

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 6, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bucks County Courthouse, Community Room, Doylestown PA. In attendance were Commissioner James F. Cawley, Chairman, Commissioner Charles H. Martin and Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia. Commissioner Cawley opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Cawley announced that the meeting will be recorded to allow audio playback on the County's website as is also being videotaped by the Intelligencer for their website. Since the meeting room was at full capacity, Commissioner Cawley pointed out the exits to everyone.

PRESENTATIONS

Brian Duke, Director of Area Agency on Aging, provided a presentation of the AAA Mobility Survey and introduced members of the Senior Task Force and Senior Transportation Committee: Lynn Bush, Scott Brady, Bill Lloyd, Shirley Hart, Brooke Moran, Bill Rickett and Vince Volpe. These members were involved in discussions related to transportation for older persons in Bucks County in order to identify transportation issues and educate residents about resources that exist.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Charles Healy, a Bedminster resident, spoke regarding the Erwin Stover House (Item #13b) and urged the Commissioners to also support funding for the Hope Lodge.

The following individuals spoke in connection with the warranty extension for the Danaher Voting Machines (Item #17a) and voiced their opposition to DRE machines altogether. They stressed the need for voter verified paper ballots and urged the Commissioners to replace these machines with optical scan equipment. Many people expressed their concerns regarding the security of their vote and the ability to hack into the voting system. Some individuals referenced articles and reports of states no longer use DRE machines due to vote inconsistencies and others encouraged the Commissioners to support Bill HR5036 the "Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008".

- Zachary Rubin, Lower Makefield Township
- Bonnie Chang, Buckingham Township
- Robert Ackel, Upper Southampton Township
- Ron Stanfield
- Lori Rosolowsky, Buckingham Township
- Jim Straight, Buckingham Township
- David Leopold, Bedminster Township
- Barbara Eisenhart, Doylestown Township Supervisor
- Elzada James, Doylestown Borough
- Andrew Martin, Lower Makefield Township
- Marty Short, Doylestown Township
- Libby White, Mayor, Doylestown Borough
- Albert Johnson, New Hope Poll Worker
- Anne Hadfield, Pine Run Community resident
- Patricia Gestner, Doylestown Borough
- Matt Sullivan, Hilltown Township
- Kathleen Saunders, Doylestown Township
- Kathryn Boockvar, Doylestown Township
- William Leslie, Doylestown Borough
- Stuart Cohen, Warrington Township
- Madeline Rawley, Doylestown Township
- Doreen Stratton, Doylestown Borough

There was also discussion regarding the funding for new machines (as well as leasing machines) and Reimbursement of costs incurred

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of the January 7, 2008 Organization Meeting were approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of January 16, 2008 were approved.

DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

- Vitor Vicente, Community & Business Development, spoke on items 3a, b & c.
- Harris Gubernick, Corrections, spoke on items 4a-d.
- Lola Buckians, Emergency Management Services, spoke on item 7a.
- Don Jacobs, Information Technology, spoke on item 10a.
- Bill Mitchell, Parks and Recreation, spoke on items 13a-b.
- Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, spoke on item 14a-b.
- Bill Snyder, Treasurer, spoke on item 16a.
- Joe Funk, Human Services, spoke on item 2d, 2f and 2g.
- Brian Hessesenthaler, Finance, spoke on items 8b-8d.
- There was discussion among the Board of Commissioners on items 17a and 18a.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Cawley, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved with the exception of items 8b-d, 17a, and 18a, which were opposed by Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia, but approved with the vote being 2-1-0.

**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. Pennsylvania Department of Aging Harrisburg, PA	Approve amendment to 07/08 waiver budget in accordance with revised allocation. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	[\$101,847.] Revenue reduction
2.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Bethany Christian Services of Central Pennsylvania Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract increase to provide foster care services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$62,601.66**
		b. Community Service Foundation Pipersville, PA	Approve contract amendment to include foster care/day treatment combined program. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	
		c. Deveraux Foundation Villanova, PA	Approve contract to provide specialized residential, day treatment and educational programs. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$330,000.**
		d. Friendship House Scranton, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care and residential services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$15,000.**
		e. Open Hearts Youth Services Stroudsburg, PA	Approve contract increase to provide residential care services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$256,800.**
		f. Valley Youth House Allentown, PA	Approve contract to provide emergency shelter and group home services.	\$660,000.**

7/1/07 – 6/30/08

		g. Valley Youth House Allentown, PA	Approve contract to provide emergency shelter and independent living services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$382,000.**
3.	COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	a. Bucks County Redevelopment Authority Bristol, PA	Approve submission of grant application and authorize acceptance of funds to be used for clean-up of Brownfield sites.	\$500,000. Revenue
		b. Interfaith Housing Development Corporation Bristol, PA	Approve use of Housing Trust Funds for the development of affordable housing units. 2/6/08 – 2/6/10	\$600,000.
		c. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia, PA	Approve submission of grant application and authorization process for FY2008 funding for the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs. 4/1/08 – 3/31/09	\$3,667,369. Revenue
4.	CORRECTIONS	a. Blanski, Inc. Reading, PA	Approve emergency contract to supply a hot water boiler at correctional facility. 1/23/08 – 5/23/08	\$60,000.*
		b. Digital Solutions/Inmate Telephone Inc. Altoona, PA	Approve contract to provide visitor phone system for inmates. 1/17/08 – 6/1/08	\$44,950.
		c. Mobilease Modular Space Thorofare, NJ	Approve contract reduction due to change order deducts.	[\$3,057.]
		d. Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract to provide Livescan full-hand identification booking system. 2/6/08 – 12/31/08	\$72,200.
5.	COURTS	a. Director of Judicial Programs Philadelphia, PA	Approve application and authorize acceptance of Senior Judge's Reimbursable Costs. 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$10,783.28* Revenue
6.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a. Reliable Copy East Norriton, PA	Approve contract to provide courtroom displays and documents for criminal cases. 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$11,745.05
7.	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	a. Accounting Officer, Ministry of Defence Liverpool	Approve tuition payment for training of bomb technicians. 1/6/08 – 4/30/08	\$43,500.*
8.	FINANCE	a. Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Pennsylvania Department of Education Harrisburg, PA	Approve Grant from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund for paving and renovations to existing parking lot at the Bensalem Branch of the Bucks County Free Library. 3/25/08 – 6/30/09	\$128,150. Revenue
		b. Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve insurance renewal premium for covered bridges. 1/21/08 – 1/21/09	\$38,103.

	c.	Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve premium for insurance renewals for Excess General Liability and Excess Auto coverage. 2/1/08 – 2/1/09	\$184,756.
	d.	Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve premium for insurance renewals for Excess Workers Compensation. 2/1/08 – 2/1/09	\$253,996.
	e.	SGRisk, Inc. Lyndhurst, NJ	Approve contract to provide actuarial services. 1/1/07 – 12/31/09	\$25,500.
9.		HUMAN SERVICES		
	a.	Family Services Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract amendment to include group therapy services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	
10.		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
	a.	Perfexion, Inc. King of Prussia, PA	Approve contract to provide Election Web Hosting and application support on Election night. 1/1/08 – 12/31/08	\$19,240.**
11.		MH/MR		
	a.	BelMed Ambulance, Inc. Montgomeryville, PA	Approve contract to provide transportation services. 1/1/08 – 12/31/08	\$30,000.**
	b.	Spectrum Community Services, Inc. Reading, PA	Approve contract to provide supervised living residential services. 11/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$65,004.**
12.		NESHAMINY MANOR		
	a.	Delcrest Medical Services Ivyland, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide wound care supplies. 1/22/07 – 1/21/09	\$39,000.**
	b.	HEI Holstein Engineering, Inc. Newtown, PA	Approve contract to provide engineering services for HVAC system at Neshaminy Manor.	\$21,000.
	c.	Restorative Innovations, Inc. Norristown, PA	Approve contract increase for lease buyout and payment of final invoice for pressure relieving systems.	\$1,536.
13.		PARKS AND RECREATION		
	a.	Dennis Bonner & Michael Brnilovich d/b/a B&B Turf Management Fallsington, PA	Approve professional services contract for management of Oxford Valley Golf Course. 2/15/08 – 2/15/09	\$171,000.*
	b.	John Milner Architects, Inc. Chadds Ford, PA	Approve contract increase and extension for additional work at Erwin Stover House required by Tinicum Township Zoning in order to meet ADA guidelines. 1/1/08 – 6/30/08	\$4,940.

14.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	Hulmeville Borough Hulmeville, PA	Approve contract to provide planning assistance to update zoning ordinance.	\$8,000. Revenue
		b.	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Harrisburg, PA	Approve reimbursement agreement for work completed on the East Branch Perkiomen Creek and Delaware River.	\$35,139.36 Revenue
15.	PUBLIC WORKS	a.	A.H. Cornell & Sons, Inc. Jamison, PA	Approve contract for resurfacing project at the correctional facility.	\$427,086.87
		b.	Bray Brothers Fallsington, PA	Approve contract for resurfacing project at the public works maintenance facility.	\$85,699.75
		c.	Carroll Engineering Warrington, PA	Approve contract extension to provide engineering services and contract management for reconstruction of Bridge #223 located on Old Easton Rd., Nockamixon Township. 8/5/07 – 4/2/08	
		d.	Dual Temp Co., Inc. Allentown, PA	Approve contract increase for HVAC equipment maintenance for County facilities. 1/1/08 – 12/31/10	\$200,000.**
		e.	Mulhern Electric Company Abington, PA	Approve contract increase for additional power needed at the morgue/crime lab.	\$14,568.06**
		f.	SJM Construction Springhouse, PA	Approve contract for resurfacing project at Core Creek Park.	\$506,342.
16.	TREASURER	a.	ePaymentNow.Com LLC Winfield, PA	Approve contract to provide online sales and data base maintenance for dog licensing. 3/1/08 – 4/1/11	\$24,995.
17.	VOTING MACHINES	a.	Electec, Inc. Mt. Holly, NJ	Approve warranty extension on Danaher voting machines. 12/1/07 – 11/30/08	\$98,685.
18.	YOUTH CENTER	a.	Honeywell Building Solutions Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract for upgrade to existing fire alarm and provide system monitoring.	\$63,185.
19.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	BC Older Women's League Craven Hall Historical Society Save the Mules Fund	Approve Payment	\$1,000. \$1,000. \$5,000.

\*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. Martin, seconded by Mr.Cawley, with the vote being 3-0, the following Personnel Actions were approved, with the exception of the Separations List, which was opposed by Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia, but approved with the vote being 2-1-0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
1.	Claudia DeLoatch	Nursing Assistant- PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	02/05/08	13.49 PH
2.	Mary Kathryn Dougherty	Food Service Attendant Unit 03	NM Dietary 24.0 hrs/wk	01/19/08	12.01 PH
3.	Mark A. Hinrichs	Assistant Public Defender Unit 37	Public Defender 40.0 hrs/wk	03/01/08	43,111.00 PA 20.72 PH
4.	Richard A. Johnson	Food Service Attendant – Temp Unit 03	NM Dietary 40.0 hrs/wk	02/02/08	12.01 PH
5.	Francis M. Stemock, Jr.	Seasonal Help Unit 00	NM Custodian 40.0 hrs/wk	01/22/08	11.21 PH
6.	Joanne M. Winter	Registered Nurse Unit 06	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	02/04/08	56,006.77 PA 26.92 PH

**REHIRE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
7.	Christine L. Kerest Sep date 09/15/07	Registered Nurse Unit 60	NM Nursing 20.0 hrs/wk	01/23/08	34.08 PH
8.	Kathleen Riling Sep date 11/11/05 J.P.#219-07	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Elections 35.0 hrs/wk	02/19/08	29,256.35 PA 16.07 PH

**PROMOTION/DEMOTION**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
9.	William J. Buchanan	Assistant Public Defender Unit 37 To Deputy Public Defender Unit 37	Public Defender 40.0 hrs/wk To Public Defender 40.0 hrs/wk	03/01/08	44,900.00 PA 21.58 PH To 49,133.00 PA 23.62 PH
10.	Ella M. Leve	Dementia Program Director Unit 00 To Director Restorative Services Unit 00	NM Administration 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	02/16/08	51,344.19 PA 24.68 PH To 51,344.19 PA 24.68 PH
11.	Christine McMonagle	GAL Attorney Unit 00 To GAL Attorney Unit 00	Guardian Ad Litem 40.0 hrs/wk To Guardian Ad Litem 40.0 hrs/wk	01/02/08	67,642.95 PA 32.52 PH To 68,872.86 PA 33.11 PH

**TRANSFER**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
12.	Mary Beth Cabral	Director Restorative Services Unit 00 To LPN Unit 33	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	02/16/08	51,344.19 PA 24.68 PH To 45,821.11 PA 22.02 PH

**SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
13.	Mary Jane Forrest-Costa	PHN IV Supervisor Unit 86 To PHN IV Supervisor Unit 86	Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk To Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk	01/01/07	62,055.44 PA 29.83 PH To 67,827.58 PA 32.60 PH
14.	Karen Lynn Fanelli	Commissioners Secretary Unit 00 To Commissioners Secretary Unit 00	Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk To Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk	01/07/08	51,686.14 PA 24.84 PH To 50,686.14 PA 24.36 PH
15.	Linda A. Prosek	Commissioners Secretary Unit 00 To Commissioners Secretary Unit 00	Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk To Commissioners 40.0 hrs/wk	01/07/08	50,656.13 PA 24.35 PH To 51,656.13 PA 24.83 PH
16.	Barbara A. Thelen	Unit Manager Unit 86 To Unit Manager Unit 86	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	01/01/07	64,561.43 PA 31.03 PH To 66,498.27 PA 31.97 PH
17.	Susan L. Ward	PHN IV Supervisor Unit 86 To PHN IV Supervisor Unit 86	Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk To Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk	01/01/07	59,645.24 PA 28.67 PH To 67,827.58 PA 32.60 PH

#### **SEPARATIONS**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>UN</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
18.	Erica A. Arocho	Cook	03	NM Dietary	01/22/08	Separation
19.	Donna M. Braut	Nursing Assistant	30	NM Nursing	02/11/08	Separation
20.	Mollie J. Cherson	Seasonal Help/Lifeguard	00	Parks & Recreation	08/25/07	Separation
21.	Maryann L. Finkel	Registered Nurse	06	NM Nursing	01/11/08	Separation
22.	Joan Gussman	Registrar	03	Board of Elections	02/02/08	Separation
23.	Christian M. Hall	Custodian/NMH	02	Public Works	01/30/08	Separation
24.	Courtney B. Kirschner	Deputy Public Defender	37	Public Defender	01/28/08	Separation
25.	Annemarie J. McDonald	Nursing Assistant	03	NM Nursing	02/02/08	Separation
26.	Nicole Maleno	Food Service Attendant	03	NM Dietary	01/14/08	Separation
27.	Adelene S. Mills	Nursing Assistant	03	NM Nursing	02/09/08	Separation
28.	Nicole L. Orphanides	Seasonal Help/Lifeguard	00	Parks & Recreation	08/17/07	Separation
29.	Renee M. Rak	County Caseworker II	04	Children & Youth	01/11/08	Separation
30.	Maria G. Rolleri	Registered Nurse	06	NM Nursing	01/16/08	Separation
31.	Mary Louise Schredl	Clerk Typist II	04	Area Agency on Aging	02/01/08	Separation
32.	Elizabeth A. Smith	Nursing Assistant – PT	03	NM Nursing	01/23/08	Separation
33.	Robert W. Sturgeon	Registered Nurse	06	NM Nursing	01/28/08	Separation
34.	Caitlin E. Vasey	Seasonal Help/Lifeguard	00	Parks & Recreation	08/13/07	Separation
35.	Lauren N. Volpe	Seasonal Help/Tennis Attendant	00	Parks & Recreation	11/02/07	Separation

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season

\*estimated date

\*\*never started

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>UN</u></b>	<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>DATE*</u></b>
1.	Maria D. Domene J.P.#211-07	File/Data Entry Clerk	05	Domestic Relations	02/04/08
2.	Patricia M. Keppler	Seasonal Help	05	Prothonotary	02/02/08
3.	Laura M. Kuhn	File/Data Entry Clerk	05	Domestic Relations	02/04/08
4.	John A. McGhee	Deputy Coroner - PT	00	Coroner's Office	02/04/08

5.	Joseph McGhee	Deputy Coroner - PT	00	Coroner's Office	02/04/08
6.	Tonya D. Mincer	Deputy Coroner	00	Coroner's Office	02/04/08
7.	Kathleen P. Riccio J.P.#216-07	Judicial Clerk Floater	05	District Court	02/04/08
8.	Edwin Jeffery Stern, Jr.	Seasonal Help	05	Clerk of Courts	01/28/08

**TRANSFER**

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>UN</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DATE*</u>
9.	Susan A. Wagner-Booz	Judicial Clerk To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Penn del To District Court Bensalem	01/05/08
10.	Lisa Casey	Judicial Clerk To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Bensalem 201 To District Court Bensalem 221	01/05/08
11.	Diane M. DiEgidio	Judicial Clerk To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Penn del To District Court Bensalem	01/05/08
12.	Florence M. Giacomelli	Judicial Clerk To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Doylestown To District Court Jamison	01/05/08
13.	Crystal J. Harlan J.P.#206-07	Judicial Clerk Floater To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Jamison To District Court Doylestown	02/02/08
14.	Barbara A. Kurman	Judicial Clerk To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Doylestown To District Court Jamison	01/05/08
15.	Janet M. Lackman	Judicial Clerk To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Warrington To District Court Jamison	01/05/08
16.	Diane M. McGrogan	Judicial Clerk To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Penn del To District Court Bensalem	01/05/08
17.	Keely Parker	Judicial Clerk To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Bensalem 201 To District Court Bensalem 221	01/05/08
18.	Mary Ann Rink J.P.#215-07	Judicial Clerk To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Levittown To District Court Penn del	02/02/08
19.	Anne Marie Sharp	Judicial Clerk To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Warrington To District Court Jamison	01/05/08
20.	Jennifer L. Syron	Judicial Clerk To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Warminster To District Court Bensalem	01/05/08
21.	Linda G. Syron	Judicial Clerk To Judicial Clerk	05 To 05	District Court Bensalem 201 To District Court Bensalem 221	01/05/08
22.	Sarah E. Tucker	Law Clerk III To GAL Attorney	96 To 00	Main Courts To Guardian Ad Litem	01/07/08

**PROMOTION/DEMOTION**

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>UN</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DATE*</u>
23.	Peter O. Belevich	Law Clerk To Law Clerk II	96 To 96	Main Courts To Main Courts	02/02/08
24.	Tamara M. Seitz J.P.#224-07	File/Data Entry Clerk To Support Clerk	05 To 05	Domestic Relations To Domestic Relations	02/02/08

**SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>UN</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DATE*</u>
25.	Bernadette Connison	Victim Witness Clerk** 13.44 to 13.84	00	District Attorney	01/01/08
26.	Marie J. Evans	Victim Witness Assistant** 34,424.00 to 35,464.00	00	District Attorney	01/01/08
27.	Cathy Sue Flipping	Administrative Aide** 37,003.00 to 38,106.00	00	District Attorney	01/01/08

**SEPARATION**

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>UN</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DATE*</u>
28.	Theresa M. Coughlin	Seasonal Help	00	Clerk of Courts	01/15/08
29.	Tracey L. Mangione	Seasonal Help	96	Adult Probation	01/10/08
30.	Tina D. Weber	Alternate Support Staff	96	Youth Center	12/01/07
31.	Matthew J. Zielinski	Seasonal Help	00	Prothonotary	02/01/08

- Estimated date
- \*Never started
- \*\*Grant Funding

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia posed questions regarding seasonal help personnel, advertisement on the Coroner positions and the items on the Separations List.

Prothonotary, Pat Bachtle, provided an explanation of how and why seasonal help is used in her department and Human Resources Director, Carmen Thome, gave clarification on the Coroner positions and the Separations List.

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

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia with the vote as follows, 3-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Appointments.

**Workforce Investment Board**

- Dr. Timothy Block – reappointment, term expires 2/6/11
- Mary Ann Brooks – reappointment, term expires 2/6/11
- Mark Connelly – reappointment, term expires 2/6/11
- Robert Harris – reappointment, term expires 2/6/11
- Louise Nelson – reappointment, term expires 2/6/11

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

Telecommunications Room at old Neshaminy Nursing Center – The telecommunications hub at the old Manor is being moved to a more secure and updated facility. This process, which started last year, is now near completion with the final step being the replacement of copper wiring with fiber lines. The decision to do the upgrade in conjunction with the move will result in a cost savings to the County. Mr. Sanko recognized the departments and staff involved.

Boards and Commissions – Mr. Sanko invited anyone interested in serving on the County’s Boards and Commissions to submit a letter and/or resume to him for the Commissioners review. He added that a list of the Boards and Commissions can be found on the County website.

Neshaminy Home Elevations – The next phase for the Neshaminy Home elevations has been funded and approved for release. We will have an additional \$2.4 million to be specifically dedicated to flood mitigation.

State Budget – The state budget was released with new money in the budget for education. Although that does not directly affect the county’s budget, we are still working with departments and staff to ascertain what impact this years’ budget will have on county services.

Election Machine Funding – Mr. Sanko has had recent conversations with Congressman Murphy’s Chief of Staff regarding funding opportunities for voting machines. He said there is great reluctance in Congress to mandate Bill HR5036 in 2008 because the standards are expected to change. He went on to say that it will be more beneficial to wait for the new standards to come out in early 2009 and have mandates put in place. He added that the bill is specific on making funding available in 2008, but it will be on a voluntary, not mandatory basis. Mr. Sanko spoke about the levels of funding and said that this would be a partial reimbursement and there is a strong likelihood that the County would not be made whole. We will continue to monitor this issue with Congressman Murphy’s office.

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia motioned for the Adoption of a Resolution in Support of HR5036. Due to a lack of a second, the motion was not carried.

There was discussion on the ambiguity of what kind of reimbursement the County will receive under Bill HR5036 for the replacement of voting machines, as well as discussion regarding the language in the Resolution proposed by Commissioner Marseglia. The Commissioners debated in connection with the information Mr. Sanko received from Congressman Murphy’s office, but all agreed that they would like to get greater clarification.

Commissioner Cawley added that the established policy of the previous Board of Commissioners was that if any differentiation was made regarding HAVA, that the Board would comply as long as it was fully funded.

Commissioner Marseglia proposed that we should make an effort to get some prices on new machines if in fact, that is the course the County ends up taking. She added that this will provide some kind of dollar figure to determine what new machines would cost us. Mr. Sanko said he would consult with the Commonwealth as they are the ones who put the original vendor contracts in place and ask them to provide new numbers for approved machines.

Commissioner Martin stated that Channel 10 ran piece of footage featuring one of our radio room dispatchers in connection with a gentleman who was rescued from a salvage yard in Morrisville. Commissioner Martin acknowledged the excellent job this individual did and said it would be appropriate to recognize her with a Letter of Commendation.

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia addressed the selection process for the Boards and Commissions and the practice of submitting of resumes and letters for consideration. She suggested that there be a more consistent process and recommended that an application form be available on with the county website.

Commissioner Cawley suggested a staff meeting to address the issue in order to see how this can be done. Commissioner Martin added that the website should specify which boards are actively seeking members and which boards have no vacancy.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Kathryn Boockvar, spoke about Bill HR5036 (specifically the costs involved) and asked if anyone wanted a copy of the Bill to contact her.

Janice Hobbs-Pellichio, a Doylestown Township resident, asked the Commissioners if they would opt into HR5036 if it passes. She also asked the Commissioners if they would support the formation of a study group to make recommendations on new voting machines.

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia responded yes to HR5036 and Commissioners Cawley and Martin said that when Bill HR5036 passes, they will look at it carefully and make their decision. In connection with the study group, Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia said she would support it as long as it was completely bipartisan and David Sanko

responded that Ms. Hobbs-Pellichio's request is contrary to the information just discussed whereas he would contact the Department of State to get prices for a particular machine. He said he is under the impression that the group has already determined which machine they want Mr. Sanko to get prices on and collect data.

Janice Hobbs-Pellichio also asked how the Commissioners arrived at the decision of the selection of the Danaher machines.

Commissioner Cawley responded that the selection of the Danaher machines was a very specific process which included the input of numerous citizens who provided both pro and con views on optical scan, touch screen and the system we presently use. He said the then Commissioners reviewed data gathered and made a decision based on the recommendation of a study group.

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, spoke regarding the group study on voting machines, the importance of getting a selection process started now and finding the money for the replacement of machines. She asked the Commissioners to take leadership in the seeing that our votes are secure.

Commissioner Cawley spoke about the inconsistencies with paper ballots, human error, and the data reviewed which led to the decision for the Danaher machines. A discussion continued regarding the security of votes.

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia added that she believes diligent research was done by the study group but added that any committee going forward should focus on information that has come to surface since the decision was made.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bucks County Courthouse, Community Room, Doylestown PA.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BY:

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James F. Cawley, Esq.  
Chairman

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Charles H. Martin  
Commissioner

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Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia  
Commissioner

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David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk