

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 20, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, February 20, 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 and introduced Pennsylvania VFW State Commander, John Getz, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Cawley announced that the meeting will be recorded to allow audio playback on the County's website. He also pointed out the emergency exits to everyone as the meeting room was at full capacity.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to VFW Post 3258 Commander, Robert G. Larrisey, in recognition of his receipt of the Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Award. The Commissioners thanked Bob and his wife Penny for their involvement with the Bucks County Youth Center and expressed their appreciation for their contribution to the community. The Commissioners commented that they are proud of all the community work done at VFW Posts throughout the County.

Commander Robert G. Larrisey accepted and thanked the Commissioners for their support. He spoke about the award and introduced PA VFW State Commander, John Getz, VFW District 8 Commander, Michael Bolli, Former District 8 Commander, Ben Master, Military Affairs Director, Dan Fraley, Doylestown Police Chief, Stephen White and Doylestown Mayor, Libby White. He also introduced his wife, Penny Larrisey who oversees the Youth Center Quilt Project. She thanked Commander Getz for the award recognition and spoke about how the quilting program benefits the children in the youth center as well as the various community organizations who are recipients of the quilts.

Pennsylvania VFW State Commander, John Getz, presented the national award to Commander Larissey and provided some background about the award. He spoke about the quilting project and expressed his gratitude to Bob and Penny Larrisey and stressed the importance of working with the youth.

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to Perkasio Fire Company No. 1 in acknowledgment of the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Voluntary Rescue Service Recognition (VRSR) Certification. Perkasio Fire Company Members, Ed Boshell (President) and Steve Reutlinger accepted along with Emergency Health Services Director, Jeryl DiGideo. They thanked the Commissioners for honoring them today and also thanked Perkasio Borough and members of the community for their continued support over the years. Jeryl DeGideo spoke about the lengthy process of completing the certification and congratulated the company for getting the job done.

PRESENTATION

Jeff Warner, PNC Vice-President, presented a check to the County in the amount of \$39,394.45 reflecting rebate dollars from the Purchase Card Program. Mr. Warner announced that the rebate has almost doubled since last year and acknowledged Controller Ray McHugh and Deputy Controller Kim Doran for the hard work they have put into this program. Ray McHugh also spoke about P-Card Program and how it functions.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

The following individuals spoke regarding the contract with Clemmer Moving and Storage (agenda item #3a) for the hauling of voting machines on Election Day. They inquired as to whether or not this contract was strictly for the Danaher machines or could the contract be renegotiated if we decide to replace the machines with an optical scan system. Several arguments were made regarding optical scans vs. danaher machines in connection with weight and ease of transportation how these factors would affect the overall contract cost if we were to switch. It was requested that the Commissioners hold off on the decision of the Clemmer contract.

There were individuals who voiced their opposition to the Danaher machines and DRE voting systems altogether.

They stressed the need for voter verified paper ballots and believe that votes on these machines cannot be checked and recounted. They stated their lack of confidence in a software instructed printer and said such technology should be a separate function. There were those who felt that adding a printer to a DRE is unacceptable and that a separate and independent system of checks and balances needs to be in place to conduct a recount or audit.

There were individuals who referenced studies conducted on DRE's and provided information on states that have decertified machines due to new information that has come to surface. They spoke about states that no longer use paperless voting systems and many expressed concern about the next presidential election as Pennsylvania has the largest number of counties in the Country using paperless DRE machines. They urged the Commissioners to replace these machines with optical scan equipment and there was also a suggestion made to incorporate the decision to replace the machines on the next ballot as a referendum.

Commissioner Cawley asked that the documents and information referenced today be provided to him and he requested that it be specific to the Danaher machines.

The people who spoke on the above issues are as follows:

Richard McNight, Pipersville
Madeline Rawley, Doylestown Township
Zachary Rubin, Lower Makefield Township
Janice Hobbs-Pelichio, Doylestown Township
Dennis Amerill, Richboro
Val Zigstead, Point Pleasant
Mich Miason, Chalfont Borough
MaryAnn Gould, Richboro
Rob Caul, Buckingham Township
Rich Klegman, Doylestown resident
Susan Pierson, Buckingham Township
Benjamin Irej, Warwick Township
Lori Rosolowsky, Buckingham Township
Charles Healey, Bedminster Township
Kara Simonetta, Reigelsville Borough
Ruth Matheny, Doylestown Township
Donna Berger, Springfield Township

In response to the questions regarding the contract with Clemmer Moving and Storage (agenda item #3a):

Purchasing Director, Marueen McIlvaine, responded with information regarding the bids and provided pricing for the contract. She explained how the contract was set up and confirmed that there was a savings involved.

Solicitor, Guy Matthews, stated that we cannot defer the decision on the contract as the machines need to be in place for this next election in April. He spoke about contract pricing and said it is unlikely there will be significant savings if we change to a different machine. He said the price is primarily related to the fact that there are a number of machines distributed over a short period of time and weight should not be an issue.

Commissioner Cawley and David Sanko responded that we will still need to move machines to polling places regardless of the voting system we use, so the transportation requirements still stand. They added that the cost of printing would go up with use of the optical scan machines.

In response to the statements in opposition of the Danaher Voting Machines:

Commissioner Cawley replied that he still has confidence in our current system, that these machines have the ability to do totals and can randomly recreate ballots that are cast on that day. He inquired about the reports that were mentioned today and asked if the documentation was specific to Danaher machines or is the data based on DRE machines in general. He went on to say that unlike other DRE machines where there is data that clearly indicates why or where the systems have failed, he has yet to see evidence specific to problems with the Danaher system.

Commissioner Cawley reiterated that the cost of new machines would certainly be an issue and that replacing them would have to be absolute necessity in order to make such a substantial financial commitment. He explained that the technology used on the Danaher machines is thirty year old technology and has been used in jurisdictions all across the Country. He said he has reviewed documents provided by the Coalition for Voting Integrity and there has not been a long history of demonstrations of failure on this particular machine. He referenced different reports documenting optical scan and touch screen failures, but said there is nothing specific on Danahers. He asked if he could be provided with anything that clearly indicates or documents that the technology for this system is flawed.

Commissioner Martin explained that a detailed study in was conducted in 2005/2006 and based upon that, as well as public input, a decision was made. He said the machines have been used in three elections and have performed

satisfactorily.

Commissioner Marseglia stated her opposition to the Danaher machines and feels that a voter verified paper ballot is necessary. She said that new information has come to surface since the initial decision was made and feels that the risk with these machines is too high.

David Sanko spoke about the security of the machines in connection with the routine testing, programming and sealing prior to distribution to the polling places.

Guy Matthews spoke in connection with the ability to do a vote recount and provided details of the Tullytown Borough Council election petition. He relayed the decisions of both the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas and the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania who concluded that a proper vote had been held, a proper recount had been conducted and the requirements to verify the votes had been satisfied.

The Commissioners stated that they are open to further information and will be happy to meet and discuss the issue in greater detail. They agreed to set up a separate meeting with the Coalition for Voting Integrity and suggested that three people be selected to represent their organization. The Commissioners also asked that the documentation referenced today be provided to them for review prior to the meeting and again, requested that the data be specific to the Danaher Voting System in order to better determine the issues of this system.

Members of the Coalition for Voting Integrity explained that there have been problems finding data specific to the Danaher machine but said the issues they raise relate to problems that occur with all machines similar to the Danaher. They said they will provide further documentation to the Commissioners.

Mr. Healey also commented on the situation with the prisoners in the Corrections facility who should moved to a state facility to serve their sentence.

Commissioner Cawley replied that one of the Assistant Solicitors is researching the issue as we cannot retroactively go back and alter a sentence.

Dennis Ameril, inquired about agenda items 8a-8c and asked if these items had been bid out.

Finance Director, Brian Hessenthaler, explained that these items are bid out to different insurance companies by Paist & Noe each time a policy expires.

Commissioner Marseglia responded that she has discussed this issue with Commissioner Cawley and requested that an RFP be prepared for insurance.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Cawley, with the vote being 2-1-0, the Minutes of February 6, 2008 were approved.

DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

- Joe Funk, Human Services, spoke on items 1a-1f.
- David Sanko, Chief Operating Officer, spoke on item 6a.
- Pat Bachtle, Prothonotary, spoke on item 14a.
- Don Jacobs, spoke on item 10a.
- Brian Hessenthaler, Finance, spoke on items 8a-c.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved with the exception of items 3a and 8a-c, 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	a. Bucks County Association for	Approve contract amendment	\$1,500.

AGING	Retired & Senior Citizens Bristol, PA	to increase the operation grant amount. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	
	b. GTL Inc., d/b/a Link to Life Pittsfield, MA	Approve contract to provide Personal Emergency Response Systems and Medication Dispensing and Monitoring. 10/1/07 – ongoing	\$10,000.**
	c. MedScope America Corporation Wynnewood, PA	Approve contract to provide Personal Emergency Response Systems and Medication Dispensing and Monitoring. 10/1/07 – ongoing	\$25,000.**
	d. LifeSpan Quakertown, PA	Approve contract to provide direct care worker initiative. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$19,870.
	e. VNA Community Services Abington, PA	Approve contract to provide direct care worker initiative. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$9,936.
	f. PSI (Prime Spot) Doylestown, PA	Approve contract extension for placement of temporary employee. 9/24/07 – 3/31/08	\$4,837.
2. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	a. Allan Collaunt Associates, Inc. ACA Broomall, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide oversight services for managed healthcare initiative. 1/1/08 – 12/31/08	\$83,409.34**
3. BOARD OF ELECTIONS	a. Clemmer Moving and Storage Telford, PA	Approve contract for hauling of voting machines for primary and general elections. 4/1/08 – 12/31/09	\$109,524.22*
	b. Reliance Graphics West Chester, PA	Approve contract for printing of election materials for primary and general elections. 2/1/08 – 12/31/09	\$146,816.*
4. CORRECTIONS	a. Alderson Engineering, Inc. Southampton, PA	Approve contract for engineering work required for emergency replacement of boiler. 12/27/07 – 6/27/08	\$30,000.**
	b. Aramark Facilities Services Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase to provide materials, supplies and maintenance services. 10/1/05 – 12/31/08	\$100,000.**
5. COURTS	a. Isaac S. Garb, Esq. Buckingham, PA	Approve contract for General Master for Court of Common Pleas. 3/1/08 – 12/31/08	\$20,000.**
	b. Probational Volunteer Services Doylestown, PA	Approve annual allocation of grant funds for alternative disposition services. 1/1/08 – 12/31/08	\$13,500.
6. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a. Verizon Frazer, PA	Approve purchase of 9-1-1 telephone switching equipment and maintenance services. 7/1/08 – 7/1/15	\$4,795,804.54

7.	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/ PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	GeographIT Lancaster, PA	Approve contract increase to provide G.I.S. consultant services to update emergency service dispatch call areas. 2/18/08 – 12/31/08	\$67,435.
8.	FINANCE	a.	Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve addition of new Morgue building to county property insurance premium. 10/30/07 – 7/1/08	\$1,986.
		b.	Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve insurance premium for bond coverage for elected and appointed officials. 1/7/08 – 1/7/12	\$17,585.
		c.	Paist & Noe, Inc. Richboro, PA	Approve insurance premium renewal for General Liability, Professional Liability and Mcare Assessment for Neshaminy Manor. 3/1/08 – 3/1/09	\$179,582.
9.	HUMAN SERVICES	a.	Latino Leadership Alliance of Bucks County, Inc. Bristol, PA	Approve contract to provide community service programs. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$40,800.
10.	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a.	Microsoft Licensing, GP via current CCAP reseller Piscataway, NJ	Approve extension on Microsoft Enterprise Software Agreement. 3/1/08 – 2/28/11	\$1,377,310.**
11.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	American Data Sauk City, WI	Approve contract for technical support and services for proprietary software. 1/1/08 – 12/31/08	\$17,913.**
		b.	Celleration Eden Prairie, MN	Approve contract increase to provide supplies for mist therapy system. 4/1/07 – 12/31/07	\$1,144.67
		c.	Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Jamison, PA	Approve Agreement to provide student internship/practicum experience for nurse aide certification. 9/1/07 – 8/31/08	
		d.	Nurse Partners, LLC Jenkintown, PA	Approve contract for agency staffing nurses. 2/1/08 – 1/31/09	\$40,000.**
		e.	Nursing Care Services, Inc. Lansdale, PA	Approve contract increase for agency staffing nurses. 2/1/08 – 1/31/09	\$1,500.**
		f.	TLC Nursing Services Levittown, PA	Approve contract for agency staffing nurses. 2/1/08 – 1/31/09	\$20,000.**
		g.	Village Distributors Lakewood, NJ	Approve contract increase for patient personal care supplies. 2/1/07 – 1/31/09	\$2,500.**
12.	PLANNING	a.	Pennsylvania Department of	Approve grant award and	\$81,277

COMMISSION	Environmental Protection Harrisburg, PA	related documents for costs associated with the preparation of the Municipal Waste Management Plan Revision. 2/5/08 – 2/5/09	Revenue
13. PUBLIC WORKS	a. Gilda's Club Delaware Valley, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve Lease Agreement. 10/1/07 – 9/30/17	\$7,500./yr. (+ annual COLA) Revenue
	b. Magnum, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase and extension for additional renovations required at Bensalem District Court. 11/21/07 – 2/29/08	\$9,794.70
	c. PAC Industries, Inc. Croydon, PA	Approve contract to provide maintenance for laundry equipment at Neshaminy Manor. 3/1/08 – 2/28/10	\$53,050.**
14. RECORDS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE	a. Bucks County Community College, Center for Workforce Development Newtown, PA	Approve contract for implementation of financial applications for Prothonotary and Sheriff Departments. 2/20/08 – 12/31/08	\$35,000.** (\$110./hr)
15. OTHER CIVICS	a. V.I.T.A. Three Arches, Inc.	Approve Payment	\$15,000. \$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 Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following Personnel Actions were approved:

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Carol L. Adams	LPN Unit 33	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	02/19/08	44,480.11 PA 21.38 PH
2.	Enoch Amoah	Nursing Assistant - PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	02/05/08	13.49 PH
3.	Kiyana M. Barnes	Nursing Assistant - PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	02/05/08	13.49 PH
4.	Christina A. Diaz J.P.#117-07	GIS Technician Unit 46	Planning Commission 40.0 hrs/wk	03/03/08	39,607.70 PA 19.04 PH
5.	Jean Dieudonne	Nursing Assistant - PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	02/05/08	13.49 PH
6.	David R. Howell J.P.#217-07	Security Guard Trainee Unit 00	Security 40.0 hrs/wk	03/03/08	33,635.23 PA 16.17 PH
7.	Victoria L. Jacobs J.P.#009-08	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	03/03/08	37,132.22 PA 19.04 PH
8.	Karen Kingsley	Registrar	Board of Elections	03/03/08	29,256.36 PA

	J.P.#116-B-07	Unit 03	35.0 hrs/wk		16.07 PH
9.	Linda Lovett J.P.#116-A-07	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Elections 35.0 hrs/wk	03/03/08	29,256.36 PA 16.07 PH
10.	Larissa C. O'Connell	LPN Unit 33	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	02/19/08	44,480.11 PA 21.38 PH
11.	Annette E. Stanton- Harkness J.P.#207-07	EPS I Unit 46	Health 40.0 hrs/wk	03/03/08	39,607.70 PA 19.04 PH
12.	Michael Sweeney	Absentee Ballot Clerk Unit 03	Board of Elections 35.0 hrs/wk	02/15/08	11.48 PH
13.	Joy S. Young	Nursing Assistant - PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	02/05/08	13.49 PH

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
14.	Margaret A. Feledick Sep date 10/08/05	HR Generalist IV Unit 00	Human Resources 20.0 hrs/wk	02/25/08	15.00 PH

ADDITIONAL POSITION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
15.	Carla T. Bendas	Registered Nurse (pool) Unit 60	NM Nursing 20.0 hrs/wk	02/01/08	33.08 PH
16.	Gale C. Primodie	LPN Unit 31	NM Nursing 20.0 hrs/wk	03/01/08	26.26 PH

PROMOTION/DEMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
17.	Joan M. Fisher J.P.#010-08	MR Program Specialist I Unit 04 To County Caseworker II Unit 04	MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk To MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk	03/01/08	43,963.16 PA 22.54 PH To 42,320.09 PA 21.70 PH
18.	Kelly A. Gahan-Taylor J.P.#007-08	County Social Work Supervisor Unit 84 To County Social Work Manager II Unit 00	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	03/01/08 09/03/08	59,115.82 PA 30.31 PH To 64,000.00 PA 32.82 PH To 65,920.00 PA 33.85 PH
19.	Marguerite C. Genesio	Assistant Director Unit 00 To Director Unit 00	Tax Claim 40.0 hrs/wk To Tax Claim 40.0 hrs/wk	02/16/08 08/16/08	49,668.61 PA 23.87 PH To 56,227.66 PA 27.03 PH To 57,914.48 PA 27.84 PH

20.	Robert Rose J.P.#217-07	Security Screener Unit 00 To Security Guard Trainee Unit 00	Security 25.0 hrs/wk To Security 40.0 hrs/wk	03/01/08	12.72 PH To 33,635.23 PA 16.17 PH
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TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
21.	Karen L. MacGregor J.P.#005-B-08	Activities Assistant Unit 03 To Unit Secretary Unit 03	NM Activities 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Administrative 40.0 hrs/wk	03/01/08	31,862.68 PA 15.31 PH To 34,438.91 PA 16.55 PH
22.	Gale C. Primodie J.P.#013-08	LPN Unit 33 To Coordinator Out Patient Consult Services Unit 33	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Physician Services 40.0 hrs/wk	03/01/08	45,821.11 PA 22.02 PH To 45,821.11 PA 22.02 PH
23.	Kelly A. Senderling J.P.#005-A-08	Restorative Aide Unit 03 To Unit Secretary Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Administrative 40.0 hrs/wk	03/01/08	31,862.68 PA 15.31 PH To 34,438.91 PA 16.55 PH
24.	Cynthia K. Strecker	Absentee Ballot Clerk Unit 03 To File/Data Entry Clerk Unit 05	Board of Elections 35.0 hrs/wk To Domestic Relations 20.0 hrs/wk	03/10/08	11.48 PH To 13.62 PH
25.	Robert S. Zerambo	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	03/01/08	43,054.29 PA 20.69 PH To 43,054.29 PA 20.69 PH

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	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
26.	Marc C. Baum	Corrections Officer (Temp) Unit 01 To Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	02/16/08	32,761.78 PA 15.75 PH To 32,761.78 PA 15.75 PH
27.	Michael J. Falco	Corrections Officer (Temp) Unit 01 To Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	02/16/08	32,761.78 PA 15.75 PH To 32,761.78 PA 15.75 PH

END TEMP ASSIGNMENT

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
28.	Marguerite C. Genesio	Director (Temp) Unit 00 To Assistant Director Unit 00	Tax Claim 40.0 hrs/wk To Tax Claim 40.0 hrs/wk	02/16/08	52,224.81 PA 25.10 PH To 49,668.61 PA 23.87 PH

SEPARATIONS

NAME	TITLE	UN	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
29. Darren R. Cruz	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	02/02/08	Separation
30. Carol Ann Harper	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	01/30/08	Separation
31. Rebecca M. Ross	LPN	33	NM Nursing	02/03/08	Separation
32. Patricia Tomchak	Labor Relations/Admin (Temp)	00	Human Resources	02/29/08	Separation
33. Robert J. Willard	Environmental Protection Technician	03	Health	02/09/08	Separation

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season

*estimated date

**never started

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 Mr. Cawley with the vote as follows, 3-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Appointments.

Agricultural Land Preservation Board

Dr. Joshua Feldman – reappointment, term expires 2/22/11.

Kenneth Goldenberg – reappointment, term expires 2/22/11.

William H. Yerkes, III – reappointment, term expires 2/22/11.

Emergency Health Advisory Council

Richard Goldsmith – reappointment, term expires 2/1/11.

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

Children & Youth Advisory Board

Peggy Dater – reappointment, term expires 3/1/11.

Marci Pienkowski – reappointment, term expires 3/1/11.

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

Drug & Alcohol Commission

Alicia Krier, LCSW – reappointment, term expires 2/20/11.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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

PNC Purchase Card – Mr. Sanko spoke about the Purchase Card Program with PNC as well as a companion program between Staples and Verizon which are also partnerships that provide additional savings to the County.

Department of Environmental Protection – We received notification from the Governor’s office regarding the DEP and the awarding of a grant reimbursement for our recycling coordinator.

Secretary of Commonwealth – Yesterday, we sent a letter to Secretary Cortes and the Secretary of the Commonwealth seeking clarification on voting system concerns.

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia suggested the following items be added to the agenda for the next Commissioner’s Meeting: Cool Counties Initiative and the topic of Responsible Contracts.

Commissioner Cawley spoke regarding a recent meeting with the Sierra Club where they discussed the issue of Cool Counties. The Sierra Club was impressed by the Green Initiative the county has undertaken and presented us with documents for consideration.

Commissioner Cawley said he would consult with the Solicitors Office regarding where the responsible contract discussion would go on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Bhavin Patel, a Bensalem resident, presented a petition signed by the citizens of Bensalem Township Lower Middle #5 requesting the Bucks County Board of Elections change their polling place back to Creekside Apartments, 2500 Knights Road, Bensalem, PA.

Commissioner Cawley spoke about the change that took place to the polling place in 2007 and explained that at that time, he and Commissioner Martin were candidates for office and did not sit on the Board of Elections. He said the petition will be reviewed and addressed at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Elections.

There was discussion among the Commissioner and as the timeline to change a polling place and when the next Board of Elections meeting should be held. Board of Elections Director, Deena Dean, also provided the deadline (45 days prior) for any referendum that would be on the ballots.

Kathryn Boockvar, an attorney representing the Bensalem citizens who have brought the petition, inquired about the 45-day timeline and wanted to know if it applied to both the change of a polling place as well as the referendum.

The Commissioners agreed that they would check into the deadlines for these items.

Greg Arbina, a Doylestown resident, commented on the Emergency Communications 9-1-1 incident. He said the primary job of the people in the call center is to respond to emergency calls and he expressed his dissatisfaction with the employees who ignored their job. He inquired as to what explanation was provided by the dispatchers as to why they did not answer the phone. He added that the union contract should not serve to protect the dispatchers as they are here to serve the needs of the public and he stressed that this be handled properly.

Commissioner Cawley responded that there is an ongoing investigation which will hopefully provide more details and a better understanding of what took place that day. He said a letter was drafted to the Director of the Bureau 9-1-1 for PEMA, requesting an audit review of the department's Quality Assurance Program in order to improve the way business is conducted. This is part of an ongoing commitment to make sure an incident such as this never happens again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 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:

James F. Cawley, Esq.
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk