

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 18, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Peace Valley Nature Center, 170 Chapman Road, 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 and asked everyone to keep in mind the Virginia Tech tragedy that occurred this week. We then followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Martin introduced Craig Olsen, Director of Peace Valley Nature Center. Mr. Olsen welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of the nature center. He said about 13,000 students a year visit the park to attend various programs, as well as the general public who come to enjoy scenery, wildlife and nature trails.

Commissioner Martin also introduced Robert Cotton, New Britain Township Supervisor, John Cornelius, Township Manager and Dick Weaver of Newtown Township. Mr. Cotton welcomed everyone to Peace Valley Park on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and residents of New Britain Township.

Commissioner Martin acknowledged County elected officials who were present at the meeting: Ray McHugh, Controller, Ed Gudknecht, Recorder of Deeds, William Snyder, Treasurer, Duke Donnelly, Sheriff, Patricia Bachtle, Prothonotary and Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed April 21-28 as “INFANT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS WEEK” encouraging businesses, agencies, organizations and service groups, as well as parents and healthcare providers, to advance the health of children by ensuring early and on-time immunizations against preventable childhood diseases. Janice Anastasi, Health Department Immunization Coordinator and Helen O’Meara, public health nurse, introduced “Bee Diddy” and “Mike the Bee Keeper” (students from Delaware Valley College) who will be on site at school and township health fairs throughout the County.

The Commissioners proclaimed April 22-28 as “CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK 2007” encouraging all Bucks Countians to support efforts that promote environmental awareness. In observance of our responsibility to protect and preserve our environment, Waste Management of PA along with the Bucks County Courier Times and Intelligencer Newspaper in Education (NIE) Programs sponsored a poster contest for students in grades K-12, which included over 4,000 students. Geri Rush of Waste Management and LeeAnn Coleman, NIE Department of The Bucks County Courier Times introduced the following winners:

Robert Jasz, Philadelphia	<i>Grade K</i>	Anne Frank Elem. School
Ryan Link, Langhorne	<i>Grade 1</i>	Oliver Heckman Elem. School
Paige Cudeyro, Philadelphia	<i>Grade 2</i>	Nazareth Academy Grade School
Kyle Vanhart, Fairless Hills	<i>Grade 3</i>	Valley Day School
Vivian Zhong, Maple Glen	<i>Grade 4</i>	Maple Glen Elementary School
Noah Frankel, Holland	<i>Grade 5</i>	Hillcrest Elementary School
Dillon Mitchell, Ardsley	<i>Grade 6</i>	Sandy Run Middle School
Dhameer Roche, Warminster	<i>Grade 7</i>	Valley Day School
Olena Kostishak, Warminster	<i>Grade 8</i>	Log College Middle School
Dean Reinhardt, Doylestown	<i>Grade 9</i>	Valley Day School
Rishi Mehta, Newtown	<i>Grade 10</i>	Council Rock HS North
Matthew Miller, Morrisville	<i>Grade 11</i>	Morrisville High School
Kay Krauss, Doylestown	<i>Grade 12</i>	New Hope Academy

The Commissioners proclaimed May 12, 2007 as “LETTER CARRIER’S FOOD COLLECTION DAY” throughout the County of Bucks marking the 15<sup>th</sup> National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive, a one-day event to help stock local food pantries and meet the needs of our neighbors. Union Representative, Duncan Sheppard, accepted and spoke about the success of the food drive and their goals for this year. He encouraged everyone to participate in the event which will take place on Saturday, May 12, 2007.

The Commissioners proclaimed Wednesday, April 25, 2007 as “BUCKS COUNTY TOBACCO-FREE

ENVIRONMENTS DAY” promoting awareness of the dangers of tobacco and smoke to our environment and commending the youth that are making a difference. Janet Northcott, Bucks County Tobacco Control Project, spoke about the negative effects of tobacco to not only an individual but to the environment as it is one of the highest sources of pollution. She thanked the Commissioners for supporting the Tobacco-Free Environments Day and encouraged people throughout the county to become tobacco free.

The Commissioners proclaimed April 29 – May 6, 2007 as “SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK” throughout the County of Bucks urging all residents to support the Conservation District’s many diverse, ongoing efforts to protect the county’s rich environmental resources. Gretchen Schatschneider, Bucks County Conservation District, accepted and thanked the Commissioners on behalf of the Board and staff of the Conservation District as well as the individuals and conservation organizations that helped them achieve their mission.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Warren, a Middletown resident and former Commissioner, referenced agenda item #16a and asked if the paper being purchased was recycled paper. He also inquired about items #5 and 6 on the List (Court and Row Offices) attached to the Personnel sheet.

Maureen McIlvaine, Purchasing Director, responded that it is not recycled paper and explained the specifications and pricing structure on recycled paper vs. non-recycled paper.

Controller, Ray McHugh, responded to the personnel questions and explained these positions were approved in January but tabled until they were given new titles and job descriptions.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of April 4, 2007 were approved.

DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

- Ed Gudknecht, Recorder of Deeds, spoke on item 17a.
- Lynn Bush, Director, Planning Commission, spoke on item 13b-c.
- Kris Kern, Open Space, spoke on item, 13a.
- John Dougherty, Director, Emergency Management, spoke on item 7a.
- Rich Harvey, Director, Agricultural Land Preservation, spoke on item 1a.
- Commissioner Cawley discussed Public Works item 15b and suggested this item be Tabled again.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, item 15b was UNTABLED, then RETABLED to a date certain of May 9, 2007, with the vote of 3-0.

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 15b.

**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 PRESERVATION	a.	John J. and Patricia Shannon Ottsville, PA	Approve county’s portion of conservation easement on 62.3214 acres of the Shannon Farm located on Spruce Hill Road in Bedminster Township. (T.M.P. 1-12-119, 1-12-124-3)	\$299,142.72 (+settlement charges and adjustments)
2.	AREA AGENCY ON	a.	LKI Group LLC, American	Approve contract increase for	\$10,000.**

	AGING		Home Health Services LLC d/b/a HELPSource Jenkintown, PA	provision of in-home services for F/Y 06/07.	
		b.	Dacha Corporation Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase for provision of adult day services. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$10,000.**
3.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a.	Access Services Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract increase to provide specialized foster care services. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$321,700.**
		b.	Bethanna Southampton, PA	Approve contract increase to provide foster care and residential treatment services. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$21,000.**
		c.	NHS Youth Services, Inc Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract increase to provide residential, family and foster care services. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$765,726.**
		d.	Open Hearts Youth Services Stroudsburg, PA	Approve contract increase to provide residential care services. 3/22/06 – 6/30/07	\$70,300.**
4.	COMMISSIONERS	a.	Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks Bristol, PA	Approve Cooperation Agreement for new equipment at St. Mary Medical Center.	
5.	CORRECTIONS	a.	Aramark Uniform Services Burbank, CA	Approve contract to provide inmate jackets. 5/1/07 – 4/30/09	\$15,568.56*
		b.	Network of Victim Assistance Jamison, PA	Approve contract to provide Victim Impact Education Program. 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$10,200.**
6.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a.	Network of Victim Assistance Jamison, PA	Approve payment of costs related to Older Adult Crimes Task Force. 3/1/07 – 3/31/07	\$19,422.09
7.	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a.	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve submission of grant application and authorization process for wireless E9-1-1 Phase II funding. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$631,450. Revenue
8.	FINANCE	a.	Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve premium renewal for Builders Risk insurance for Morgue & Crime lab.	\$6,864.
		b.	Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve premium renewal for Owners & Contractors Protective Liability insurance for Morgue & Crime lab.	\$5,612.
9.	HEALTH	a.	Sanofi Pasteur Swiftwater, PA	Approve contract increase for payment of excise tax related to purchase of Influenza Vaccine.	\$4,634.36**
10.	HUMAN SERVICES	a.	Beelong Adult Service Huntingdon Valley, PA	Approve contract increase to provide therapeutic programs. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$2,000.**

	b.	Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase to provide counseling and case management services. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$15,000.**	
	c.	Bucks County Area Agency on Aging Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase to provide adult day services. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$9,000.	
	d.	Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase to provide continuation of substance abuse and early intervention services. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$30,000.	
11.	MH/MR	a.	Mental Health Association of Southeastern PA Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase to provide peer support training. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$25,250.
		b.	Shared Support, Inc. Sunbury, PA	Approve contract increase to provide habilitation and respite services for additional client. 7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$19,818.**
12.	PARKS AND RECREATION	a.	Estate of James R. Taylor, John J. & Judith J. Taylor Administrators of the Estate Furlong, PA	Approve Easement for 2,240 sq. ft. encroachment and access to resident property located in Dark Hollow Park.	\$1. Revenue
13.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a.		Approve Resolution in Support of the Highlands Conservation Act and Protection of Highlands Region in Pennsylvania.	
		b.	Advanced Technology Solutions, Inc. Lancaster, PA	Approve contract to implement a countywide enterprise parcel and land records system. 4/2/07 – 7/6/07	\$36,600.
		c.	Borton-Lawson Engineering, Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve increase to consulting contract for additional work relating to the Neshaminy Creek Stormwater Management Plan.	\$22,872.
		d.	Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Harrisburg, PA	Authorize acceptance of grant funds to conduct an analysis for reactivation of the Quakertown-Stony Creek rail line for passenger services. 7/1/06 – 6/30/09	\$25,000. Revenue
14.	PUBLIC INFORMATION	a.	Precision Marketing Easton, PA	Approve professional services contract for communication services. 4/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$20,000.**
15.	PUBLIC WORKS	a.	DeNucci Excavating Corp. Bristol, PA	Approve contract for demolition of existing burn building in order to construct new burn building.	\$33,955.

	<b>TABLED</b>	b.	Wescott Electric Company Glen Riddle, PA	Approve electrical contract for addition to Emergency Services Building in Ivyland.	\$1,021,000.
16.	PURCHASING	a.	Lindenmyer Munroe Lancaster, PA	Approve contract to provide Bucks County's portion of xerographic paper under Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board 5/1/07 – 4/30/08	\$116,111.50**
17.	RECORDER OF DEEDS	a.	Foveonics Imaging Tech Eatontown, NJ	Approve contract for conversion of book bound images to CD-R and microfilm.	\$567,140.*
18.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Bucks County Children, Inc.	Approve Payment	\$3,000.

\*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 LIST

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
1.	Samuel O. Ayettey	Nursing Assistant Unit 30	Nursing Pool 40.0 hrs/wk	04/05/07	14.59 PH
2.	Eugenie A. Candon J.P. # 045-07	HMIS Administrator Unit 00	Community & Business Development 40.0 hrs/wk	04/30/07  10/30/07	38,800.00 PA 18.65 PH To 40,000.00 PA 19.23 PH
3.	Laurel S. Corona	Registered Nurse Unit 06	Nursing Services 40.0 hrs/wk	04/16/07	50,543.60 PA 24.30 PH
4.	Stefanie L. Croasmun	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk	04/30/07	37,132.22 PA 19.04 PH
5.	Monique K. Dixon	Nursing Assistant Unit 30	Nursing Pool 40.0 hrs/wk	04/03/07	14.59 PH
6.	Daniel J. Frazer	Security Screener Unit 00	Security 25.0 hrs/wk	04/30/07	12.73 PH
7.	Michelle L. Glover	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk	05/14/07	37,132.22 PA 19.04 PH
8.	John E. Poiron J.P. # 056B-07	Laundry Machine Operator Unit 02	Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk	04/30/07	35,235.20 PA 16.94 PH
9.	Caitlin Prunkel J.P. # 057-07	Coordinator Unit 03	Tax Claim Bureau 35.0 hrs/wk	05/14/07	31,429.52 PA 17.27 PH
10.	Thomas J. Riley J.P. # 03B-07	Deputy Sheriff Unit 05	Sheriff 40.0 hrs/wk	04/16/07	45,843.84 PA 22.04 PH

11.	Matthew J. Slavics	Food Service Attendant Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	04/14/07	12.02 PH
12.	Lisa A. Sigall J.P. # 043-07	Clerk Typist/CRT Operator Unit 03	Health 40.0 hrs/wk	04/30/07	30,934.65 PA 14.87 PH
13.	Martin E. Smith J.P. # 032-07	Security Guard Trainee Unit 00	Security 40.0 hrs/wk	04/30/07	32,665.54 PA 15.70 PH
14.	Martha Taboada J.P. # 015-07	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk	04/30/07	37,132.22 PA 19.04 PH
15.	Jaclyn M. Von Hohen J.P. # 027B-07	Clerk Typist/CRT Operator Unit 03	Health 40.0 hrs/wk	04/30/07	30,934.65 PA 14.87 PH
16.	Cheryl A. Warner	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	04/16/07	32,761.78 PA 15.75 PH

**REHIRE**

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
17.	Elisabeth H. Mellon Sep date 08/05/06 PH	GIS Technician (Temp) Unit 46	Planning Commission 40.0 hrs/wk	04/30/07	10.30 PH

**PROMOTION/DEMOTION**

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
18.	Norman W. Hottensen J.P. # 056A-07	Custodian/NMH Unit 02 To Laundry Machine Operator Unit 02	Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk To Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk	04/28/07	35,838.40 PA 17.23 PH To 37,315.20 PA 17.94 PH
19.	Jacob C. Schmider	Seasonal Help (#5278) Unit 00 To Seasonal Help (#5277) Unit 00	Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks and Recreation 40.0 hrs/wk	04/28/07	10.75 PH To 11.77 PH
20.	David J. Strunk	Seasonal Help (#5277) Unit 00 To Seasonal Help (#5292) Unit 00	Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	03/31/07	9.50 PH To 8.70 PH

**TRANSFER**

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
21.	Stefanie C. Melo J.P. # 041-07	D & A Training Program Specialist Unit 46 To Community Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Men's Community Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	04/28/07	43,168.63 PA 20.75 PH To 43,054.27 PA 20.70 PH
22.	Michelle A. Paleafico J.P. # 027A-07	Sheriff's Clerk (Temp) Unit 05 To Clerk Typist/CRT Operator Unit 03	Sheriff 40.0 hrs/wk To Health 40.0 hrs/wk	04/28/07	11.00 PH To 30,934.65 PA 14.87 PH

**SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
23.	Brianna L. Tarry	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	04/28/07	10.26 PH To 10.76 PH

**SEPARATIONS**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>UN</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
24.	Mary L. Aaron	Nursing Assistant – PT	03	Nursing Services	03/22/07	Separation
25.	Joseph E. Baehser	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	04/01/07	Separation
26.	Dolores J. Diamond	Billing Administrator	03	Planning Commission	04/21/07	Separation
27.	Myriam M. Elie	Nursing Assistant	03	Nursing Services	03/30/07	Separation
28.	Michael J. Garofalo	LPN	31	Nursing Pool	04/05/07	Separation
29.	Marjorie K. Marrone	Registered Nurse	06	Nursing Services	04/09/07	Separation
30.	Tracey C. Matthews III	Dispatcher I	03	Emerg. Communications	03/15/07	Separation
31.	Edward J. Obuchowicz	County Caseworker II	04	Children & Youth Agency	04/02/07	Separation
32.	Christopher A. Peterson	Seasonal Help	00	Parks and Recreation	03/30/07	Separation
33.	Eugene Ryndycz	Lieutenant	80	Corrections	04/12/07	Separation
34.	Lauren B. Severns	Food Service Attendant	03	NM Dietary Services	04/14/07	Separation
35.	Julianne Strehle	HMIS Administrator	00	Comm. & Business Develop.	04/16/07	Separation
36.	Jason A. Ward	Activities Assistant	03	NM Activities	03/21/07	Separation
37.	Jeannette L. Wood	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	04/25/07	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**

None.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

Flooding – Mr. Sanko spoke about the recent flooding and pointed out the benefit of elevating homes along the Neshaminy. He said the river has hit its highest level in years, but the homeowners were safe and not affected.

Delaware River – The Delaware River has come close to flood stage and there has been much concern regarding water releases from reservoirs in New York and Lake Wallenpaupack. Mr. Sanko suggested the Commissioners send a letter to the Delaware River Basin Commission encouraging them to reexamine the flow regulations that are in place stressing that the up-river releases intensify flooding further down the river. He also suggested that the Commissioners write a letter to the Governor urging him to call together the PUC, DEP and PEMA to establish new guidelines for early releases of water flow rather than during a rain storm.

The Commissioners spoke about the timing of releases of the up-river reservoirs and how they affect the County’s section of the River. They expressed concern as to why preparation wasn’t made in light of the upcoming forecast to take steps ahead of time and make sure the releases did not contribute to a flood event further down the river. The Commissioners said they are eager to hear DRBC’s reasoning for this as it affects all municipalities along the river. They agree that communication has been a problem and asked David Sanko to propose a letter to the Delaware River Basin Committee for Commissioners signature with copies to the Governor and the PA Power and Light Company.

Flood Taskforce – Mr. Sanko informed us that we are making progress toward the flood taskforce. He said that some local governments will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to finalize their selection to the committee. Commissioner Cawley added that although the taskforce has been designed as a local committee, that perhaps we could make legislative officials whose districts enjoin the river, ex-officio members of the Taskforce.

Recent Flood – Mr. Sanko commended John Dougherty and the emergency responders stating they did a fantastic job during in the course of the flood. They continue to work with local municipalities in order to assess damages and

determine whether there will be any state or federal assistance for the affected homeowners.

Earth Week – Focusing on the theme of the day and environmental issues, Mr. Sanko introduced Planning Commission Director, Lynn Bush, who provided us with an Earth Day presentation of the what we do to protect our environment.

The Commissioners thanked Lynn for the presentation and spoke about the new Green Committee that has been formed to make recommendations on projects focusing on good environmental and economical sense.

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the following individuals were appointed to the Green Committee: Mike Bannon, Co-Chair, Dennis Livrone, Co-Chair, Lale Byers, Gary Sisler, Maureen McIlvaine, Cathy Gillahan and Dick Manna, as well as Pat Bachtle representing the Row Offices and Professor Eve Minson from Delaware Valley College.

The Commissioners introduced Tony Belfield, Chair of Open Space Taskforce II, who presented a draft of the Taskforce II Committee Report and spoke about open space preservation. He said the land in Bucks County is our history and when we preserve land we inherit and preserve the history of that land. Mr. Belfield spoke about the various programs throughout the county and stated that the Taskforce intends to build on the success of those programs and the efforts of the prior Taskforce. He thanked the Commissioners for their support, the Taskforce members who volunteer their time to this effort and the County department heads who have worked with the Taskforce. He said he looks forward to the Commissioners comments on the report and hopes to have a final plan for consideration and action in the near future.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Belfield and all who participated on the Taskforce. They said they look forward to reviewing the report in order to arrive at a final document and prepare a referendum question to present to the voters on the November ballot.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Wayne Seifert, a Chalfont resident and covered bridge enthusiast, thanked the Commissioners as well as Joe Bush and the Public Works Department for their efforts in maintaining the covered bridges in Bucks County. He invited everyone to the “Bucks County Covered Bridges Festival” a weekend long celebration of the historic covered bridges throughout the County, which will be held on June 9-10, 2007 at Tinicum Park in Erwinna. He explained that the festival is a non-profit, family friendly event and proceeds will go towards preserving the bridges for the future. He also thanked the Commissioners for their commitment to rebuild the Mood’s Covered Bridge.

Janice Hobbs, a Doylestown resident, spoke about the request she made regarding voting machines and election cost. She said that tomorrow is the deadline and inquired about the status of the response.

Assistant County Solicitor, Donald Williams, responded that the draft letter has been prepared, we are waiting for one more figure and that the information will be forthcoming.

Sandy Schiff, a Doylestown resident, inquired about the status of her request for information regarding data used to conclude that the Danaher machines would save the County \$600,000 over 10 years.

Assistant County Solicitor, Donald Williams, replied that the response will be ready by the end of the day.

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, spoke about her requests for information and the source of money that was used to purchase the Danaher machines. She further stated that she wanted to know how much money came from the bond issue and how much came from the general fund.

David Sanko responded that the grant was discussed at multiple public sessions and that he provided the breakdown to Ms. Rawley at a prior meeting. The Commissioners further explained how much came from a grant and how much came from the general fund and said that our Finance Director, Brian Hessenthaler, will be able to provide her with further information.

David Sanko added that calls went out this morning to various parties, including the Coalition for Voting Integrity, inviting them to observe the preparation of machines for the Primary Election.

Don White, a West Rockhill Township resident, posed questions to the Commissioners regarding reassessments and pending legal actions. He stated his viewpoint towards the need for a countywide reassessment and his opposition to what he believes were “spot reassessments” done in the early 1990’s.

Andy Warren asked if he could be provided with a copy of the Taskforce II draft report.

The Commissioners stated that they could provide him with a copy as long as he understands that it is being

viewed as a draft document.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Mitchell, Director, Parks and Recreation, informed the public of the Core Creek cleanup scheduled for this Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 – 12:00, which will include work on the NOVA Garden. He also spoke about the upcoming event for Lake Caroline, which is planned for April 28, 9:00 – 2:00 and said he will be providing an email address for volunteers to register.

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lower Bucks Rescue Squad, 143 King Street, Bristol PA.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: May 9, 2007

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BY:

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Charles H. Martin  
Chairman

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James F. Cawley, Esq.  
Commissioner

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Sandra A. Miller  
Commissioner

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David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk