

## BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 1, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., at the Richland Township Police Station Meeting Room, 229 California Road, Quakertown, PA, following a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Upper Bucks Government Services Center. 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 thanked everyone for attending the meeting, held as part of the ongoing celebration of the opening of the Upper Bucks Service Center and thanked the Richland Township Police Department for hosting today. He introduced Larry Cerami, Richland Township Police Chief, who spoke about the development of the new Upper Bucks Government Services Complex and the history of cooperation between Richland Township and Bucks County.

### PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Cawley presented a redesigned Bucks County tile mounted upon a plaque to former Commissioner Sandra A. Miller, as a tribute to her vision and leadership which led to the tile's creation. Miss Miller thanked the Commissioners and spoke of the uniqueness of the Tile Works and its creative staff dedicated to the preservation of Bucks County history.

Commissioner Cawley acknowledged Pennsylvania State Representative Paul Clymer, who emphasized the importance of Moravian Pottery and Tile Works and also spoke about the Mercer tiles displayed in the Pennsylvania Capital Building.

### PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed October 5, 2008 as "NEW HOPE-LAMBERTVILLE AIDS WALK DAY" throughout the County of Bucks in recognition of the ninth annual AIDS walk on Sunday, October 5, hosted by FACT (Fighting AIDS Continually Together), a non-profit volunteer organization in support of its mission to raise awareness, provide emergency assistance, and maintain the quality of life for those infected and affected by this disease. The Commissioners urged all Bucks Countians to support these goals as well as educate and promote awareness. Mary Jane Costa, Health Department, and Ken Black, FACT, received the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for their support and recognition of the important fight against HIV/AIDS.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

Joe Funk, Human Services, spoke on item 3b and explained the type of services provided in response to the Commissioner's questions. Mr. Funk also spoke on item 3c and explained the process by which the vendor was chosen.

Vitor Vicente, Community & Business Development, spoke on item 4a.

Joe Funk, Human Services, spoke on item 6a and provided clarification regarding the contract approval process in response to the Commissioner's question.

Don Jacobs, Information Services, spoke on item 7a.

Bill Mitchell, Parks & Recreation, spoke on item 9a.

Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, spoke on item 10a. A discussion ensued concerning county sponsorship of municipal applications for grant monies.

Bill Mitchell, Parks & Recreation, spoke on item 12a. In response to the Commissioner's inquiry, he provided clarity on the change order process as well as the extent of services that need to be performed.

Deena Dean, Board of Elections, spoke on item 15a.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired about the status of her request to have representatives of Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority attend a Commissioner's meeting and provide information. Mr. Sanko responded, stating that they were not able to attend today's meeting due to a scheduling conflict, but said they will make a presentation at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Martin suggested that in the interest of time, Ms. Ellis-Marseglia forward questions to the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority beforehand to garner information.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved with the exception of item 15a, which was opposed by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, but approved with the vote being 2-1-0, and item 10a, from which Mr. Martin abstained, but was approved with the vote being 2-0-1.

**RESOLVED**, that the Bucks County Board of Commissioners upon the recommendation of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, approve the following:

I. **CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS**

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>		<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1.	AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a.	Bucks County Association for Retired & Senior Citizens Bristol, PA	Approve contract for operational subsidy of five senior centers to provide recreational and educational programs. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$220,862.
		b.	Middletown Senior Citizens Association Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide recreational and educational programs. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$46,292.**
2.	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS	a.	Susquehanna Group Advisors, Inc. Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract and rate increase to provide business and financial consulting services for HealthChoices Behavioral Health Program. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$47,000.**
3.	CHILDREN & YOUTH <b>UNTABLED</b>	a.	Bethanna - Visitation Program Southampton, PA	Approve contract to provide visitation support services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$350,000.**
		b.	Lutheran Children and Family Service Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide intensive family services and aftercare program. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$333,000.**
		c.	S3 Inc. Camp Hill, PA	Approve contract to provide software maintenance, management and consultation services for the automated computer system. 8/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$60,000.**
4.	COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	a.	Interfaith Housing Development Corporation (IHDC) Bristol, PA	Approve contract to acquire and renovate properties for lease and eventual resale to low income families. 10/1/08 – 10/1/10	\$600,000.
5.	EMERGENCY SERVICES	a.	PEMA Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant agreement on behalf of PA Southeast Region Task Force. 9/1/08 – 8/31/11	\$22,635,977.36 Revenue
6.	HUMAN SERVICES	a.	The Salvation Army Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide counseling, referral and support services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$10,200.**
7.	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a.	Unisys Corp. Bismark, MD	Approve contract to provide monthly maintenance for mainframe computer. 1/1/08 – 12/31/08	\$43,687.68** (\$3,640.64 /month)

		b.	Verizon Business Network Services Malvern, PA	Approve extension of service agreement for Frame Relay circuits for data network. 7/1/05 – 9/30/09	\$361,872.90**
8.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	Airgas-East Allentown, PA	Approve contract to provide therapy oxygen for residents. 12/1/08 – 11/30/11	\$90,266.40*
		b.	Hobbie Personnel Management, Inc. d/b/a HealthSkill, an affiliate of People 2.0 Global, Inc. Allentown, PA	Approve contract and rate increase for agency staffing nurses in accordance with negotiated staffing contracts. 9/28/08 – 9/27/09	\$150,000.**
		c.	Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Jamison, PA	Approve agreement to provide student internship/practicum experience for nurse aide certification. 9/1/08 – 8/31/09	
		d.	Scott Kendall Bohr Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract to provide pastoral services to residents. 11/1/08 – 10/31/09	\$25,000**
9.	PARKS & RECREATION	a.	Jeffrey C. & Martha A. Giesse Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to purchase property as part of NRCS flood mitigation program in Lower Southampton Township in lieu of condemnation. (T.M.P. 21-034-227)	\$393,000. (plus insurance and settlement costs)
10.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	Bucks County Redevelopment Authority, on behalf of Bristol Borough	Approve grant application for use of gaming funds for capital projects and public improvements by Bristol Borough.	
		b.	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA	Approve grant contract for development of linear referencing system and street centerline geography. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$10,000. Revenue
11.	POLICE TRAINING	a.	US Dept. of Justice Washington, DC	Approve pass through grant to enhance computer technology and information systems. 12/26/07 – 12/25/10	\$233,825. (Revenue)
12.	PUBLIC WORKS	a.	AQUA Waste Water Management Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract for disposal of sludge, screenings and fees for wastewater treatment plan. 1/1/08 – 12/31/08	\$45,190.80**
		b.	Axis Contracting Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract for roof and siding replacement at Core Creek maintenance facility.	\$59,566.
		c.	Midway Corporation Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to replace building façade at District Court 07-1-01.	\$47,204.
		d.	Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. North Wales, PA	Approve Easement Agreement for utility service for Richland Twp. building.	
13.	PURCHASING	a.	Farm & Home Oil Co. Telford, PA  Petroleum Traders Corp. Ft. Wayne, IN	Approve contract extension for fuel oil, gasoline, diesel fuel and burner maintenance bid. 10/1/04 – 12/31/08	\$188,440.*
14.	RECORDER OF DEEDS	a.	IMR Limited Camp Hill, PA	Approve contract for disaster recovery storage of images.	\$17,000.

15.	VOTING MACHINES	a.	Electec, Inc. Mt. Holly, NJ	Approve software license agreement for Danaher voting machines 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$72,485.
16.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Children’s Cultural Center 2009 Stover Mill Gallery	Approve Payment	\$1,000. \$1,500.

\*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes only.

\*\*Unit Cost/Not to exceed

II. MISCELLANEOUS

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

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 International Union of Operating Engineers Local 835A (01) and for the term of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2011, inclusive, filed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, Case No. PERA A-07-203-E.

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

Mr. Martin inquired about the possibility of voting against the award, to which Mr. Hains provided clarification and explained that if the award were not approved, the decision of the Labor Relations Board’s would still be enforced by interested parties.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

Adjustment #09-014-0 HOME/Housing Trust Program, Interfaith Housing  
Establish budget for Interfaith Housing Development Corporation

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 Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved, with the exception of items 9 and 24, which were opposed by Ms. 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.	Elizabeth R. Diefenderder J.R. # 18	Registered Nurse Unit 06	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	09/29/08	51,339.39 PA 24.68 PH
2.	Kimberly K. Gaynor J.R. # 45	PHN II Unit 06	Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk	10/11/08	54,800.92 PA 26.34 PH
3.	Kevin Golden J.R. # 41	Roving Ranger Unit 51	Parks 40.0 hrs/wk	10/20/08	36,663.54 PA 17.62 PH
4.	Germaine A. Mancke J.R. # 63	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk	09/29/08	11.48 PH
5.	Rita R. Zielinski J.R. # 43	PHN II Unit 06	Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk	10/11/08	54,800.92 PA 26.34 PH

**REHIRE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
6.	Valerie Cooper Sep date 09/04/08	911 Telecom Specialist Unit 00	Emergency Response 40.0 hrs/wk	09/13/08	20.88 PH

**PROMOTION/DEMOTION**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
7. Brian G. Dietrick	Elec. Technician I Unit 03 To Elec. Technician II Unit 03	Emergency Communications 40.0 hrs/wk To Emergency Communications 40.0 hrs/wk	09/22/08	44,532.80 PA 21.41 PH To 49,836.80 PA 23.96 PH
8. Brian Hessenthaler	Director of Finance Unit 00 To Director of Finance & Admin. Unit 00	Finance 40.0 hrs/wk To Finance 40.0 hrs/wk	09/13/08	99,051.34 PA To 105,000.00 PA

**SEPARATIONS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>UN</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
9. Carol A. Callahan	Coordinator	03	Tax Claim	10/04/08	Separation
10. Michael G. Callahan Jr.	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	09/04/08	Separation
11. Mitzie B. Clarke	Nursing Assistant	03	NM Nursing	09/17/08	Separation
12. Donald O. Eberwein	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	10/25/08	Separation
13. Joseph A. Fonash	County Social Worker I	04	Children & Youth	09/25/08	Separation
14. Beverly J. Geiger	Seasonal	00	Parks	07/12/08	Separation
15. Jonathan M. Goodman	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	09/20/08	Separation
16. Jared Lee Grotz	Seasonal	00	Parks	05/29/08	Separation
17. Sean N. Hannah	Seasonal	00	Parks	09/02/08	Separation
18. Amanda Jo Herbert	Seasonal	00	Parks	09/02/08	Separation
19. Crystal T. Jackson	Seasonal	00	Parks	08/18/08	Separation
20. Gary J. Kaisinger	Seasonal	00	Parks	08/20/08	Separation
21. Matthew C. McGlone	Food Service Attendant	03	NM Dietary	09/08/08	Separation
22. Suzanne N. Wenner	LPN	33	NM Nursing	09/20/08	Separation

**SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
23. Mary Beth Wertz	Dir. Of Clinical Outcomes Unit 00	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	01/01/08	77,272.49 PA To 78,222.44 PA

**CORRECTION FROM 9-17-08**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
24. Rebecca M. Heron J.P.#103-08	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 35.0 hrs/wk	09/29/08	30,134.05 PA 16.55 PH
25. Dawn L. Krinn	Registered Nurse Unit 60 To Registered Nurse Unit 06	NM Nursing 20.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	09/13/08	28.53 PH To 56,006.76 PA 26.92 PH

+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.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

State Budget – The Governor’s office has released revenue projections for corporate, individual and sales taxes in September. All three categories are estimated to be lower, bringing the first quarter total down by \$281 million. He informed us that Pennsylvania is on track for a budget deficit in excess of \$1 billion for the current fiscal year, which in turn, could cost Bucks County \$6.5 million in funding. Mr. Sanko informed us that affected departments will be determining how to address the possible shortfalls.

Grants – Mr. Sanko commended Fonta Reilly, Grants Coordinator, who is responsible for the award of a \$398,000 competitive federal grant from the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women. He informed us that the grant was used to implement a Safe Havens Program which will provide supervised visitation and safe exchange options for families with histories of domestic violence, child abuse, stalking and sexual assault.

Bridge Bill – Over the next week, progress will be monitored on a Bridge Bill which recently passed in the Pennsylvania Senate. He said the Bill is now in the House and includes 27 county-owned bridges.

Press Release – A press release will come out today asking for volunteers to fill vacancies, as identified by the Board of Elections, to serve as judges of elections, and majority and minority inspectors. Interested persons can access the county website to locate an application.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia spoke of a previous request for a report concerning heating assistance, to which Mr. Sanko responded that it has been submitted by Vitor Vicente and will be distributed to the Commissioners for discussion at a future meeting.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia addressed some outstanding questions she would like to resolve regarding the county vehicle list. Mr. Sanko stated that the new Asset Manager, Pete McElroy, is reviewing the report and will subsequently schedule a meeting with the Commissioners for discussion, after which he will implement any recommendations.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked for an update on a memorandum from Human Resources, to which Mr. Cawley suggested she meet with Carmen Thome, Director of Human Resources.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Jane Graham, League of Women Voters, asked for a list of judge locations on Election Day and the possibility of having a judge at the Upper Bucks Government Services Center to hear voter appeals. Deena Dean, Board of Elections, provided explanation, stating that the option of provisional ballots prevents the need for the physical appearance before a judge. Mr. Cawley reminded everyone that a judge is on duty in Doylestown at all times.

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, shared her concerns of long lines at polling places on Election Day. She encouraged the Commissioners to address the issue and rent additional machines to ensure compliance with state law. Mr. Martin and Ms. Dean responded to Ms. Rawley's concerns and a discussion followed in connection with waiting lines, new voter registration, absentee ballots, additional voting machines and compliance with state statutes.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the new 911 Center, 911 Freedom Way, Ivyland, PA, immediately following a ribbon cutting ceremony.

#### 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