

## BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 5, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at the Bucks County Audubon Society Visitor Center, 2877 Creamery Road, Solebury, PA. In attendance were Commissioner Charles H. Martin, Chairman, Commissioner James F. Cawley and Commissioner Sandra A. Miller. Commissioner Martin opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Martin welcomed everyone to the Bucks County Audubon Society and thanked them for hosting today's meeting. He introduced Carol Gruber, executive director, who welcomed us all to Honey Hollow. She thanked board members who were present and spoke about the visitor's center. She gave us some background on the society, the history of the watershed and the land on which the property is located. She also informed us of the many environmental programs that their facility provides and thanked everyone for their support.

Commissioner Martin also acknowledged County elected officials: Patricia Bachtle, Prothonotary, William Snyder, Treasurer, Ed Gudknecht, Recorder of Deeds and Edward "Duke" Donnelly, Sheriff.

### PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed September 2007 as "YOUTH SOCCER MONTH" urging all Bucks Countians to support local youth soccer leagues and celebrate their physical, psychological and social benefits for our county's children. Jean Brooks, Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association volunteer accepted. She spoke about the physical benefits of keeping children involved in sports and added that it also keeps them out of trouble. She expressed the rewards of being a volunteer and thanked the Commissioners for their support.

The Commissioners proclaimed September 15, 2007 as "SUICIDE AWARENESS WEEK" urging all Bucks Countians to support education programs and intervention services in an effort to prevent suicide and provide help to those who are suffering. Patricia Lufkin, vice president of Survivors of Suicide, Inc. accepted. She spoke about her reason for starting the survivors group and stressed that their main mission is suicide prevention. She informed us of the annual run that supports the efforts of the various groups and organizations that work together and expressed her appreciation to the Commissioners for all of their support.

The Commissioners proclaimed September 2007 as "DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY MONTH" throughout the County of Bucks. Mike McDonnell, Pro-Act volunteer coordinator for Lower Bucks and Scott Fleming, Recovery House Association volunteer accepted. They thanked the Commissioners and the County for their support of Pro-Act and informed us of the importance and value of this service as it provides hope to the individuals that need this program.

### COMMENDATIONS

None.

### PRESENTATIONS

Penny Larissy, quilting program instructor, Bucks County Youth Center, spoke about the quilts that the boys at the youth center have worked on. She spoke about the success of the program and the quilts that will be going to Project Linus as a result of the boy's hard work. Barbara Epstein spoke about Project Linus, a national organization which encourages people to make quilts/blankets to be distributed to people who are in need. She thanked Penny for the work that she and the boys have done and expressed her appreciation for the quilts that she was able to distribute to hospitals and agencies. A Libertae representative also spoke about the comfort the quilts provided to women and children in their program and added that this is a great way for the children of the youth center to give back to the community.

The Commissioners spoke about Penny's efforts and the successful results of her program, thanking her for all of her hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Schiff, a Doylestown resident, had a question on agenda item 2a.

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, had a question on agenda item 12b.

Commissioner Martin responded that he will ask for further clarification from the respective department heads when they review agenda items for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of August 1, 2007 were approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Miss Miller, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of August 15, 2007 were approved.

Commissioner Martin announced that as of Wednesday, the Minutes for the 2007 Commissioners Meetings are now posted on the County website and we will add additional Minutes as they are approved. The Commissioners acknowledged the departments and personnel who assisted with getting that service up and running.

DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

David Sanko, Chief Operating Officer, spoke on item 2a. He also responded to Ms. Schiff's inquiry.

Dick Manna, Quality Assurance Manager, spoke on item 4a.

Barbara Schellhorn, Health Department, spoke on item 10a.

Don Jacobs, Director Information Services, spoke on item 12b. He also responded to Ms. Rawley's inquiry.

Kris Kern, Director, Open Space, spoke on item 14a.

Bill Mitchell, Acting Director, Public Works, spoke on item 18b.

Brian Hessenthaler, Finance Director, spoke regarding the Budget Adjustments.

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 14m, which was opposed by Commissioner Martin, but passed with the vote of 2-1.

**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. King's Caterers Bristol, PA	Approve contract for Annual Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Recognition Luncheon. 8/22/07 – 5/15/08	\$11,400.**
2.	BOARD OF ELECTIONS	a. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Harrisburg, PA	Approve amendment to increase original HAVA award. 7/1/07 – 6/30/09	\$2,818.58 Revenue
3.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. A Place To Go, Inc. Lancaster, PA	Approve contract to provide residential independent living services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$100,000.**
		b. Bethanna Southampton, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care and residential treatment services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$100,000.**

	c.	Bethanna – Visitation Program Southampton, PA	Approve contract to provide visitation support services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$350,000.**
	d.	Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bucks County Jamison, PA	Approve contract to provide counseling and options case management services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$176,800.**
	e.	Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. Wrightstown, PA	Approve contract to provide shelter services for families. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$594,707.**
	f.	Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. Wrightstown, PA	Approve contract for the Bridge and Transitional Housing program. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$300,000.**
	g.	KidsPeace National Centers, Inc. Schnecksville, PA	Approve contract to provide shelter, foster care and residential treatment services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$585,000.**
	h.	Northwestern Human Services of Montgomery County Erdenheim, PA	Approve contract for therapeutic family care and foster care plus programs. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$215,000.**
	i.	Northwestern Human Services of Bucks County Erdenheim, PA	Approve contract to provide community residential rehabilitation and residential treatment services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$13,892.**
	j.	Pinebrook Services for Children and Youth Allentown, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$210,000.**
	k.	St. Mary Medical Center Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide counseling and emergency shelter services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$104,890.**
4.	COMMISSIONERS	a. Raise Right, Inc. Chalfont, PA	Approve contract to elevate 3 homes in Bristol Township as part of the Neshaminy Creek Supplemental Work Plan #5.	\$624,600.*
5.	COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	a. Bucks County Economic Development Corporation Doylestown, PA	Approve Resolution designating the Bucks County Economic Development Corporation as the Industrial Development Organization for the County of Bucks. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	
		<b>UNTABLED</b>		
6.	CORONER	a. GE OEC Medical Systems, Inc. Salt Lake City, UT	Approve contract to provide a required mobile fluoroscopy x-ray machine.	\$130,305.
		b. GE OEC Medical Systems, Inc. Salt Lake City, UT	Approve contract to provide post-warranty technical service for fluoroscopy x-ray machine. 10/1/08 – 9/30/12	\$60,480.

		c.	Erica Williams, M.D. Wayne, PA	Approve contract to retain additional pathologist to perform autopsies. 8/1/07 – 7/31/08	\$10,000.**
7.	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a.	Northrop Grumman Orange, CA	Approve contract for software licenses to allow additional users to access the Computer Aided Dispatch System.	\$15,000.**
8.	FINANCE  UNTABLED	a.	Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve renewal of flood insurance premiums for various County properties. 8/17/07 – 9/1/08	\$23,023.
		b.	Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve renewal of miscellaneous professional liability insurance. 9/1/07 – 9/1/08	\$423,800.
9.	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	a.	Bucks County Local Emergency Planning Committee Ivyland, PA	Approve transfer of funding for training equipment and public information services. 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$12,560.
10.	HEALTH	a.	Sanofi Pasteur Swiftwater, PA	Approve purchase of flu vaccine for 07/08 flu season. 8/1/07 – 7/31/08	\$97,755.10
		b.	General Health Care Resources, Inc. Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve contract increase to provide nurses services to Bucks County Correctional Facility on an as needed basis. 6/1/06 – 12/31/07	\$25,000.**
11.	HUMAN SERVICES	a.	Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve State Food Purchase Program Plan of Operation 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	
		b.	Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide rental assistance services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$282,800.
		c.	Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide case management services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$58,100.
12.	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a.	Micro Technology Services, Inc. Richardson, TX	Approve contract to upgrade Courts security alarm system.	\$15,150.
		b.	Verizon CABS Baltimore, MD	Approve contract for T-1 line service to various county properties. 10/1/07 – 9/31/12	\$820,146.60**
13.	LAW LIBRARY	a.	West Group St. Paul, MN	Approve contract to purchase publications at discounted rates. 9/1/07 – 8/31/10	\$208,884.**
14.	MH/MR	a.	Advance Lane Training and Employment Corp. Colmar, PA	Approve contract to provide adult developmental training services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$41,278.**
		b.	Alternative Care Concepts, Inc., TA Beelong Adult Day Services Huntingdon Valley, PA	Approve contract to provide older adult day services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$142,688.**

c.	Associated Production Services, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide pre-vocational and transportation services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$966,853.**
d.	Blaker Associates Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide speech therapy services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$42,000.**
e.	CareLink Community Support Services Eddystone, PA	Approve contract to provide residential rehabilitation services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$88,629.**
f.	Children and Adult Disability and Educational Services Swarthmore, PA	Approve contract to provide supervised living residential and specialized support services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$1,426,083.**
g.	Community Options, Inc. Princeton, NJ	Approve contract to provide supported and supervised living and employment services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$852,046.**
h.	Delta Community Supports, Inc. Lower Gwynedd, PA	Approve contract to provide respite care and supervised and supported living services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$6,649,823.**
i.	Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide early intervention services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$720,000.**
j.	Employment Technology, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide employment services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$569,393.**
k.	Family Services Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide intensive case management services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$36,560.**
l.	Goodwill Industries of Mid-Eastern Pennsylvania Shillington, PA	Approve contract to provide employment services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$362,730.**
m.	Horizon House, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide residential services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$1,403,607.**
n.	Indian Creek Foundation, Inc. Souderton, PA	Approve contract to provide supervised, supported, family living and employment services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$1,816,995.**
o.	National Mentor Healthcare dba Pennsylvania Mentor Norristown, PA	Approve contract to provide family living, respite and transportation services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$660,967.**
p.	Neighbours, Inc. Highland Park, NJ	Approve contract to provide case management and supported living residential services.	\$205,372.**

7/1/07 – 6/30/08

	q.	NuWay Pharmacy Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide prescription drugs. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$45,000.**
	r.	Penn Foundation for Mental Health Sellersville, PA	Approve contract to provide supported living, case management, and rehabilitation services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$3,180,584.**
	s.	Resources for Human Development, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide residential services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$515,025.**
	t.	Rockhill Mennonite Community Sellersville, PA	Approve contract to provide adult day services. 7/1/07 – 6/0/08	\$43,200.**
	u.	Salisbury Behavioral Health, Inc. Roslyn, PA	Approve contract to provide supported living and residential services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$1,223,406.**
	v.	Shared Support, Inc. Sunbury, PA	Approve contract to provide respite and community habilitation services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$111,600.**
	w.	The Melmark Home, Inc. Berwyn, PA	Approve contract to provide a residential program. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$85,928.**
	x.	Woods Services Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide pre-vocational, developmental training and residential services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$1,541,395.**
15.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a. Care Apparel, Inc. Brooklyn, NY	Approve contract increase for purchase of resident clothing. 11/1/05 – 10/31/08	\$2,000.*
		b. Marc J. Duome, Psy.D. Langhorne, PA	Approve consultant contract to provide psychology services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$10,000.**
16.	OPEN SPACE	a. Trumbauersville Borough Trumbauersville, PA	Approve Municipal Open Space Grant to acquire 2.75 acres located on Main Street in Trumbauersville. (T.M.P. #45-003-063).	\$126,000.
17.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a. Bristol Borough Bristol, PA	Approve contract to provide planning assistance to update zoning ordinance.	\$14,000. Revenue
18.	PUBLIC WORKS	a. Eagle Mechanical, Inc. Cherry Hill, NJ	Approve contract increase to modify HVAC system in basement of morgue/crime lab.	\$3,867.

	b.	W2A Design Group, Wallace & Watson, Associates Allentown, PA	Approve expenditure to provide professional architectural and engineering services for new District Justice Office in Bensalem. 8/9/07 – 1/7/08	\$25,980.**
19.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	B.C. Audobon Society Bristol Borough Anniv. Fund James Michener Art Center Bucks County Symphony	Approve Payment \$3,500. \$1,000. \$25,000. \$1,000.

\*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**

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Molly Arnold	Food Service Attendant Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 40.0 hrs/wk	09/01/07	12.01 PH
2.	Momsey Mydea Artis	Registered Nurse Unit 60	NM Nursing Services/Pool 20.0 hrs/wk	09/05/07	33.08 PH
3.	Liam B. Fennecken	Seasonal Help/Boat Handler/PV Unit 00	Parks and Recreation 40.0 hrs/wk	08/23/07	7.72 PH
4.	Catherine E. Nollau	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk	10/01/07	19.04 PH
5.	Kwame Oppong-Sasraku	LPN Unit 31	NM Nursing/Pool 20.0 hrs/wk	08/07/07	26.26 PH
6.	Jacqueline A. Quinn J.P. #119-07	Clerk Typist Unit 03	Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk	09/17/07	26,660.46 PA 13.67 PA
7.	Christopher E. Sanginiti	Seasonal Help/Boat Handler/CC Unit 00	Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	08/23/07	8.23 PH+
8.	Stephanie B. Schwartz J.P. #132-07	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth Agency 37.5 hrs/wk	10/01/07	37,132.22 PA 19.04 PH
9.	William J. Severns J.P. #120-07	Chauffeur Unit 00	Military Affairs 12.0 hrs/wk	09/10/07	12.82 PH
10.	Audrey Josleen Sterling	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	NM Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk	09/05/07	13.49 PH
11.	Joanne M. Maginnis J.P. #092-07	Clerk Typist II Unit 04	MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk	09/17/07	27,579.39 PA 14.14 PH

**PROMOTION/DEMOTION**

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
12.	Shaw P. Diamond	Seasonal Help/Boat Handler/PV (posi 5280) Unit 00	Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	08/18/07	7.72 PH
		To Seasonal Help/Boat Handler/PV (posi 5567) Unit 00	To Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk		To 7.72 PH

13.	Suzette DiPete	Human Resources Admin Unit 00 To Placement Staff Coordinator Unit 00	Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	09/15/07	44,557.71 PA 21.42 PH To 44,557.71 PA 21.42 PH
14.	Felicia N. Hinton	Nursing Assistant (PT) (posi 05457) Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant (posi 00867) Unit 03	NM Nursing Services 24.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing Services 40.0 hrs/wk	08/04/07	13.49 PH To 13.49 PH
15.	Veronica McBride J. P. #115-07	Clerical Researcher Unit 03 To CRT Assessment Specialist Unit 03	Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk To Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk	09/04/07	29,871.27 PA 15.31 PH To 32,268.48 PA 16.54 PH
16.	Douglas H. Prendergast	Sergeant – Reception Unit 81 To Lieutenant Unit 80	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	09/15/07	56,818.54 PA 27.31 PH To 54,711.79 PA 26.30 PH

**TRANSFER**

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
17.	Alycia C. Dennison	LPN Unit 33 To LPN Unit 31	Nursing Services 40.0 hrs/wk To Nursing Services/Pool 20.0 hrs/wk	09/15/07	44,480.11 PA 21.38 PH To 26.26 PH
18.	Carol M. Spinelli J. P. #079-07	Clerk Steno II Unit 04 To Secretary Unit 03	MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk To Public Defender 37.5 hrs/wk	09/15/07	34,051.11 PA 17.46 PH To 33,435.84 PA 16.07 PH

**SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
19.	Andrew B. Gardner	Seasonal Help/Boat Handler/PV Unit 00 To Seasonal Help/Boat Handler/PV Unit 00	Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	08/08/07	8.72 PH To 9.23 PH
20.	Daniel D. Lawler	Seasonal Help/Boat Handler/PV Unit 00 To Seasonal Help/Boat Handler/PV Unit 00	Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks and Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	08/08/07	8.22 PH To 9.23 PH

**PERMANENT TO PER DIEM**

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
21.	Rachael E. Cherry	Recruitment / Training Coordinator Unit 00 To HR Generalist IV Unit 00	Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 20.0 hrs/wk	09/15/07	40,345.26 19.39 PH To 18.12 PH
22.	Angela M. Frattone	Food Service Attendant (posi 01494) Unit 03 To Food Service Attendant (posi 04146) PT Unit 03	NM Dietary Services 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Dietary Services 24.0 hrs/wk	08/18/07	27,547.76 PA 13.24 PH To 12.01 PH

**TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT**

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
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23.	Lynne Kallus-Rainey	County SW Manager II Unit 00	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	09/01/07	65,223.69 PA 33.44 PH
		To County C&Y Asst. Admin II Unit 00	To Children & Youth 80.0 hrs/wk		To 69,507.65 PA 33.41 PH

**SEPARATIONS**

	NAME	TITLE	UN	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
24.	Jayketia S. Barnard	Nursing Assistant – PT	03	NM Nursing Services	08/09/07	Separation
25.	Joan Marie Boyd	LPN	33	NM Nursing Services	08/14/07	Separation
26.	Roger S. Buesmaill	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	08/25/07	Separation
27.	John Ralph Eleoterio	Custodian	02	Public Works	09/08/07	Separation
28.	Kevin E. Hallman	Seasonal Help	00	Information Services	08/03/07	Separation
29.	Christine L. Kerest	Registered Nurse	06	NM Nursing Services	09/15/07	Separation
30.	William J Martin III	Clerical Researcher	03	Board of Assessment	08/11/07	Separation
31.	Thomas E. Royvik	Deputy Sealer(Temp)	03	Consumer Protection	08/17/07	Separation
32.	Rose Schiele	Nursing Assistant	03	NM Nursing Services	09/02/07	Separation
33.	Edward F. Weaver	Seasonal Help/Boat Handler PV	00	Parks and Recreation	08/22/07	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 #12-030 Behavioral Health  
2006 Closing Adjustment for Behavioral Health.

Adjustment #09-017-0 Open Space Bond  
Adjust capital funds to actual per 2006 Final.

Adjustment #09-018-0 Special Projects Fund  
Adjust capital funds to actual per 2006 Final.

Adjustment #09-019-0 2005 Bond  
Adjust capital funds to actual per 2006 Final.

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:

Children & Youth Advisory Board  
Walter Rabin, Esquire – new appointment, term expires 3/1/08

Enterprise Zone Organization  
Peter Gray – new appointment, term expires 12/31/09

Juvenile Detention Center Board of Managers  
Honorable Judge Rea Boylan – new appointment, term expires 7/1/08

Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Todd Gross – reappointment, term expires 8/31/09  
Joe Riggio – reappointment, term expires 8/31/09  
Mark Showmaker – reappointment, term expires 8/31/09  
Tim Walters – reappointment, term expires 8/31/09

Workforce Investment Board  
George Flocco – new appointment, term expires 7/1/10

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Approve Resolution to place on the Ballot for the November 6, 2007 General Election, a Referendum to authorize the borrowing of \$87,000,000 by Bucks County for the purpose of financing the acquisition and preservation of Open Space and Approve the Bucks County Open Space Referendum “Plain English” Statement.

**Bucks County Open Space Referendum “Plain English” Statement**

After nearly a year’s study, the 2007 Bucks County Open Space Task Force recommended to the Bucks County Commissioners a bond issue to acquire and preserve open space over the next decade (ten years). Do you support an Eighty-seven Million Dollar (\$87,000,000) increase in the Bucks County debt limit for that purpose?

It is estimated that the Eighty-seven Million Dollars (\$87,000,000) would be borrowed in phases as follows:

1. Twenty-nine Million Dollars (\$29,000,000) - 2008
2. Twenty-nine Million Dollars (\$29,000,000) - 2011
3. Twenty-nine Million Dollars (\$29,000,000) - 2014

The Open Space Task Force plan allocates Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) for farmland preservation, Twenty-six Million Dollars (\$26,000,000) for municipal open space, Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000) for county parkland acquisition, Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000) for preservation of natural areas and Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) for the preservation of Delaware riverfront land. It is expected that the County investment would leverage an estimated One-Hundred and Twenty Million Dollars (\$120,000,000) in supplementary funding from other sources.

The anticipated yearly cost of the Eighty-seven Million Dollars (\$87,000,000) to the residents of Bucks County would range from Ten Dollars (\$10) per household to Thirty-One Dollars (\$31) per household, based upon the above borrowing schedule. This equates to between Three (.03¢) and Eight (.08¢) Cents per day.

A vote “YES” to the ballot question approves borrowing money for these purposes.

The question to be submitted to the voters at such election (referendum) shall be:

“Shall debt in the sum of Eighty-seven Million Dollars (\$87,000,000) for the purpose of financing the acquisition and preservation of open space, including agricultural land, municipal open space, county parkland, natural areas and the Delaware riverfront be authorized to be incurred as debt approved by the electors?”

Brian Hessenthaler, Finance Director, spoke about bond issues and provided further explanation on the borrowing phases as well as a breakdown of how they arrived at the figures.

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

Dennis Livrone, Green Committee Co-Chair, provided a presentation by members of the Bucks Employees Green Initiative (BEGIN) as to how the County can become more environmentally friendly. He acknowledged members of the Committee who were present as well as Co-Chair Mike Bannon who could not be here today. Mr. Livrone presented a slide show detailing recommendations and initiatives to be considered by the Commissioners in an effort to better preserve and protect our environment.

The Commissioners thanked Dennis and members of the Committee for the presentation and their outstanding work. They said they will review the recommendations and hope to officially adopt the report at the next meeting.

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

BEGIN Committee – Mr. Sanko also commended the members of the BEGIN Committee and the tremendous job they are doing. He informed everyone that Neshaminy Manor was in the forefront of technology as it was built using geothermal technology and that the county converted years ago from oil and diesel to natural gas. Mr. Sanko informed us that the Committee has taken the next step in coming up with some fine examples of conserving energy and becoming “greener” and added that the renovations and expansion to the Churchville Nature Center will be some of the greenest additions yet.

Mr. Sanko also informed us that the leadership of the Bucks County Green Initiative is not confined to just the county borders, but is carried across the Commonwealth. He said that CCAP has adopted a series of recommendations and resolutions from the Energy Environment Land Use Committee, chaired by Commissioner Cawley, who has offered leadership and guidance from a Bucks County perspective.

Biotech Center/Hepatitis B Foundation – The Foundation has been awarded \$800,000 over the course of two years which will match up commercial products with potential markets. This is a green initiative as well as a tremendous job opportunity allowing entrepreneurs to showcase Bucks County products.

September 11, 2007 – The Commissioners are sponsoring a memorial event on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. on September 11th at the Courthouse Courtyard and encourage everyone to attend. Mr. Sanko announced that we will be joined by County Law Enforcement, Emergency Services and Fire and Public Safety personnel in commemoration of the sixth anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Malcolm Crooks, a member of the Audubon Society and Bucks County Conservation District, spoke about the Watershed and the importance of the Audubon Society and thanked the Commissioners for the efforts on land preservation.

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, inquired about her request to research election results.

Commissioner Martin responded that Solicitor Guy Matthews is not here today but informed her that Mr. Matthews has worked with the Board of Elections to obtain a time for her review of election results. He said they will provide that information to her by the end of the week.

Ann Tetrapinto, a Solebury Township resident, requested more information on the Open Space resolution and asked if she could be provided with a copy of the Plain English Statement.

The Commissioners referred her to Public Information for her request and also Planning Commission Director Lynn Bush, to obtain a copy of the Open Space report as well.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joseph Ferderbar Elementary School, 300 Heights Lane, Feasterville, PA.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: September 19, 2007

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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