

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 5, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., at the Newtown Theater, 120 North State Street, Newtown, 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 everyone to the meeting and spoke about the Newtown Theater, noting that it is the oldest, continuous-use theater in the United States and is located in Newtown Borough.

Commissioner Cawley acknowledged County elected officials who were present: Patricia Bachtle, Prothonotary, Edward "Duke" Donnelly, Sheriff, Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts and Bill Snyder, Treasurer.

He also recognized Newtown Arts Company President, Nancy Pickering, Newtown Township Supervisors Jerry Schenkman and Mike Gallagher, and State Representative-elect Steve Santarsiero.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed November 5, 2008 as "NEWTOWN BOROUGH 325<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY" throughout the County of Bucks, recognizing Newtown Borough's important role in the history of Bucks County in areas of commerce, social interaction, dining and culture. The Commissioners offered congratulations to the Borough for maintaining its unique character and wished it continued prosperity. The proclamation was accepted by Dennis O'Brien, Newtown Borough Mayor, and Charles Swartz, Chairman of the 325th Anniversary Committee, who presented the Commissioners with pins commemorating Newtown Borough and the 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

COMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to George Daka, a social studies teacher at Bensalem High School who was awarded the Pennsylvania Council for Social Studies Secondary Level Teacher of the Year Award for 2008. Mr. Daka has demonstrated exceptional professionalism in multiple areas of education and has served Bensalem High School with distinction. The Commissioners expressed appreciation for his service and wished him success in his future endeavors. Mr. Daka thanked the Commissioners for the honor, as well as his students and their parents, and stated that the award is a reflection of the great things happening in Bucks County education.

PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Cawley introduced Ben Jones, Executive Director, Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority, who conducted a presentation on the Authority's current operating activities. He expressed gratitude for the Commissioners' recent decision to extend its charter and introduced Financial Director, Chris Gibbons, who spoke about the Authority's financial situation. Upon the conclusion of the presentation, both representatives responded to various questions posed by the Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2008 were approved.

DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

Joe Funk, Human Services, spoke on item 2c and provided an explanation for the location of services provided.  
 Dick Manna, Quality Assurance, spoke on items 3a-c and explained the construction process associated with the addition of utility rooms.  
 Vitor Vicente, Community & Business Development, spoke on items 4a-d and provided an explanation of the administrative process involved with receiving funding.  
 Harris Gubernick, Corrections, spoke on item 5a and explained the reasoning for formal approval of the contract by the Commissioners.  
 John Dougherty, Emergency Management, spoke on item 6a.  
 Joe Funk, Human Services, spoke on item 7b, and the services provided. Mr. Funk also spoke on items 8a – 8c, and provided information on TRACK program funding and services.  
 Joe Funk, Human Services, spoke on item 10c.  
 Bill Mitchell, Parks & Recreation, spoke on item 11a.  
 Gerry Anderson, Commissioners, spoke on items 13a, 13b and 13d.  
 Bill Mitchell, Parks & Recreation, spoke on item 13g.  
 Maureen McIlvaine, Purchasing, spoke on item 14a.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, item 2c was TABLED.

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 item 4a, numbers 3 and 4, and items 13c, 13e and 13h, which were opposed by Ms. 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:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Aramark Services, Inc. Philadelphia, Inc.	Approve contract increase and extension to provide congregate and home-delivered meals. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$593,943.81**
	b. Catholic Social Services Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide care management services for the Nursing Home Transition Program. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$54,080.**
	c. Millenium Home Health Care, Inc. Broomall, PA	Approve contract for the Direct Care Initiative to provide in-home services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$17,883.
	d. Pennsylvania Department of Aging Harrisburg, PA	Approve Waiver Budget amendment in accordance with revised Department of Aging allocation. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	[\$169,858.] Revenue
	e. Senior Care Centers of PA, Inc. Trevose, PA	Approve contract increase to provide adult day services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$5,000.**
	f. St. Luke’s Quakertown Hospital Quakertown, PA	Approve contract to provide home-delivered meals. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$17,564.**
	g. Southeastern Health Services Bristol, PA	Approve contract for the Direct Care Worker Initiative to provide in-home services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$32,455.
	h. Valued Relationships Inc., d/b/a VRI West Carrollton, OH	Approve contract to provide Personal Emergency Response Systems and Medication Dispensing and Monitoring Services. 7/1/08 – ongoing	\$10,000. **/yr.

2.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a.	Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide financial assistance and case management services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$83,677.**
		b.	Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for Bridge and Transitional Housing Program. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$177,500.**
		c.	Pathways Adolescent Center Oil City, PA	Approve contract to provide residential and independent living and shelter care services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$66,000.**
<b>TABLED</b>					
3.	COMMISSIONERS	a.	Mid-Atlantic Construction and Design Associates, Inc. Trenton, NJ	Approve contract to provide construction on two homes in Bensalem Township as part of Neshaminy Creek Supplemental Plan.	\$205,692.*
		b.	Raise-Right, Inc. Chalfont, PA	Approve contract to provide construction on a home in Bensalem Township as part of Neshaminy Creek Supplemental Plan.	\$117,000.*
		c.	Raise-Right, Inc. Chalfont, PA	Approve contract to elevate two homes in Hulmeville Borough as part of Neshaminy Creek Supplemental Plan.	\$406,000.*
4.	COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	a.	4 Funding Recipients: 1. Bucks County Head Start 2. Falls Township 3. Chalfont Borough 4. Langhorne Borough	Approve Community Development Block Grant contracts with non-profit organizations and municipalities for program year 2008. 4/1/08 – 3/31/10	\$524,500.
		b.	A Woman's Place Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for 2008 funding of Emergency Shelter Grant Program. 4/1/08 – 3/31/10	\$5,000.
		c.	American Red Cross Shelter Levittown, PA	Approve contract for 2008 funding of Emergency Shelter Grant Program. 4/1/08 – 3/31/10	\$70,887.
		d.	Bucks County Housing Group Wrightstown, PA	Approve contract for 2008 funding for Emergency Shelter Grant Program. 4/1/08 – 3/31/10	\$29,000.
		e.	Interfaith Housing Development Corporation, Inc. Bristol, PA	Approve reallocation of funds to fully implement the affordable housing project. 6/30/08 – 6/30/09	\$275,382.
		a.	Keefe Commissary Network Edison, NJ	Approve contract increase to provide commissary service for inmates. 4/4/07 – 10/31/10	\$1,200,000.*
6.	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	a.	Southeastern PA Chapter of the American Red Cross Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to train volunteers to handle displaced persons in a disaster. 2007 – 6/30/10	\$394,000.**
7.	HEALTH	a.	Bucks County Health Department Doylestown, PA	Approve Repeal of Sections 944(b) and 1146(e) of BCDH Rules & Regulations for Conducting & Operating Food Facilities in accordance with Board of Health agreement.	
		b.	St. Mary Medical Center Philadelphia, PA	Approve payment of invoice for inpatient medical services.	\$26,612.

8.	JUVENILE PROBATION	a.	Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Washington, DC	Approve grant award and related documents for Truancy Reduction and Curfew for Kids (TRACK) Project. 9/1/08 – 8/31/09	\$178,870. Revenue
		b.	Karen Kreller Plumsteadville, PA	Approve contract to provide administrative coordination for the TRACK project. 9/1/08 – 8/31/09	\$13,500.**
		c.	TODAY, Inc. Newtown, PA	Approve contract to provide TRACK project case managers. 9/1/08 – 8/31/09	\$97,620.
9.	MH/MR	a.	PATH, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide employment services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$10,100.**
		b.	Shared Support, Inc. Sunbury, PA	Approve contract amendment to increase service allocations. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$5,052.**
		c.	Special People in Northeast, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide developmental training, employment and transportation services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$134,878.**
		d.	Via of the Lehigh Valley Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract to provide employment services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$14,425.**
10.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	American Medical Equipment Columbus, OH  Huntleigh Healthcare Eatontown, NJ  Specialty Medical Products, Inc. Malvern, PA	Approve contract for rental of pressure relieving systems for residents. 12/1/08 – 11/30/09	\$138,690.**
		b.	Continental Health Equipment, Inc. Kittanning, PA	Approve contract extension for rental of alternating pressure relieving systems for residents. 1/1/08 – 11/30/08	\$7,000.
		c.	Merion Publishing King of Prussia, PA	Approve contract to cover cost of advertising to recruit personnel as needed. 1/1/08 – 12/31/08	\$16,000.**
		d.	ProMobile Transportation Feasterville, PA	Approve contract amendment for wheelchair and ambulance transport for residents. 7/1/08 – 6/40/09	\$20,000.**
		e.	Quality Insights of Pennsylvania Harrisburg, PA	Approve Memorandum of Agreement to review medical services provided to Medicare residents in accordance with federal mandate. 8/1/08 – 7/31/11	
		f.	Sammons Preston, Inc. Bolingbrook, IL	Approve contract to provide occupational therapy supplies. 1/1/08 – 12/31/08	\$12,970.95**
11.	PARKS & RECREATION	a.	Estate of Lucille B. Wynkoop c/o Saile & Saile, LLP Langhorne, PA	Approve acceptance of bequest of \$100,123 and deed for 15.9 acres on Elm Avenue in Northampton Twp. as part of Churchill Nature Center. (TMP 31-015-119)	\$100,123 Revenue

12.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	Bedminster Township Bedminster, PA	Approve contract to provide planning assistance to update Open Space Plan. 10/1/08 – 11/30/09	\$5,500. Revenue
		b.	Bucks County Redevelopment Authority Bristol, PA	Approve subcontract to fulfill grant terms to renovate and construct Freedom Neighborhood Community Center. 11/1/08 – 10/31/12	\$198,000.
		c.	Newtown Township Newtown, PA	Approve contract to provide planning assistance to update Open Space Plan. 11/1/08 – 11/1/09	\$3,000. Revenue
13.	PUBLIC WORKS	a.	Borough of Doylestown Doylestown, PA	Approve Agreements for new parking garage as required by Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.  Stormwater Easement Financial Security Agreement Development Agreement Maintenance Easement Stormwater Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement	
		b.	Donald E. Reisinger, Inc. West Chester, PA	Approve contract increase for improvements to 911 Center in Ivyland, PA.	\$30,630.27*
		c.	Guy M. Cooper Willow Grove, PA	Approve contract for plumbing and fire protection for new parking garage.	\$591,800.
		d.	Ivyland Borough Ivyland, PA	Approve increase to reimbursement agreement for Emergency Services building addition and communication tower.	\$5,000.**
		e.	Lobar, Inc. Dillsburg, PA	Approve contract for general construction of new parking garage.	\$20,512,000.
		f.	Ray Litwin Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. Levittown, PA	Approve contract increase to provide various upgrades to HVAC system at 600 Louis Drive, Warminster, PA.	\$6,591.50.*
		g.	SJM Construction Springhouse, PA	Approve contract increase for final unit quantities necessary to complete project at Core Creek Park.	\$19,054.47
		h.	Worth & Company Pipersville, PA	Approve contract for HVAC for new parking garage.	\$80,500.
14.	PURCHASING	a.	Petroleum Traders Corporation Fort Wayne, IN	Approve contract for fuel oil and burner maintenance on behalf of Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$1,165,056.73*
15.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Approve Payment	Bowman Hill Wildflower Preserve James Michener Arts Center Newtown Chamber Orchestra Newtown First Night Newtown Theater Restoration Committee	\$3,000. \$25,000. \$1,000. \$1,000. \$1,000.

\*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes only.

\*\*Unit Cost/Not to exceed

**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 #11-020-0      Solicitor  
 Outside legal costs for union contract negotiations

Adjustment #11-021-0      Community Development Block Grant  
 Establishing budget for the Emergency Shelter Grants

Adjustment #11-022-0      Household Hazardous Waste  
 For special Sixth collection event in Bensalem

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 as follows, 3-0, with the exception of number 18, which was opposed by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, but approved with the vote being 2-1-0, the following Resolution was adopted:

**APPOINTMENTS**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
1.	Amber Anderson J.R.#14	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	10/28/08	13.89 PH
2.	Caroline I. Becker J.R.#32	Aging Care Manger II Unit 04	Area Agency on Aging 37.5 hrs/wk	10/27/08	20.20 PH
3.	Martin C. Burstein J.R. #22	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	10/27/08	13.52 PH
4.	David M. Cridland J.R. #22	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	10/27/08	13.52 PH
5.	Donna P. DeLucia J.R.#46	Assistant Director of Nursing Unit 00	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	11/10/08	75,971.77 PA
6.	Michele Dixon J.R. #22	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	10/27/08	13.52 PH
7.	David A. Leighton J.R. #22	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	10/28/08	13.52 PH
8.	Rasheedah S. Melchor J.R. #14	Nursing Assistant - PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	09/30/08	13.89 PH
9.	Tina M. Monach J.R. #22	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	10/27/08	13.52 PH
10.	Renee L. Quinn J.R. #39	County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	11/24/08	21.04 PH
11.	Kathleen B. Saunders J.R. #63	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 17.5 hrs/wk	10/15/08	11.48 PH
12.	June V. Wilson J.R. #16	LPN Unit 33	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	10/27/08	22.57 PH
13.	Amy B. Woodlard J.R. #22	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	10/27/08	13.52 PH

**REHIRE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
14.	Darlene M. Davis Sep date 07/10/2007 J.R.#63	Registrar Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 17.5 hrs/wk	10/11/08	11.48 PH

**TRANSFER**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
15.	Dae Marie Kinderdine J.R.#33	Records Administrator Unit 03 To Judicial Clerk Unit 05	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To District Courts 40.0 hrs/wk	10/25/08	18.87 PH  To 16.96 PH

16.	George Siegrist J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk	10/25/08	20.69 PH  To 20.69 PH
17.	Stacy L. Wilson J.R.#54	County Caseworker II Unit 04 To County Social Worker I Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	10/14/08	23.91 PH  To 23.91 PH

**SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
18.	Tina Mazaheri	Assistant Solicitor Unit 77 To Assistant Solicitor Unit 77	Solicitor 40.0 hrs/wk To Solicitor 40.0 hrs/wk	07/03/08	33,244.39 PA  To 34,241.72 PA

**CHANGE OF HOURS**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
19.	Cynthia Smarsh	EPS II Unit 46 To EPS II Unit 46	Health Department 37.5 hrs/wk To Health Department 40.0 hrs/wk	09/27/08	29.57 PH  To 29.57 PH

**PER DIEM TO PERM**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
20.	Brandon Bartrim	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03 To Dispatcher I Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk To 911 Emergency Response 40.0 hrs/wk	09/15/08	13.05 PH  To 20.25 PH
21.	Patricia Ebinger	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03 To Dispatcher I Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk To 911 Emergency Response 40.0 hrs/wk	09/15/08	13.05 PH  To 20.25 PH
22.	Joseph P. Ferrara	Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03 To Dispatcher I Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk To 911 Emergency Response 40.0 hrs/wk	09/15/08	13.05 PH  To 20.25 PH

**SEPARATIONS**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>UN</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
23.	Chanel Y. Carroll	Nursing Assistant - PT	03	NM Nursing	10/02/08	Separation
24.	Eric T. Dance	LPN	33	NM Nursing	10/14/08	Separation**
25.	Dawn M. Donahue	PHN II	06	Health	10/01/08	Separation
26.	Shahedah Y. Floyd	Nursing Assistant – PT	03	NM Nursing	10/13/08	Separation
27.	Sherry L. Garrett	Clerk Typist II	04	Area Agency on Aging	09/08/08	Separation
28.	Kevin Golden	Roving Ranger	51	Parks & Recreation	10/27/08	Separation **
29.	Jennifer M. Hogancamp	County Caseworker II	04	Children & Youth	11/03/08	Separation
30.	Hasana J. Jerman	Nursing Assistant	30	NM Nursing	11/11/08	Separation
31.	Sharah T. Joyner	Nursing Assistant	30	NM Nursing	10/15/08	Separation
32.	Rafael A. Martinez	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	10/06/08	Separation
33.	Conswalla Manuel	Receptionist Clerical	03	NM Business Office	10/22/08	Separation
34.	Catlin K. Prunkel	Coordinator	03	Tax Claim	10/17/08	Separation

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season

\*estimated date

\*\*Never Started

Glenn Hains, Solicitor, spoke on number 18 in response to the Commissioner's questions, explaining that the increase is being awarded due to the satisfactory completion of the individual's six month probationary.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

### Drug & Alcohol Commission

Gina R. Abrams – reappointment, term expires 11/16/11

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

### BC Conference & Visitor's Bureau

Helen Flocco – new appointment, 12/31/10

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):

Newsletter – The County sent out a newsletter to educate the public about the ballot, voting machines and polling places on Election Day. The information included with the mailing was also published in local newspapers, which Mr. Sanko thanked for their cooperation. He reported that these efforts resulted in 74.57% voter turnout on Election Day, which is higher than the last Presidential Election, but falls short of the current record set in 1992 and the state's projected turnout.

Mr. Sanko commended the performance of everyone who assisted with the effort to comply with a last-minute requirement for additional emergency paper ballots, specifically the Board of Elections, Planning Commission, Sheriff and Print Shop. He reported that with the exception of one location which experienced a gas leak, the election went smoothly. He said there was no use of emergency paper ballots or issues with polling places and 100% of the cartridges were returned in a timely manner. He shared his hope that these events would quell any remaining fears of the machines' capability to handle a high voter turnout.

Justice Center – Mr. Sanko directed our attention to a poster displaying an artist's rendering of the new parking garage and invited everyone to view it after the meeting.

State Budget – Mr. Sanko announced that there will be another round of reductions in December, which follow revenue projections released at the end of October and double the state's projected deficit. He stated that early reports suggest that the second round will be more severe than the first, possibly delving into programs and staff, and there is no indication that this will be the final round.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired about the status of a proposed letter to be sent with the intention of expressing the Commissioners' opposition to an administrative fee charged to child support recipients. The Commissioners affirmed their intention to follow up with the letter.

In response to the Commissioners' request, Vitor Vicente, Community & Business Development, provided an update on the heating assistance program and explained the initiatives that have been created following a meeting with the Governor. They include raising income eligibility requirements for the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program, increasing assistance provided to participants, and creating a website for citizens to access information. Mr. Vicente spoke of progress that has occurred with the "Stay Warm" coordinating councils and said he will continue to monitor the situation.

Commissioner Martin complimented Mr. Anderson, along with everyone involved with the parking garage project, and said he looks forward to breaking ground in the near future.

As Chairman of the Board of Elections, Commissioner Martin stated that while traveling to approximately thirty precincts on Election Day, he observed an efficient process and complimented everyone involved. He noted the creativity of election officials and Judges of Elections in their handling of check-in lines and procedures.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia stated that her observations on Election Day were fair at best and revealed problems, such as inadequate staff, that need to be resolved. She suggested holding a Board of Elections meeting in the near future to discuss issues and make suggestions to find solutions.

Mr. Cawley recognized that while there is always room for improvement, it would be unfair not to recognize the tremendous challenge at hand on Election Day. He congratulated everyone involved and stated that it is important to recognize that an impartial, fair and efficient election took place.

Mr. Martin spoke in favor of delaying the proposed meeting and instead holding it after the post-election process is concluded. Deena Dean, Board of Elections, provided a timeline for clarification, stating that a Board of Elections meeting will take place next week to consider provisional ballots.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, complimented the Board of Elections’ hard work and suggested creating a post-election assessment group. She shared her experiences and concerns that arose on Election Day, and described measures to increase the efficiency of the voting process. The Commissioners responded to Ms. Rawley’s concerns, and Mr. Cawley reminded everyone that no emergency ballots were used as a result of machine malfunction.

Sandy Schiff, a Doylestown resident, asked Mr. Sanko to elaborate on statements made earlier in the meeting regarding the performance of the voting machines, to which he and Mr. Cawley provided clarification.

Nancy Pickering, President of the Newtown Arts Company, spoke about the Newtown Theater, its history and array of live productions, which include mysteries, musicals and comedies. Ms. Pickering encouraged everyone to attend the theater’s worthwhile performances.

Mike Gallagher, Newtown Township Supervisor, extended congratulations to the Commissioners and Board of Elections for a successful election and shared his experiences at various polling places in Newtown Township. He thanked the Bucks County Planning Commission for working with Newtown Township to update the open space plan and thanked the Commissioners for their efforts on the creation of a dog park. Mr. Cawley provided an update on the dog park and shared his hope that the project move forward in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at the William Penn Fire Company, Station 7, located at 123 Main Street, Hulmeville, 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