J.P. #162A-06	Aging Care Management Supervisor I Unit 84	Area Agency on Aging 37.5 hrs/wk	02/20/07	42,945.27 PA 22.02 PH
11. Jason T. Rhoades	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	02/20/07	32,761.78 PA 15.75 PH
12. Michael D. Roberts	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Elections 35.0 hrs/wk	02/20/07	29,256.36 PA 16.07 PH
13. Maria G. Rolleri	Registered Nurse Unit 06	Nursing Services 40.0 hrs/wk	02/05/07	49,455.56 PA 23.78 PH
14. Angela Sievaplesova J.P. #185-06	Aging Care Manager II Unit 04	Area Agency on Aging 37.5 hrs/wk	02/20/07	37,132.22 PA 19.04 PH
15. Shamyra S. Spady	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	01/23/07	13.49 PH
16. Lanette Thigpen	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	01/23/07	13.49 PH
17. Gerald Walker	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	02/20/07	32,761.78 PA 15.75 PH
18. James Wojno	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	02/20/07	32,761.78 PA 15.75 PH
19. Myra L. Young	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	01/09/07	13.49 PH

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
20.	Florence Boatemaa Sep date 11/06/06 PA	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	Nursing Services 40.0 hrs/wk	01/29/07	31,862.69 PA
21.	Marjorie K. Marrone Sep date 12/08/00 PA	Registered Nurse Unit 06	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	01/23/07	30,326.16 PA
22.	Amy E. Stock Sep date 03/24/06 PA	Administrative Assistant Unit 00	Public Information	02/20/07	30,401.11 PA 14.62 PH

PROMOTION/DEMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
23.	Michael T. Duncan J.P. #006-07	BMI Unit 02 To Building Maintenance Leader Unit 02	Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk To Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk	01/20/07	41,828.80 PA 20.11 PA To 44,699.20 PA 21.49 PH
24.	Jack Egoavil J.P. #190-06	EPS I Unit 46 To Health Educator Unit 46	Health 40.0 hrs/wk To Health 40.0 hrs/wk	02/17/07	41,251.82 PA 19.83 PH To 41,251.82 PA 19.83 PH
25.	Joan M. Fisher J.P. #144-06	County Caseworker II Unit 04 To MR Program Specialist I Unit 04	MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk To MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk	02/17/07	40,470.59 PA 20.75 PH To 43,963.16 PA 22.55 PH
26.	Helen M. O'Meara J.P. #189-06	PHN II (0234) Unit 06 To PHN II (5807) Unit 06	Health 40 hrs/wk To Health 40 hrs/wk	02/17/07	52,791.75 PA 25.38 PH To 52,791.75 PA 25.38 PH
27.	Muboh B. Warlea	Nursing Assistant Unit 30 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	Nursing Pool 40.0 hrs/wk To Nursing Services 40.0 hrs/wk	02/03/07	14.59 PH To 13.49 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
28.	Valerie P. Davis J.P. #182-06	Clerk Typist/CRT Operator Unit 03 To Secretary Unit 03	Health 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	02/17/07	31,862.69 PA 15.32 PH To 34,438.91 PA 16.56 PH
29.	Corene M. Metzler J.P. #179B-06	County Caseworker II (4289) Unit 04 To County Caseworker II (5450) Unit 04	Children and Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk To Children and Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk	02/17/07	40,470.58 PA 20.75 PH To 40,470.58 PA 20.75 PH
30.	Michele A. Stiles	Secretary (temp) Unit 03 To Administrative Assistant/Secretary (temp) Unit 00	Corrections 25.0 hrs/wk To Men's Community Corrections Center 25.0 hrs/wk	1/22/07	15.45 PH To 15.45 PH

CHANGE OF HOURS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
31.	Marie D. Dorvil	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	01/20/07	13.49 PH

		To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	To Nursing Services 40.0 hrs/wk		To 13.49 PH
32.	Myriam M. Elie	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	02/03/07	13.49 PH
		To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	To Nursing Services 40.0 hrs/wk		To 13.49 PH
33.	Amione Sylvestre	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	02/03/07	13.49 PH
		To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	To Nursing Services 40.0 hrs/wk		To 13.49 PH
34.	Charlyce L. Washington	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	02/03/07	13.49 PH
		To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	To Nursing Services 40.0 hrs/wk		To 13.49 PH
35.	Ericka L. West	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	02/17/07	13.49 PH
		To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	To Nursing Services 40.0 hrs/wk		To 13.49 PH

ASSIGNMENT TERMINATION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
36.	Kathleen Foehr	Admin Asst/Alarm Coord Unit 00	Fire Marshal 40.0 hrs/wk	02/03/07	17.95 PH
		To Clerk Unit 00	To Fire Marshal 20.0 hrs/wk		To 12.46 PH

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	UN	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
37.	Joshua B. Bodene	Assistant Public Defender	37	Public Defender	03/02/07	Separation
38.	William J. Brady	CRT Assessment Specialist	03	Board of Assessment	02/03/07	Separation
39.	Valerie R. Brown	Nursing Assistant	03	Nursing Services	01/09/07	Separation
40.	Sandra A. DeKeyser	Nursing Assistant	30	Nursing Pool	01/08/07	Separation
41.	Mary I. Flax	Administrative Assistant	00	Public Information	02/03/07	Separation
42.	Ketia Gaston	Nursing Assistant	30	Nursing Pool	01/08/07	Separation
43.	Alissa M. Kimbrough	Laundry Aide	02	Public Works	01/27/07	Separation
44.	Cyreeta J. Kitson	Nursing Assistant – PT	03	Nursing Services	01/09/07	Separation
45.	Anna Lukscheider	Registered Nurse	60	Nursing Pool	01/18/07	Separation
46.	Jessie M. Ramaswamy	Nursing Assistant	30	Nursing Pool	01/25/07	Separation
47.	Alice L. Rowe	L P N	33	Nursing Services	01/26/07	Separation
48.	Kristen M. Spinner	County Caseworker II	04	Children and Youth Agency	01/05/07	Separation
49.	Maureen C. Sullivan	Accounting Assistant	03	Corrections	02/03/07	Separation

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season

*estimated date

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote as follows, 3-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Budget Adjustment:

Adjustment # 12-027 Terrorism / USAI Grant

Adjust Terrorism / UASI budgets for remaining grant funds For Year Ending 12/31/2006.

Adjustment # 02-001 Terrorism & UASI Grant

Adjust Terrorism / UASI budgets for remaining grant funds.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote as follows, 3-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Appointments.

B.C.O.E.T. – new appointment

Thomas Jarrett, term expires 7/1/11

Bucks County Conference & Visitors Bureau – new appointments

Jerry Skot, term expires 12/31/10

Donna Bartholomew, term expires 12/31/10

Human Relations Council – new appointment

Maria Armington, term expires 12/18/09

Industrial Development Authority – reappointment

Gerald C. Forest, term expires 1/1/12

Local Emergency Planning Committee – reappointments

Todd Gross, term expires 8/31/07

David Harris, term expires 8/31/07

Mark Showmaker, term expires 8/31/07

Tim Walters, term expires 8/31/07

James F. Cawley, term expires 8/31/08

Ed Copper, term expires 8/31/08

Joan Crowe, term expires 8/31/08

John Dougherty, term expires 8/31/08

Chief Mark Schmidt, term expires 8/31/08

Joe Seborowski, term expires 8/31/08

MH/MR Advisory Board – reappointment

Richard Garcia, term expires 1/24/10

Solid Waste Advisory Committee – reappointments

Francis Gorski, term expires 3/1/09

Mark Mayhew, term expires 3/1/09

Jay McLaughlin, term expires 3/1/09

Women’s Advisory Council – reappointments

Bonnie Abrams, term expires 4/9/10

Natalie Kaye, term expires 4/9/10

Elizabeth Sell, term expires 4/9/10

Sonia Smith, term expires 4/9/10

Karen Wilson, term expires 4/9/10

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote as follows, 3-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following:

Ordinance 127 Guarantying the \$9,950,000 Principal of a Promissory Note to be issued by the Bucks County Community College for the Purpose of Financing the Costs of the Completion of the Lower County Campus.

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

Dennis Matthews, Vice President, Finance, Bucks County Community College explained that this Ordinance has been done to replace Ordinance 125 passed at the December 20, 2006 meeting. He said the reason for the new ordinance is to address the language only and there are no changes to the terms. Don Williams, Assistant Solicitor, also added that the new Ordinance is the result of changes recommended by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

Top 10 Website – Mr. Sanko stated there were over 4,000 hits to the Top 10 Criminal website and over 3,000 hits to the Domestic Relations site. Sheriff Donnelly announced that since the sites implementation, there have been seventeen apprehensions, all of which he attributes to the new website.

Cold Weather – The cold weather has caused a pipe to break at a county facility this morning in Warminster and some offices are temporarily displaced. We are in the process of redeploying staff to other locations in order to maintain services and keep things up and running.

Flood Relief – Mr. Sanko referenced a recent news article stating that \$2.8 million was released for work on the Delaware Canal, a project initiated in 2002. He stated that it took quite sometime for DCNR to make a case to get the money released, but will continue to work with the governors office as the total cost for the project is over \$30 million. Mr. Sanko said that the \$2.8 million is a wonderful first step, but there is still much more work to do.

Flood Mitigation – Mr. Sanko spoke about the agenda item authorizing Bill Mitchell, Director, Parks and Recreation to sign documents for the Hazard Mitigation grant program. He stated that elected officials from many of the municipalities affected by the Delaware River flooding discussed filing a joint application to enhance our ability to better serve flood victims. Mr. Sanko spoke about the buyouts and elevations and stated that the demand exceeds what the funding will be, but we will be looking for some kind of response from the federal government in the next thirty days.

State Budget – Yesterday, the Governor released the new state budget and also reported huge federal budget reductions necessitating tax increases. Over two weeks ago, the Commissioners met with Congressman Murphy to discuss both the federal and state budget in order to assess the impact these reductions will have on county agencies and the citizens it serves.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, voiced her opposition to electronic voting machines. She referenced an article she read that states the Governor of Florida has asked that their DRE machines be replaced with optical scan machines and she urged the Commissioners to consider the same. She said she would be happy to meet with anyone interested to explain what a voter verified paper ballot is and why it is so necessary.

Commissioner Martin thanked Ms. Rawley for her for all of her research.

Andrew Warren, a Middletown resident and former Commissioner, inquired about a County bridge in Newtown. He mentioned a newspaper article that quoted an estimate of 12-18 months that the bridge would be closed for repairs. Mr. Warren asked if there was an engineers report or something available that backs up that estimate. He said he would be interested to see what the basis is for closing a bridge for that length of time.

The Commissioners referred him to Public Works Director, Joe Bush, who informed us that it was the Borough who closed the bridge the night of the accident. He said the repair has been declared an emergency and we are in the process of getting quotes and based on the availability of material, it should hopefully be done in the next 4-6 weeks. Commissioner Martin believes there was some misinformation given on the timeframe quoted in the paper.

Ruth Matheny asked the Commissioner if they support the Coalition of Voters Integrity having access to the public records (i.e. tapes and result sheets) and spoke about the correspondence between the Solicitors Office and her attorney, Marian Schneider. She gave some clarification to her request stating that she does not want to test the machines, but just wants to see the result sheets and asked what would be a reasonable amount of time for her attorney to receive a response. She also informed the Commissioners that Delaware County has allowed the public to test the machines.

Commissioner Martin explained that Solicitor Guy Matthews was not present at today's meeting but Assistant Solicitor, Donald Williams will follow up on the matter. Commissioner Miller suggested that our Solicitor's Office consult with the Solicitor's Office in Delaware County.

Janice Hobbs, a Doylestown resident, asked if she could see the itemized cost to operate the voting machines during this past election in November.

Commissioner Martin suggested Ms. Hobbs submit her request to David Sanko and he would get that information together for her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: February 21, 2007

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BY:

Charles H. Martin
Chairman

James F. Cawley, Esq.
Commissioner

Sandra A. Miller
Commissioner

David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk