

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 19, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at 10:00 a.m, at the William Penn Fire Company, Station 7, located at 123 Main Street, Hulmeville, 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 and thanked the members of the William Penn Fire Company for hosting today's meeting.

Commissioner Cawley acknowledged County elected officials who were present: Edward "Duke" Donnelly, Sheriff, Ray McHugh, Controller, Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts, and Bill Snyder, Treasurer. He also recognized Hulmeville Mayor David Harris, Hulmeville Council President Thomas Wheeler, Hulmeville Council members Joseph McKairnes and Ray Johnson, Hulmeville Police Chief Tom Walton and Langhorne Manor Borough Councilwoman Maryann Barnes.

Mr. Cawley acknowledged the presence of Al Sutter on behalf of Senator Tommy Tomlinson's office, Neshaminy School District Superintendent Louis Muenker, Neshaminy School Board Member Irene Boyle as well as Hulmeville Borough Tax Collector Kathleen Nicastro.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed November 22, 2008 as "NATIONAL SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE DAY" throughout the County of Bucks in support of an effort by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to reach out and offer support to those who have lost a loved one to suicide while encouraging survivors to share their experiences and join together in the healing process. Rich Kuntz, Coroner's Office, Barbara Schellhorn, Health Department, Joe Werner, Neshaminy School District and Chris Edwards, Public Information accepted the proclamation. They shared personal experiences dealing with suicide and spoke about steps that have been taken to raise awareness and prevent teen suicide in Bucks County.

COMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to Mrs. Nancy Keenan, the 2008 recipient of the Pennsylvania P4A Advocacy Volunteer Award, who has served the senior community with vision and distinction. The Commissioners expressed appreciation for her commitment to service, her contribution to the residents of Bucks County, and the seniors whom she has impacted. Brian Duke, Director, Area Agency on Aging, thanked the staff and volunteers for their service. Crystal Lowe, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging (P4A), spoke about how the award was established and why she is pleased that Ms. Keenan is this year's recipient. Ms. Keenan accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners and P4A, and spoke about the wonderful people she has worked with.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2008 were approved.

DISCUSSION/AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

Brian Hessenthaler, Finance, spoke on item 2a.

Glenn Hains, Solicitor, spoke on item 4a and explained the County’s relationship with the College and the transaction taking place. Mr. Cawley provided additional information and spoke about the grant awards that will assist with the project and he, along with Mr. Martin, expressed their appreciation to Mr. Hedden for his dedication and thanked the Lower Bucks Fire Training Taskforce. Mr. Hedden also spoke about the Agreement and said he looks forward to moving ahead with the project.

Maureen McIlvaine, Purchasing, and Ms. Ellis-Marseglia spoke on item 4b.

Bob White, Redevelopment Authority, spoke on item 4c in response to the Commissioners’ questions and provided additional history regarding the Riverfront Plan and its development over time. Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, offered her input and Solicitor, Glenn Hains, provided his opinion regarding possible courses of action, including writing a letter to express the Commissioners’ preferences for the project.

Glenn Hains, Solicitor, spoke on item 6a regarding the role of a substitute MH/MR hearing officer and the annual renewal process.

Nick Rafferty, Fire Marshal, spoke on item 9a.

Gerry Anderson, Director of Operations, spoke on item 12b and provided clarification on the development of the proposal and the division of the project into phases.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following resolution was approved, with the exception of item 4c, which was opposed by Mr. Martin but approved with the vote being 2-1-0, and item 12b, which was opposed by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia but approved with the vote being 2-1-0, and item 12c, 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:

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1.	AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. LifeSpan Quakertown, PA	Approve contract to provide direct care worker initiative. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$13,247.
2.	BOARD OF ASSESSMENT	a. Tyler Technologies, Inc., CLT Division Dayton, OH	Approve contract for integrated Assessment/Tax Administration system. 11/19/08 – 11/18/10	\$2,421,390.
3.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve pass through contract to provide Promoting Responsible Fatherhood/ Child Abuse Prevention program. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$30,600.
		b. Pathways Adolescent Center Oil City, PA	Approve contract to provide residential and independent living and shelter care services. 11/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$33,000.**
4.	COMMISSIONERS	a. Bucks County Community College Newtown, PA	Approve Lower Bucks Public Safety Training Center Agreement 1/1/09 – 12/31/28	
		b. Raise Right, Inc. Chalfont, PA	Rescind award of bid to elevate 2 homes in Hulmeville Borough due to inconsistencies in bid documents.	(\$406,000.)
		c. Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks Bristol, PA	Approve Resolution authorizing the sale of a 17-acre parcel of the Riverfront North property located in Bristol.	
5.	CORRECTIONS	a. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide GED testing and scoring services for inmates. 7/23/07 – 12/31/09	\$19,000.**

		b.	FMB Laundry Baltimore, MD	Approve contract extension for rental of washers and dryers for 30 days. Until 10/31/08	
6.	COURTS	a.	Donna Snyder, Esq. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for substitute Mental Health Review Officer in accordance with Mental Health and Retardation Act. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$5,495.**
		b.	Thomson West Cherry Hill, NJ	Approve contract for Westlaw legal service for Judges and judicial staff. 10/1/08 – 9/30/11	\$156,582.24
7.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a.	Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute Harrisburg, PA	Approve SAVIN maintenance and service agreement. 1/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$4,237.09
8.	FINANCE	a.	Fidelity National Property & Casualty Insurance Company St. Petersburg, FL	Approve renewal of annual flood insurance policy for Quakertown Library.	\$1,349.
		b.	Tilley Fire Equipment Company Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to replace fire alarm system at Langhorne Branch of Bucks County Free Library.	\$22,900.
9.	FIRE MARSHAL	a.	Fire Alarm Maintenance Co. Lenni, PA	Approve contract increase for alarm panel repairs due to storm damage. 10/1/08 – 9/30/09	\$5,000.
10.	HEALTH	a.	Abington Memorial Hospital Abington, PA	Approve amendment to increase annual cap amount for inmate services. 11/1/03 – indefinitely	\$165,000.**
11.	INFORMATION SERVICES	a.	Lexis Nexis Dayton, OH	Approve contract extension to provide online legal research access until new contract takes effect. Until 10/31/08	\$4,035.**
		b.	Lexis Nexis Dayton, OH	Approve contract extension to provide online legal research access until new contract takes effect. Until 10/31/08	\$2,756.01**
		c.	Lexis Nexis Dayton, OH	Approve contract to provide online legal research to 97 users. 11/1/08 – 10/31/09	\$26,628.**
		d.	Lexis Nexis Dayton, OH	Approve contract to provide online legal research to 11 users. 11/1/08 – 10/31/09	\$11,940.**
		e.	Online Consulting Wilmington, DE	Approve training seminar in Philadelphia, PA. 12/1/08 – 12/5/08	\$3,160.**
		f.	Online Consulting Wilmington, DE	Approve training seminar in Philadelphia, PA. 12/8/08 – 12/12/08	\$2,660.**
12.	PUBLIC WORKS	a.	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Department of Transportation King of Prussia, PA	Authorize signing of Reimbursement Agreement for 2003 NBIS Bridge Inspections.	
		b.	Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, PC New York, NY	Approve contract to provide architectural services for the Bucks County Courthouse Design Concepts.	\$6,570,617.
		c.	Palman Electric, Inc. Huntingdon Valley, PA	Approve electrical contract for the new parking garage.	\$1,531,000.*

13.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	Xpedx Camp Hill, PA	Approve contract increase to purchase medical supplies. 1/1/06 – 12/31/08	\$5,500.**
14.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Bucks County Legal Aide Society Bucks County Symphony Society William Penn Fire Co. Building Fund	Approve Payment	\$20,000. \$1,000. \$1,000.

*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.

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 #11-023-0 Neshaminy Manor
Increased services required for Physical Therapy orders and Pharmacy orders.

Adjustment #11-024-0 Community Development Block Grant
To record loan repayments from the HOME program.

Adjustment #11-025-0 Print Shop
For increased volume for in house printing and color copies.

Adjustment #11-026-0 District Attorney
To cover increase in expenditures through 12/31/08

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, the following Resolution was adopted:

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Andrew F. Herman J.R.#127	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk	11/10/08	15.00 PH
2.	Devon M. Kelly J.R.# 97	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	12/08/08	20.20 PH
3.	Diane H. Lee J.R.# 158	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	12/08/08	20.20 PH
4.	Geraldine A. Lockwood J.R.#14	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	11/12/08	13.89 PH
5.	Sunitha V. Maymadom J.R. #20	Registered Nurse(Pool) Unit 60	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	11/12/08	28.00 PH
6.	Keia D. Sutton J.R.#14	Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	11/12/08	13.89 PH
7.	Renee M. Whyte J.R.#17	LPN(Pool) Unit 31	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	11/12/08	23.00 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
8.	Amber B. Anderson J.R.#13	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.00 To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	11/22/08	13.89 PH To 13.89 PH
9.	Kim M. Degroff J.R.#34	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	11/22/08	25.03 PH To 25.03 PH

10.	Rasheedah S. Melchor J.R.#13	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.00 To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	11/22/08	13.89 PH To 13.89 PH
11.	Steven D. Pagano J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Corrections Officer Unit 01	MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	11/22/08	18.46 PH To 18.46 PH

PROMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
12.	Wendy A. Stewart J.R.#27	Administrative Assistant 5 Unit 03 To Assessment Appeals Assistant Unit 03	Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk To Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk	11/08/08	18.87 PH To 20.30 PH
13.	Kenneth J. Thorpe J.R.#38	Food Service Attendant Unit 03 To Cook Unit 03	NM Dietary 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Dietary 40.0 hrs/wk	11/22/08	15.05 PH To 17.60 PH

PER DIEM TO PERM

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
14.	Barbara L. Raudenbush J.R.#26	Clerk Typist II Unit 04 To Coordinator Unit 03	Area Agency on Aging 37.5 hrs/wk To Tax Claim 35.0 hrs/wk	11/22/08	15.00 PH To 17.78 PH

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	UN	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
15.	Mary F. McBrearty	LPN	33	NM Nursing	12/06/08	Separation
16.	Kathryn A. McCall	LPN (Pool)	31	NM Nursing	11/20/08	Separation
17.	Roland N. Parker	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	11/22/08	Separation
18.	Barbara A. Rebstock	Activities Assistant	03	NM Activities	11/06/08	Separation
19.	James J. Sewell	Corrections Officer	01	Corrections	11/03/08	Separation
20.	Stephen W. Ullrich	Seasonal Help	00	Public Works	11/07/08	Separation

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season
*estimated date **Never Started

MISCELLANEOUS

Present at today’s meeting were Bucks County Corrections Officers who came to seek clarification on the new payroll system. They posed questions and asked for detail regarding discrepancies in their respective checks and inquired as to how it will be resolved.

Controller, Ray McHugh, spoke to the Corrections Officers and addressed their concerns. He provided some detail on the new payroll system, what it will handle, and some reasons why they are experiencing difficulties. He explained the problems that occurred with holiday pay as well as problems with inputting the various rates of pay, such as shift differentials. Mr. McHugh informed everyone that his staff has been working extensively to rectify the situation, that retroactive pay has been run manually, and their paychecks and/or direct deposits will be available by the end of the day.

The Corrections Officers expressed their appreciation to Mr. McHugh for his time. They explained that due to both miscommunication and lack of communication, they were getting mixed details as to what was occurring with their paychecks. In order to resolve this, one Officer was selected to act as a liaison between both departments to distribute information regarding the new payroll system.

The Commissioner thanked the Corrections Officers for coming today and bringing the situation to their attention.

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

Agenda Item – Mr. Sanko referenced item 12b on today’s agenda and complimented Gerry Anderson and the negotiating team for saving taxpayers \$5.5 million from the original project proposal.

Budget – The tentative 2009 budget will be published next week and Mr. Sanko said he will comment on this topic at the next meeting.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia shared information and voiced her support for a program that distributes drug testing kits to members of the public at a low cost. She shared her experience with the program, which she implemented alongside Judge Baranoski and the NAÏVE program in Middletown Township, and wished to find an agency to adopt the program at the County level.

Mr. Cawley suggested meeting with Joe Funk and the Health Department to discuss implementing the program with NAÏVE. Marge Hanna, Drug & Alcohol Commission, stated that the program has been thoroughly researched after Ms. Ellis-Marseglia's suggestion. She spoke about progress that has occurred, including a taskforce that has been created, and agreed to inform the Commissioners of all progress that occurs.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked for an update on the heating assistance program and a list of recommendations from Vitor Vicente, Community & Business Development. However, Mr. Vicente was not present at today's meeting to address the request.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia mentioned recommendations which were distributed at a Board of Elections meeting regarding improvements at polling places and suggested two additional items be added to the list.

To reduce expenditures for the 2009 budget, Mr. Martin suggested looking into scaling back or eliminating the Jury Commissioner positions. Mr. Cawley explained that these positions and salaries are mandated by the state and Solicitor, Glenn Hains, agreed to look into possibilities of reducing the salary or eliminating healthcare benefits. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia suggested looking into the same possibilities for Department and Row Office Solicitors.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Phyllis Winkler, a Penndel resident, inquired about placing a flagpole at the Penndel Courthouse. Commissioner Cawley asked Public Works to look into the suggestion and offered a reminder to be sensitive to lighting issues that could create a nuisance for neighbors.

Beverly Sherlock, a Bensalem resident, stated that she was injured at a polling place in the Primary Election and inquired about assistance with her medical bills. Mr. Hains responded and spoke of a Workers Compensation claim and contact between Ms. Sherlock and the Solicitor's Office. Ms. Sherlock and Mr. Hains agreed to re-initiate contact in an effort to pursue a solution.

Robert Hedden, Chairman, Lower Bucks Fire School Committee, requested a signed copy of the agreement approved as item 4on today's agenda.

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, spoke in favor of creating a committee to evaluate various aspects of the General Election to make improvements for the future. Mr. Martin explained that surveys have been sent to Judges of Elections, which will be returned to Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, for review. Ms. Rawley requested a machine incident report from the Board of Elections after sharing concerns about discrepancies between voter counts and voting machines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at the Bucks County Conference & Visitors Bureau, 3207 Street Road, Bensalem, 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