

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 16, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Lake Towhee Park, Old Bethlehem Pike, Applebachsville, 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.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Cawley announced that the meeting will be recorded to allow audio playback on the County's website.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Cawley welcomed the attendees to Lake Towhee County Park and invited Bill Mitchell, Director, Parks and Recreation, to tell us about Lake Towhee. Mr. Mitchell spoke about the boundaries and the history of the 501-acre park and said the meeting was being held within the original 301-acre parcel purchased in 1962. He explained that Lake Towhee was dredged eighteen years ago and the recovered clay was stored to be used at the Moravian Tile Works. He informed us that the origin of the name "Lake Towhee" comes from the Eastern Towhee Bird and the park contains playgrounds, campsites, and a nature center.

Mr. Mitchell introduced Adam Zayas, Chief Ceramist of the Moravian Tileworks, who explained that the natural clay derived from the dredged material in the lake is used to produce mosaics at the Tileworks. He said they are currently using thirty tons of clay per year and because of its irregularity and imperfections, the unpurified clay creates a unique product.

Commissioner Cawley introduced local elected officials present at the meeting: Haycock Township Supervisor Henry DePue, Yardley Borough Councilman Dan Mohn and Hilltown Township Supervisor Richard Manfredi. He also acknowledged County elected official, Patricia Bachtle, Prothonotary who was present.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed August 2008 as "CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT MONTH" throughout the County of Bucks recognizing children's need for financial support from both parents to grow into healthy adults. Domestic Relations staff members, along with Sheriffs' Deputies and McGruff the Crime Dog, accepted and thanked the Commissioners. Domestic Relations Director, Laura LoBianco, spoke about the outstanding child support warrants that have been successfully reduced as a result of cooperative efforts with the Sheriff's Department. She also announced that they will be offering free identification badges, which serve as valuable resources to rescue missing children, on Mondays throughout August in the Family Court building.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Andy Raffle, a Lower Makefield Township resident, spoke on items 7 a, b and c, specifically concerning the fair share provisions and maintenance membership clauses, and encouraged the Commissioners to vote against the contract.

Simon Campbell, a Lower Makefield Township resident, queried Commissioner Cawley regarding unionization of County employees and expressed his disagreement with the concept of fair share provision. Mr. Martin and Mr. Cawley responded, explaining that the provision was part of the negotiation process. Mr. Campbell asked the Commissioners if a legal challenge to the maintenance membership clause is an issue for the County, to which Mr. Hains responded in the negative. Mr. Campbell concluded by urging the Commissioners to vote against the contracts.

Mr. Cawley asked Mr. Sanko to provide information about research he conducted in the surrounding Bucks County area regarding fair share provisions. Mr. Sanko informed him that he has not found a single public entity, at the municipal or county level, that does not have the provision.

Dan Mohn, former Yardley Borough Councilman, posed a hypothetical scenario as related to the forced dues clause in the AFSCME contract and urged the Commissioners to vote against the contract.

Steve Gotkiss, a Lower Makefield resident, asked the Commissioners about a provision in the AFSCME contract that requires employees to contribute portions of income to political committees and expressed his disapproval of such a provision. He urged the Commissioners to vote against the contracts.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of May 21, 2008 and June 4, 2008 were approved.

DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

Rich Harvey, Agricultural Preservation, spoke on item 1a and introduced the Isaacs who were present at the meeting. Mr. Cawley thanked them for their support and acknowledged the sacrifice they made as property owners. Mrs. Isaac invited everyone to take a drive down Strawtown Road to see the property.

Joe Funk, Human Services, spoke on item 2a. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia posed a question about the contract time period, to which Mr. Funk provided explanation regarding the bid process and the providers who responded.

Harris Gubernick, Corrections, spoke on item 4a and provided details as to why the extension was needed.

Carmen Thome, Human Resources, spoke on items 7 a, b, and c. Mr. Martin inquired about employee PAC contributions, specifically the administrative costs to the county, and asked if they could be covered by the unions. Bob Cooper, AFSCME representative, responded and agreed to a modification of the present language to reimburse the county the administrative costs for PAC deductions. Mr. Cawley asked Solicitor Glenn Hains if it was possible for a member of the Board to vote against specific provisions within the contract and still vote for the remainder of the terms, to which Mr. Hains responded negatively.

James C. Bailey, Neshaminy Manor, spoke on item 9b and provided responses to Mr. Cawley’s question about the condition of the present floor and Mr. Martin’s question about the consequences of the contract not being approved. Upon further discussion, Mr. Cawley asked Mr. Hains to review the original contract.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia posed a question on item 9a. Mr. Bailey provided clarification regarding the maintenance costs of the wheelchairs and the pricing for new ones.

Don Jacobs, Information Technology, spoke on item 11a and provided clarification on the backup data center.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, item 9b was **TABLED**.

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved with the exception of items 7 a, b, and c, which were opposed by Commissioner Cawley, 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:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION	a. Charles D. and Joanne Isaac Quakertown, PA	Approve county’s portion of 124.82 acre conservation easement on the Isaac farm located on Strawtown Road in Haycock Township. (T.M.P. 14-2-26, 14-6-11, 14-7-22 and 14-7-23)	\$499,280. +settlement charges & adjustments
2. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. American Health Care Services, Inc. Bristol, PA	Approve contract increase to provide liquid nutritional supplement. 6/30/08 – 8/31/08	\$1,880.**
	b. American Health Care Services, Inc. Bristol, PA	Approve contract to provide liquid nutritional supplement. 9/1/08 – 6/30/10	\$22,560.**
	c. Lifeline Systems Company Framingham, MA	Approve contract name change for the provision of personal emergency response systems and medication dispensing and monitoring services. 5/1/08 – ongoing	

3.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a.	Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries Mechanicsburg, PA	Approve contract increase to provide foster care and residential services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$39,100.**
		b.	George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania Grove City, PA	Approve contract increase to provide residential care services. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$16,400.**
4.	CORRECTIONS	a.	Blanski, Inc. Reading, PA	Approve emergency contract extension to supply a hot water boiler at correctional facility. 5/23/08 – 8/23/08	\$12,500.**
5.	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	a.	Schultz Technology Solutions Pottstown, PA	Approve contract to purchase and install access control equipment and cameras throughout Courthouse.	\$9,693.84
6.	FIRE MARSHAL	a.	Fire Alarm Maintenance Co. Lenni, PA	Approve contract increase to repair damaged alarm panels and extend maintenance contract. 10/1/08 – 9/30/09	\$48,000.**
7.	HUMAN RESOURCES	a.	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFSCME-AFL-CIO, District Council 88, Local 1598 Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve Agreement for AFSCME Unit 03: Non-court related clerical and technical service employees. 1/1/08 – 12/31/12	3% for 4 years 4% for 5 th year
		b.	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFSCME-AFL-CIO, District Council 88, Local 1598 Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve Agreement for AFSCME Unit 05: Direct court non-professional employees, direct judicial non-professional staff, probation & parole office, district justice clerks and court stenographers. 1/1/08 – 12/31/12	3% for 4 years 4% for 5 th year
		c.	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFSCME-AFL-CIO, District Council 88, Local 1598 Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve Agreement for AFSCME Unit 05: (Court Related Row Offices) Clerk of Courts, Orphan's Court, Prothonotary, Register of Wills and Sheriff. 1/1/08 – 12/31/12	3% for 4 years 4% for 5 th year
		d.	AFSCME Health & Welfare Fund Harrisburg, PA	Approve renewal of Health and Welfare Fund coverage. 1/1/08 – 12/31/10	\$10,420,066.80
		e.	Secure Results Drug Testing Services Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide pre-employment and random drug & alcohol testing services. 2/1/08 – 12/31/08	\$30,000.**
8.	MH/MR	a.	BC-CST, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract amendment to increase service allocations. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$13,326**

	b.	CO-MANS, Inc. Penn del, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust service allocations. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$36,100.**	
	c.	Lenape Valley Foundation Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust service allocations. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$282,904.**	
	d.	Penn Foundation for Mental Health Sellersville, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust service allocations. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$206,380.**	
	e.	Penn del Mental Health Center Penn del, PA	Approve contract increase to adjust service allocations. 7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$244,962.**	
9.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	Delcrest Medical Services Ivyland, PA	Approve contract to provide wheelchair repair and maintenance. 11/1/07 – 10/31/08	\$20,000.**
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		b.	Hilles Architects Lancaster, PA	Approve contract to provide floor engineering services.	\$73,373.
		c.	Lackawanna Mobile Diagnostic Services Dunmore, PA	Approve contract to provide diagnostic services. 10/1/08 – 9/30/09	\$25,000.**
		d.	Lifestar Ambulance Willow Grove, PA	Approve contract renewal for transportation services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$35,000.** (Wheelchair - \$40./one-way)
10.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA	Approve grant renewal to conduct ongoing public transit planning. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$49,790. Revenue
11.	PUBLIC WORKS	a.	ABJ Sprinkler Company, Inc. Glassboro, NJ	Approve contract increase for water connections for sprinklers in new buildings in Richland Township.	\$34,452.79
		b.	ABJ Sprinkler Company, Inc. Glassboro, NJ	Approve contract increase for installation of dry chemical clean agent fire protection system for back-up Data Center.	\$21,125.99
		c.	B&E Boiler Works, Inc. Red Hill, PA	Approve contract increase for heating and air conditioning installation for back-up Data Center.	\$27,065.
		d.	Fisher Mechanical, Inc. Horsham, PA	Approve contract increase for installation of plumbing and storm-water for back-up Data Center.	\$29,179.
		e.	Guy M. Cooper, Inc. Willow Grove, PA	Approve contract increase to provide temporary heating during construction of Emergency Services Building in Ivyland. 11/07 – 3/08	\$19,291.38.**
		f.	J.L. Watts Excavating, Inc. Pipersville, PA	Approve contract increase to repair pavement and parking area at the Emergency Services Building in Ivyland.	\$8,225.**

	g.	Lederach Electric, Inc. Lederach, PA	Approve contract increase for emergency generator, upgrade of transformer and additional electrical service for back-up Data Center.	\$105,304.	
	h.	Magnum, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase for site improvements and erosion controls for new buildings in Richland Township.	\$30,525.03	
	i.	Magnum, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase for general construction, storm water installation and construction of new room for back-up Data Center.	\$88,204.93	
	j.	Magnum, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract decrease for level change of glass in new building in Richland Township.	[\$1,097.]	
	k.	Magnum, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract decrease for deletion of various millwork in new building in Richland Township.	[\$8,564.52]	
	l.	N.B. Rogers, Inc. Gilbertsville, PA	Approve contract increase for modification to duct work for back-up Data Center.	\$1,450.	
	m.	Reel Electric, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase to provide underground electrical work for back-up Data Center.	\$26,776.38	
	n.	W2A Design Group Allentown, PA	Approve contract increase to provide architectural and engineering design for back-up Data Center.	\$12,000.**	
12.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Boy Scouts of America	Approve Payment	\$5,000.
			Freedom Valley Girl Scouts		\$5,000.
			Actors Net of Bucks County		\$1,000.

*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes only.

**Unit Cost/Not to exceed

MISCELLANEOUS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved:

1. Approve Appropriation for the Arbitration Award issued "In the Matter of the Arbitration Pursuant to 43 P.S. 1101, 201 et. seq. ("Act 195") between the County of Bucks and PSSU, Local 668, SEIU, Bucks County Youth Center (70 Unit)" for the term of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2010, inclusive, filed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, Case No. PERA A-06-341-E.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved:

2. Approve Appropriation for the Arbitration Award issued "In the Matter of the Arbitration Pursuant to 43 P.S. 1101, 201 et. seq. ("Act 195") between the County of Bucks and PSSU, Local 668, SEIU, Juvenile Probation Officers, Adult Probation Officers and Domestic Relations Officers (07 Unit)" for the term of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2010, inclusive, filed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, Case No. PERA A-06-340-E.

PERSONNEL LIST

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Albert B. Campbell, Jr. J.P.#072-08	Community Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	08/04/08	43,054.27 PA 20.69 PH
2.	Mitzie B. Clarke J.P.#904-08	Nursing Assistant - PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	07/08/08	13.49 PH
3.	Steven T. Farley J.P.#909-08	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk	07/08/08	11.21 PH
4.	Jean Furmaniak	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Elections 35.0 hrs/wk	06/30/08	11.48 PH
5.	Linda C. Hannigan	Receptionist/Clerical Unit 03	NM Business Office 12.0 hrs/wk	07/03/08	9.70 PH
6.	Hasana J. Jerman J.P.#904-08	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	07/08/08	13.49 PH
7.	Casey D. Jones J.P.#909-08	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk	07/12/08	11.21 PH
8.	Harry E. Kinker J.P.#910-08	Food Service Attendant Unit 03	NM Dietary 24.0 hrs/wk	07/14/08	12.01 PH
9.	Susan M. McCurdy J.P.#035-08	County Social Services Aide I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	08/04/08	27,406.47 PA 14.05 PH
10.	Ian G. McGuire J.P.#910-08	Food Service Attendant Unit 03	NM Dietary 40.0 hrs/wk	07/10/08	12.01 PH
11.	Kevin C. Morris J.P.#092-08	Security Guard Trainee Unit 00	Security 40.0 hrs/wk	08/04/08	33,635.22 PA 16.17 PH
12.	Ronald E. Murray J.P.#909-08	Seasonal Help/Lifeguard(TV) Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	06/21/08	9.79 PH
13.	Andrew W. Penecale J.P.#909-08	Seasonal Help/Lifeguard(TV) Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	07/05/08	7.37 PH+
14.	Barbara Raudenbush	Clerk Typist II Unit 04	Area Agency on Aging 37.5 hrs/wk	07/14/08	15.00 PH
15.	Ted J. Rice 2008-08AD	Director Youth Facility Unit 96	Youth Center 40.0 hrs/wk	08/18/08 02/18/08	80,000.00 PA 38.46 PH To 84,800.00 PA 40.76 PH
16.	Andrew J. Rushwick J.P.#909-08	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Public Works 40.0 hrs/wk	07/08/08	11.21 PH
17.	Kimberly P. Shmidheiser J.P.#907-08	Registered Nurse Unit 06	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	07/07/08	51,339.55 PA 24.68 PH
18.	Ann Tiers J.P.#906-08	Registered Nurse – Pool Unit 60	NM Nursing 20.0 hrs/wk	07/08/08	28.00 PH
19.	Heather L. Urban J.P.#909-08	Seasonal Help/Lifeguard(OV) Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	07/19/08	8.15 PH +
20.	Bridgette E. Wise J.P.#909-08	Seasonal Help/Lifeguard(OV) Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	06/21/08	8.15 PH +

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
21.	Anthony Carleo Sep Date 10/04/06	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	07/07/08	43,054.29 PA 20.69 PH

PROMOTION/DEMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
22.	Deborah Byrnes 2008-07AD	Coordinator Unit 03 To Assistant Director Unit 00	Tax Claim 35.0 hrs/wk To Tax Claim 40.0 hrs/wk	07/19/08 12/19/08	32,372.39 PA 17.78 PH To 40,310.40 PA 19.38 PH To 41,519.71 PA 19.96 PH
23.	Christopher M. Gaudet	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Sergeant Corrections Unit 81	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	07/19/08	38,398.46 PA 18.46 PH To 53,147.00 PA 22.55 PH
24.	Everette E. Robertson	Security Guard Trainee Unit 00 To Security Guard Unit 00	Security 40.0 hrs/wk To Security 40.0 hrs/wk	07/07/08	33,635.22 PA 16.17 PH To 34,675.53 PA 16.67 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
25.	Danielle M. Schafer	Nursing Assistant Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant – Pool Unit 30	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	07/05/08	31,862.68 PA 15.31 PH To 15.02 PH

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	UN	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
26.	Yardley Calixte	Nursing Assistant	03	NM Nursing	06/25/08	Separation
27.	Barry Crosby	Roving Ranger	51	Parks & Recreation	07/02/08	Separation
28.	Kelly E. Cutchineal	Administrative Assistant	03	Planning Commission	06/17/08	Separation
29.	Lazay E. Graham	Nursing Assistant	03	NM Nursing	07/05/08	Separation
30.	Darrin P. Lorady	Seasonal Help	00	Public Works	07/12/08	Separation
31.	Matthew J. McHugh	Seasonal Help	00	Public Works	07/05/08	Separation
32.	Sean M. Wilson	Seasonal Help	00	Public Works	07/05/08	Separation
33.	Cheryl D. Zabinski	Librarian	46	Planning	07/02/08	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.

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.

Juvenile Detention Center Board of Managers

Honorable Judge Rea Boylan – reappointment, term expires 7/1/11

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Cawley, and opposed by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote as follows, 2-1-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Appointments.

Redevelopment Authority

Ray J. Chapman – reappointment, term expires 7/17/13

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.

Emergency Health Advisory Council

Barry J. Burton, D.O. – new appointment, term expires 2/1/09

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Youth Center – Mr. Sanko announced that Ted Rice will be joining the County as the new Bucks County Youth Center Director and will be replacing Don McGregor, who had a long, well-recognized career with the county.

Household Hazardous Waste Program – The fourth collection for the Household Hazardous Waste and Computer Recycling Program will take place on Saturday, July 19th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mr. Sanko encouraged participation in the event and added that the county website contains information about materials that are recyclable.

Well Testing – The testing of wells in the Nockamixon region of Upper Bucks County is complete and final results were received from state health labs. Letters were sent to homeowners stating that the wells are within the water quality standards as established by the State Department of Environmental Protection and Pennsylvania Department of Health.

State Budget – The state legislature and Governor failed to address funding reimbursements for the District Attorney, but will hopefully do so upon reconvening in September. Furthermore, state contributions to Health and Human Services are under funded and County staff is researching the possible affects of limited funding and their ability to continue to provide quality services.

Vehicle List – To correct information published in the newspaper, Mr. Sanko stated that a vehicle list does exist. The compilation and consolidation into a single list required an extended time period because the county uses a decentralized approach in which each department is responsible for their own list. He reported that there are a total of 245 vehicles in the county fleet. Almost all of them are dedicated to the departments of public works, parks and recreation and public safety. He said fifty-seven vehicles are assigned to individuals on a constant basis, thirty three of which are law enforcement personnel, and twenty-four individuals have a car assigned to them on a constant basis.

Mr. Martin suggested that the twenty-four individuals that possess a county vehicle on a 24/7 basis submit a statement to Mr. Sanko detailing why they feel a vehicle is necessary. He suggested the statement be submitted before the next Commissioner's meeting. Mr. Cawley agreed with the suggestion.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia requested that ATV blockades be installed at parks adjoining Northampton, Middletown and Lower Southampton Townships. Commissioner Cawley responded that it has been taken care of and added that the county has been extensively involved in that in an attempt to help the surrounding area.

Mr. Martin said that he received a letter from the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service which presented the Commissioners with a "Fresh From Bucks County Farms" booklet at the June 4th Commissioners meeting. He said due to favorable coverage in the local papers, he is pleased to report that more booklets have been requested and distributed than any previous year, which is encouraging news for local farms.

Mr. Martin wished to clarify an issue from the previous meeting at which he abstained from voting on responsible contracting and it was questioned as to whether he could abstain. He said after conducting research with the solicitor, the county code and Roberts Rules of Order, he found that an abstention is a permissible action for a voting member. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia explained the guidelines that were adopted in her township and apologized for the confusion at the previous meeting.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia mentioned RFP's for insurance brokerage. Mr. Cawley replied that he has been looking into it and asked Mr. Sanko if he would formalize a proposal, to which Mr. Sanko agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Tom Peterson, Quakertown Food Pantry, asked the Commissioners to make it of utmost importance to find a new location for the Pantry. In response, Mr. Cawley stated that the County has enjoyed a very long association with the food pantry and will be meeting with Roger Collins and the Opportunity Council to discuss options. Commissioner Martin added that the use of the facility was provided to the food pany at no cost but it was clear that they would have to find a new location when the county vacated the building. He said he hopes they continue their great work and can find a solution to continue to their services.

Glenn Sherman, a county employee, S.E.I.U. member, and 47-year resident of Bucks County, thanked the Commissioners for approving the Appropriation for Arbitration award. He spoke about his experience in organizing unions in other areas and recognized the fine group of employees of Bucks County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on August 13, 2008, at the Middletown Grange Fair, 576 Penns Park Road, Wrightstown, 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