

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 17, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Leonard Crooke Farm, 5469 Ridge Road, New Hope, 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 Crooke Farm which was the first preserved farm in the Land Preservation Program. He thanked Leonard Crooke for hosting today's meeting and asked him to say a few words about his farm. Mr. Crooke welcomed everyone to Crooked Acre Dairy Farm and invited everyone to take a look around after the meeting. He spoke about the background of the farm and his life in Bucks County and explained how he and his family have enjoyed life on the 200 acre farm. Mr. Crooke also spoke about other farm owners and the legacy they have left by leaving their farms in perpetuity.

Commissioner Martin acknowledged County elected officials: Duke Donnelly, Sheriff, Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts and William Snyder, Treasurer. He also introduced Buckingham Township Supervisors: Maggie Rash and Jon Forest.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed October 2007 as "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" urging all Bucks Countians to reach out to those who have been abused and help educate people about the vital importance of ending domestic violence. Barbara Clark, N.O.V.A. and Donna Byrne, A Woman's Place, accepted and informed us of the importance of providing safe homes to women who need it. They expressed their appreciation to the Commissioners and added that their support provides a foundation for various non-profit organizations to do their work. They thanked them and everyone in County government for their ongoing dedication.

The Commissioners proclaimed October 20 through 27, 2006 as "RED RIBBON WEEK" and October 20 and 21, 2006 as "PUMPKINFEST" marking the 16th anniversary of the event supporting alcohol and drug prevention programs. Christopher Whitney, Publicity Chairman of Pumpkinfest accepted and thanked the Commissioners for their support. He spoke about Pumpkinfest and invited everyone to participate in the event and in turn, support programs and services that help people with substance addictions.

PRESENTATION

Liz Fritsch, Legal Aid of Southeast Pennsylvania, thanked the Commissioners for their support and presented the Commissioners with paperweights to publicly recognize them for their partnership with legal aid. She spoke of the grant they recently received from the County to support the expansion of their services and the ways in which it helps the citizens. She expressed how important these services are and informed us that their main purpose is to provide all residents access to the judicial system regardless of their income.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

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

DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

Bill Mitchell, Parks and Recreation, spoke on item 9b. He also spoke on Public Works items 11e and 11h.

Joe Bush, Public Works, spoke on item 11f.

Guy Matthews, Solicitor, spoke on item 11b. Sally Fabian, BCHIP Executive Director, also spoke on item 11b.

Harris Gubernick, Corrections, spoke on item 5b.

Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, spoke on item 10a. Terri Bently, Planner, also spoke on item 10a.

Rich Harvey, Agricultural Land Preservation, spoke on item 1a.

The Commissioners thanked Lynn Bush and her staff and commented on the talent in our Planning Commission. They stated that Bucks County is often viewed as a role model and they expressed their appreciation to

Lynn and her staff for the outstanding work they have done.

Rich Harvey thanked all of the farmers who committed their land for future generations and introduced farm owner, Scott Bauman and his son Benjamin. Mr. Bauman thanked the Commissioners and the Board as well as taxpayers who support the effort to keep farms preserved. He said it was an honor to have his farm be the 10,000th preserved acre in the County and spoke about the history of his family’s farm. Rich Harvey also recognized members of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board who were present at today’s meeting: Bill Yerkes, Penrose Hollowell, Bartley Millett and Becky Kiefer, all of whom have been on the Board since its inception.

Commissioner Martin introduced Judge William Hart Rufe, Co-Chair, Open Space II Education Committee, who spoke about efforts of the committee and the importance of the program. He informed us of the bond issue question which will appear on the November ballot and asked for the support of the voters. He added that the continuation of open space preservation is valuable to the County and reminded everyone to look for the bond issue referendum on Election Day.

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. Scott and Stefanie Bauman Quakertown, PA	Approve county’s portion of conservation easement on 59.01 acres of the Bauman Farm located on Bauman Road in Milford Township. (T.M.P. 23-2-161 and 23-2-164)	\$283,248. (+settlement charges and adjustments)
2. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Middletown Senior Citizens Association Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide recreational and educational programs. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$46,292.**
	b. Bucks County Association for Retired & Senior Citizens Bristol, PA	Approve contract for operational subsidy of five senior centers to provide recreational and educational programs. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$223,862.**
3. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Bethany Christian Services of Central Pennsylvania Lancaster, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$30,000.**
	b. Child & Family Focus Valley Forge, PA	Approve contract to provide foster and therapeutic care services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$41,000.**
	c. Presbyterian Children’s Village Services Rosemont, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$41,000.**
	d. Rejoice, Inc. Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care and adoption services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$68,000.**

	e.	Tabor Children's Services Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide family casework, counseling and parenting education services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$600,000.**	
	f.	Tabor Children's Services Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide transitional and aftercare services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$240,000.**	
	g.	Tabor Children's Services Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide life skills and education services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$142,558.**	
	h.	YWCA of Bucks County Trevose, PA	Approve contract to provide academic, summer and scouting outreach programs. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$676,164.**	
4.	COMMISSIONERS	a.	Raise Right, Inc. Chalfont, PA	Approve contract increase for additional improvements on elevated homes in Bristol Township and Hulmeville Borough.	\$11,940.
		b.	Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County Bristol, PA	Approve Agreement appointing the RDA as agent to receive funds generated from gaming revenues at the Philadelphia Park Casino. 10/17/07 – 12/31/08	
5.	CORRECTIONS	a.	Link Computer Corporation Bellwood, PA	Approve contract for support and development of applications used with the Offender Management System. 6/1/07 – 12 /31/08	\$35,000.*
		b.	S.A.V.I.N. Victim Notification System	Approve Memorandum of Understanding to provide access to statewide notification system for victims.	
6.	HEALTH	a.	Alpha Omega Janitorial & Power Washing Morrisville, PA	Approve contract extension to provide janitorial services for the Levittown Government Services Center. 9/1/06 – 8/31/08	\$14,400.**
		b.	Temple University Hospital Philadelphia, PA	Approve payment of invoice for inpatient services. 3/24/07 – 3/26/07	\$29,972.42
7.	MH/MR	a.	BARC Holicong, PA	Approve contract to provide vocational rehabilitation, employment and early intervention services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$5,339,802.**
		b.	Children's Development Program, Inc. Quakertown, PA	Approve contract to provide early intervention services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$142,000.**
		c.	Martha Lloyd Community Residential Facility, Inc. Troy, PA	Approve contract to provide residential and pre-vocational services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$105,391.**

	d.	Penndel Mental Health Center Penndel, PA	Approve contract to provide case management, rehabilitation, outpatient and support services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$4,347,922.**	
8.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	Central Bucks Ambulance and Rescue Unit Doylestown, PA	Approve Transport Agreement. 9/1/07 – 9/1/08	\$100,000.**
		b.	Vitas Healthcare Corporation Atlantic Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract to provide hospice services. 9/19/07 – 9/18/08	
9.	PARKS AND RECREATION	a.	Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Harrisburg, PA	Approve 07/08 General Operating Support Grant to Moravian Pottery and Tileworks. 6/22/07 – 12/31/08	\$7854. Revenue
		b.	Ronald T. and Joyce Melchior Riegelsville, PA	Approve Parkland Acquisition contract for 4.5 acres located in Springfield Township in lieu of condemnation. (T.M.P. 42-022-053)	\$155,000. (+ insurance and settlement costs)
10.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a.		Authorize Advertisement of Neshaminy/Little Neshaminy Creek Watershed Stormwater Management Plan	
		b.	US Department of the Interior Geological Survey New Cumberland, PA	Approve payment of expenses incurred for the operation and maintenance on network of six gauging stations in the Neshaminy Creek Basin. 10/1/07 – 9/30/08	\$48,060.
11.	PUBLIC WORKS	a.	Aramark Uniform Services, Division of Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel, Inc.	Approve contract extension to allow new vendor time to supply all uniforms. 9/1/07 – 9/30/08	\$4,117.24
		b.	Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (“BCHIP”) Langhorne, PA	Approve Authorization to use County property in Quakertown for the purposes of operating a free clinic.	
		c.	Dual Temp Co., Inc. Allentown, PA	Approve contract extension to allow successful completion of new bid process. 10/15/04 – 12/31/07	\$26,719.58
		d.	Magnum, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase for additional general construction work.	\$26,499.32*
		e.	Pennoni Associates, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to perform National Bridge Inspection Surveys for County bridges.	\$113,465.17
		f.	Professional Construction Contractor’s Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve emergency repairs on County Bridge #349 on Scott Road in Bedminster Township.	\$122,140.
		g.	Simplex Grinnell Montgomeryville, PA	Approve contract for installation of speaker strobes and heat detectors in rooftop penthouses as directed by PA inspection.	\$18,350.
		h.	Warwick Office Park Associates, LLC	Approve contract increase to provide additional renovations to	\$8,577.96

Yardley, PA

new District Court building in
Warwick Township.
3/14/07 – 9/25/07

i.	Waterware Corp. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase for intake tower service at Peace Valley Dam.	\$1,826.99
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12. OTHER CIVICS	a.	Bucks County Fire Chiefs & Fireman’s Association Children’s Cultural Center Women’s Advisory Council	Approve Payment	\$1,500. \$1,000. \$3,500.
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*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.	Ryan D. Casey	Custodian - Courthouse Unit 02	Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk	10/29/07	35,880.00 PA 17.25 PH
2.	Brian M. Duke	Area Agency on Aging Admin III Unit 00	AAA 40.0 hrs/wk	11/24/07 05/24/07	78,000.00 PA 37.50 PH 80,340.00 PA 38.62 PH
3.	Kelly A. Hughes	Health Educator Unit 46	Health 40.0 hrs/wk	10/29/07	39,607.70 PA 19.04 PH
4.	Karen O. Jones	Nursing Assistant Unit 30	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/16/07	14.58 PH
5.	Joan A. Levanios	PHN II - Prison Unit 06	Health 40.0 hrs/wk	10/29/07	52,964.22 PA 25.46 PH
6.	David R. Sempowski	Roving Ranger Unit 51	Parks 40.0 hrs/wk	10/29/07	33,595.73 PA 16.15 PH
7.	Alan C. Simpson	Software Systems Specialist Unit 46	Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk	10/29/07	43,168.63 PA 20.75 PH

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
8.	Pamela M. Weber Sep. Date 3/18/07	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	10/29/07	37,132.22 PA 19.04 PH

PROMOTION/DEMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
9.	Maliah S. Atkins	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/13/07	13.49 PH To 13.49 PH

10.	Michael J. Hirowski	Desktop Support Specialist Unit 46 To Network Support Specialist Unit 46	Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Services 40.0 hrs/wk	09/29/07	56,950.48 PA 27.38 PH To 58,563.09 PA 28.15 PH
11.	Shamyra S. Spady	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/13/07	13.49 PH To 13.49 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
12.	Daniel J. Frazer	Security Screener Unit 00 To Custodian - Courthouse Unit 02	Security 25.0 hrs/wk To Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk	10/29/07	16,550.04 PA 12.73 PH To 35,880.00 PA 17.25 PH
13.	Leslie A. Megargee	County Social Worker I Unit 04 To County Social Work Supervisor Unit 84	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	10/29/07	51,182.35 PA 26.24 PH To 53,160.42 PA 27.26 PH

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	UN	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
14.	Carole Gray	Registered Nurse	60	NM Nursing	10/01/07	Separation
15.	Robert E. Lambert	Squad Coordinator	00	Emergency Commun.	10/26/07	Separation
16.	Eileen Stern	Clerk Typist II	04	Children & Youth	01/04/08	Separation
17.	Patricia E. Tomchak	Secretary	00	Public Works	10/10/07	Separation
18.	Cheryl Ann Warner	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	10/11/07	Separation
19.	Richard Aaron Woler	Seasonal Help – CC	00	Parks and Recreation	09/24/07	Separation

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season

*estimated date

The Commissioners called everyone’s attention to Personnel Item #2, the appointment of Brian M. Duke as Director of Area Agency on Aging to replace the late Charles Kane. They spoke about Mr. Duke’s extensive resume and his variety of professional experiences. Mr. Duke thanked the Commissioners and the leadership of the County for this opportunity and said he looks forward to working with the strong team in Area Agency on Aging and continuing to provide good services. He added that he will utilize his knowledge and experience in helping older persons in need as well as learn from the seniors who reside throughout our County.

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):

Chamber Leadership Training Program – Mr. Sanko attended a Chamber Leadership Training Program yesterday at Doylestown Hospital and said it was a great opportunity to meet business leaders of tomorrow who are eager to learn about government at both the county and state level.

Parking Garage – A submission for preliminary approval of the parking garage has been made to Doylestown Borough which will be considered by their Planning Commission in November.

2008 Budget – We are concluding budget reviews for individual departments and hope to wrap them up by

Friday. The employees and department heads have done a phenomenal job in continuing to improve services without increasing costs. Finance Director Brian Hessenthaler will hopefully meet with the Commissioners in the next week and offer some preliminary guidance on what the 2008 budget will look like.

Corrections – The Department of Corrections has recently completed the second consecutive perfect score from the State and just this week the American Corrections Association has reviewed the County correctional facilities and it is our preliminary understanding that they will be recommending recertification as well.

Health – We are in the final days of testing and bringing online, the restaurant inspection program. Residents will now be able to go to the county website to look up Department of Health restaurant inspections.

Meeting Minutes – We are currently experimenting with the digital recording of meeting minutes and hope to eventually provide the capability to download audio of the Commissioners meetings from the website.

Comcast – We are awaiting approval with Comcast to have a County channel for emergency planning as well as notifications in an effort to increase transparency and inform the public on what to do and where to go in case of an emergency. Commissioner Martin added that unlike municipalities, the County is not given a Comcast channel to utilize so obtaining one has required some negotiation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

William Gargus, owner of Winding Brook Farm in Warrington, spoke about his preserved farm. He said that his family now runs an entertainment business on the property and people have sought him out and told him how happy they are that the farm is preserved. He added that he feels the general public is pretty much in favor of land preservation.

The Commissioners spoke about the farm and expressed their appreciation to Mr. Gargus for helping with events for the foster children.

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, spoke about the importance of everyone coming out to vote and the importance of having every vote counted. She also recommended having emergency paper ballots available at polling places in case of machine failure.

David Sanko responded that the Board of Elections complies with the statute regarding emergency and provisional ballots. Solicitor Guy Matthews explained the difference between emergency paper ballots and provisional ballots and the circumstances in which they can be used.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Miller reminded everyone that Saturday, November 3rd will be “A Day For All Women”, an annual event that takes place at the Bucks County Community College.

The Commissioners announced that a memorial for our “Hometown Heroes” will be held in the Courthouse Courtyard at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2007. They invited everyone to attend this event sponsored by the Gold Star Families which will honor the 17 young men/women who have lost their lives in either Afghanistan or Iraq.

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bucks County Courthouse, Community Room, Doylestown PA.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved:

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BY:

Charles H. Martin
Chairman

James F. Cawley, Esq.
Commissioner

Sandra A. Miller
Commissioner

David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk