

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 15, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at the Delaware Valley College Farm Market, 2100 Lower State Road, Doylestown, PA. In attendance were Commissioner Charles H. Martin, Chairman, Commissioner James F. Cawley and Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia. Commissioner Martin opened the meeting with a moment of silence, asking that everyone remember Harry Kalas. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia introduced her furry companion, Joey, a Yorkshire Terrier puppy which she adopted from the SPCA after he was rescued with approximately 40 other puppies from an abandoned building.

Mr. Martin thanked Lanny Morgnanesi, Executive Director for College Communications, Delaware Valley College, for arranging today’s meeting and introduced Dr. Joseph Brosnan, Del Val College President, and presented him with a county flag to display on campus. Dr. Brosnan spoke about the college and the importance of the goal of the Bucks County Economic Development Advisory Board, of which he is honored to be a member.

Dr. Brosnan also welcomed everyone to the newly re-opened facility and explained that the college has partnered with the Fleming family, operators of Shady Brook Farm, to run the market. He introduced Dave and Paul Fleming, who spoke about their farm and showcased some locally-produced products sold at the market, such as eggs, beef, pork, honey, peanut butter and ice cream.

Commissioner Martin introduced E. Thomas Scarborough and Jeffrey Bennett, Doylestown Township councilmembers, who welcomed everyone and commented that Delaware Valley College and its market are an asset to the surrounding community.

Mr. Martin also recognized county officials who were present: Patricia Bachtle, Prothonotary, Edward “Duke” Donnelly, Sheriff, Ed Gudknecht, Recorder of Deeds and Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed April 15 – 22, 2009 as “CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK 2009” throughout the County of Bucks and encouraged all Bucks Countians to support efforts that promote awareness, stewardship and protection of the environment. In recognition of Earth Day, a poster contest with over 3,500 participants from Bucks County schools was held to heighten awareness of environmental protection. Before the meeting, an award ceremony was held to recognize the following winners:

Ava Baccari	Kindergarten	Holland Elementary
Haley Crowley	1st Grade	Nazareth Academy
Zachary Jones	2nd Grade	Walt Disney Elementary
Stephen Johnson	3rd Grade	Valley Day School
Kate Minlioonica	4th Grade	Jamison Elementary
Dante Palantino	5th Grade	Nazareth Academy
Olivia Bauer	6th Grade	Log College Middle
Renee Eastburn	7th Grade	Saint Ephrem School
Nick Gross	8th Grade	Log College Middle
Valeria Giacobbe	9th Grade	New-Hope Solebury High
Jame Lee	10th Grade	Valley Day School
Jess Meyer	11th Grade	Morrisville High
Eddie Ochoa	12th Grade	New Hope-Solebury High

The Commissioners proclaimed April 19 – 25, 2009 as “WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD” throughout the County of Bucks. They saluted quality child care providers and urged all residents to be advocates for children. This year’s theme, “Bring Communities Together for Children – Children Bring Communities Together” promotes the needs of young children, their families and early childhood programs that serve them. Maria Ramos and Marcia Straka of Bucks County Head Start encouraged everyone to volunteer at a childcare center and thank a childcare professional for their work.

The Commissioners proclaimed April 25 – May 2, 2009 as “INFANT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS WEEK” throughout Bucks County and recognized that vaccines are among the most successful, cost-effective public health tools for preventing disease and premature death, and that children need a series of vaccinations to be fully protected. The Commissioners encouraged businesses, schools, government agencies, national and community-based organizations and service groups to spread the immunization message and follow the lead of Bee Diddy, “Bee Cool, Bee Wise, Bee Immunized”. Janice Anastasi and Mary Jane Costa of the Health Department, along with Bee Diddy, accepted the proclamation and asked everyone to stay updated with their immunizations to avoid spreading dangerous viruses and bacteria to young children.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 1, 2009 were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Kathleen Saunders, League of Women Voters, asked for clarification on item 2a. Deena Dean, Board of Elections, responded with a detailed breakdown of the information requested.

DISCUSSION – Agenda Related Items

Rich Harvey, Agricultural Land Preservation, spoke on items 1a - c and introduced Mr. and Mrs. Weidman, who thanked the Commissioners and spoke about their farm.

Joe Funk, Health & Human Services, spoke on items 3 a, c & d regarding per diem rates.

David Sanko, Chief Operating Officer, spoke on item 6b with input from Meredith Dolan, Human Resources, and Chris Daley, Security.

John Dougherty, Emergency Management, spoke on item 7a & c with additional explanation from Mr. Sanko.

Brian Hessenthaler, Finance, spoke on items 8a & b.

Jerry Anderson, Director of Operations, spoke on item 9b and 9h regarding the process by which the vendor was chosen, and agreed to provide information about rating applicants pursuant to the Commissioner’s request.

Joe Funk, Health & Human Services, spoke on item 10a, explaining the contract was re-worked after being tabled at a prior meeting. He spoke on item 10b with input from Mr. Sanko and Harris Gubernick, Corrections, regarding the county’s responsibility for payment.

Meredith Dolan, Human Resources, provided a breakdown of the changes relating to item 11b, and Ms. Ellis-Marseglia made a request to review the full contract for clarification. Ms. Dolan also spoke on item 11a with input from Mr. Daley and Mr. Sanko in response to the Commissioners’ questions.

Kris Kern, Open Space, spoke on item 13a.

Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, spoke on item 14a.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Cawley, with the vote being 3-0, item 11b was TABLED.

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolution was approved with the exception of items 3a, 3c, 3d, 6b, 8a, 8b and 9h, which Ms. Ellis-Marseglia opposed but were approved with the vote being 2-1-0, and items 7a and 7c, from which Ms. Ellis-Marseglia abstained but were 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. AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION	a. Drenning H. and Carolyn N. Weidman Perkasie, PA	Approve county's portion of 67.352 acre conservation easement on the Weidman farm on Ridge Rd. in Bedminster Township. (T.M.P. 1-2-36-1, 1-2-41)	\$84,190. (+settlement charges and adjustments)
	b. Gregory C. Seifert and Laura J. DiDonato Quakertown, PA	Approve county's portion of 36.90 acre conservation easement on the Seifert/DiDonato farm on Woodbine Ln. in Haycock Township. (T.M.P. 14-2-25)	\$184,500. (+settlement charges and adjustments)
	c. Laurie Ermentrout Perkasie, PA	Approve county's portion of 16.36 acre conservation easement on the Ermentrout farm on Elephant Rd. in Bedminster Township. (T.M.P. 1-1-65, 1-6-11)	\$20,450. (+settlement charges and adjustments)
2. BOARD OF ELECTIONS	a. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Harrisburg, PA	Approve extension of deadlines for Help America Vote Act grants. 7/1/04 – 6/30/11	
3. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Child & Family Focus Valley Forge, PA	Approve contract to provide foster and therapeutic care services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$25,000.**
	b. George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania Grove City, PA	Approve contract to provide residential care to delinquent youth. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$210,000.**
	c. Rejoice, Inc. Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care and adoption services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$6,500.**
	d. St. Joseph's Center Scranton, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$10,200.**
	e. Valley Youth House Allentown, PA	Approve contract to provide emergency shelter, independent living program and group home services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$265,389.**
	f. Valley Youth House Allentown, PA	Approve contract to provide emergency shelter and group home services. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$704,300.**
4. CORRECTIONS	a. Bob Barker Co. Fuquay Varina, NC	Approve contract extension to purchase clothing for inmates as bid by the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board. 5/1/07 – 4/30/10	\$1,226.87**
	b. Chris Wolff Plumbing Perkasie, PA	Approve contract to provide and install two hot water heaters at Men's Community Corrections Center. 3/18/09 – 5/31/09	\$24,875.
	c. Pro-Corr Outfitters Columbus, OH	Approve contract extension to purchase clothing for inmates as bid by the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board. 5/1/07 – 4/30/10	\$13,897.56**
	d. Robinson Textiles Gardena, CA	Approve contract extension to purchase clothing for inmates as bid by the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board. 5/1/07 – 4/30/10	\$14,640.54**

		e.	The Liberty Store Auburn, NY	Approve contract extension to purchase clothing for inmates as bid by the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board. 5/1/07 – 4/30/10	\$27,181.72**
5.	CRIME LABORATORY	a.	Perkin-Elmer Shelton, CT	Approve increase to service contract for maintenance and service of GCMS instrument. 3/1/09 – 2/28/10	\$14,364.
6.	DOMESTIC RELATIONS	a.	BDP Lighting & Installation, Inc. Plumsteadville, PA	Approve contract to install lights, partitions and radio in replacement vehicle for Sheriff/DRS Warrant Unit.	\$4,802.83
		b.	Tri-County Security Vineland, NJ	Approve contract to provide security guard services at satellite office in Bristol, PA. 5/1/09 – 4/30/10	\$49,337.60**
7.	EMERGENCY SERVICES / PA SERCTTF	a.	111 Warwick Meadows, LLC Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve extension to lease agreement with a rental increase and condominium fee for Pennsylvania Southeastern Region Counter Terrorism Taskforce. 5/7/08 – 5/6/10	\$32,190.36
		b.	Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant award to initiate, expand, maintain and improve the EMS system. 7/1/09 – 6/30/12	\$1,132,424.** Revenue
		c.	SOSSEC Incorporated Danville, NH	Approve contract to implement Phase I of the regional Fusion Center Project. 4/15/09 – 4/15/10	\$298,490.91
8.	FINANCE	a.	The National Union Insurance Company	Approve renewal of Public Officials & Employment Practices Liability Insurance Policy. 3/31/09 – 3/31/10	\$104,000.
		b.	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.	Approve renewal of Employee Dishonesty Bond. 4/7/09 – 4/7/12	\$19,920.
9.	GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Chris Wolff Plumbing, Inc. Perkasie, PA	Approve contract to replace hot water tank at Neshaminy Manor Nursing Facility.	\$46,775.
		b.	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Dept. of Transportation Harrisburg, PA	Approve deed for highway access on Route 413 in Buckingham Township on behalf of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. (T.M.P. 6-6-25)	
		c.	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Dept. of Transportation Harrisburg, PA	Approve Right of Way agreement for highway improvements on Headquarters Rd. in Tincum Township.	
		d.	Dejana Truck and Utility Equipment Kings Park, NY	Approve contract to purchase shelving units and contractor package for new vehicles.	\$31,120.*
		e.	Donald E. Reisinger, Inc. West Chester, PA	Approve contract increase for general construction at Voice and Communications Data Center.	\$1,106.52
		f.	Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc. North Wales, PA	Approve Right of Way Agreement for building entrance at 7321 New Falls Rd. in Levittown.	
		g.	Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc. North Wales, PA	Approve Right of Way Agreement for underground grant at 118 East Swamp Rd. in Doylestown.	
		h.	Carroll Engineering	Approve contract for traffic design.	\$85,500.

10.	HEALTH	a.	Warrington, PA Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Somerset, PA	Approve payment for inpatient and outpatient medical services provided to a BCCF Inmate.	\$33,784.89
		b.	Doylestown Hospital Doylestown, PA	Approve annual contract for an Executive Director for the Bucks County Health Improvement Program (BCHIP). 4/1/09 – Indefinite	\$50,367.
11.	HUMAN RESOURCES	a.	Bucks County Security Guards Association Harrisburg, PA	Approve union agreement for Security Guards. 1/6/06 – 12/31/11	
	TABLED	b.	Human Resources	Approve revised, updated policies within the County of Bucks Human Resources Policies and revised updates to Personnel Practices & Procedures. Effective 4/15/09	
12.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	Joerns Healthcare, Inc. Stevens Point, NJ	Approve contract to purchase electric beds for residents. 5/15/09 – 5/14/10	\$32,108.**
13.	OPEN SPACE	a.	Lower Southampton Township	Approve Municipal Open Space grant to acquire 13.68 acres at 1451 Bustleton Pike. (T.M.P. 21-008-003)	\$517,197.
		b.	Open Space	Authorize Kristine Kern, Open Space Coordinator, to sign the HUD-1 Settlement Statement and any other ancillary documents on behalf of the County of Bucks.	
14.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract to conduct study regarding reactivation of passenger rail service to the Quakertown area.	\$3,997.
		b.	Wrightstown Township Wrightstown, PA	Approve contract to provide planning assistance to update Open Space Plan.	\$4,000. Revenue
15.	REGISTER OF WILLS	a.	PMI Technologies Cherry Hill, NJ	Approve contract to scan and digitize archive books.	\$27,991.**
16.	SHERIFF	a.	BDP Lighting & Installation, Inc. Plumsteadville, PA	Approve contract to purchase and install vehicle partitions, lighting and equipment.	\$18,579.21
17.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Bucks County Choral Society David and Charlotte Steinbach Foundation Free Clinic of Doylestown Reach out Foundation of Bucks County YMCA of Lower Bucks	Approve Payment	\$1,000. \$1,000. \$8,500. \$500. \$2,500.

*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

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

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Rohan A. Dua J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	05/15/09	7.59 PH+

2.	Antoinette M. Hersh J.R.#322	Human Resources Intern Unit 00	Human Resources 20.0 hrs/wk	04/13/09	10.25 PH
3.	Kenneth R. Hevener J.R.#24	Security Screener Unit 00	Security 12.5 hrs/wk	04/03/09	12.73 PH
4.	Mary B. Linder J.R.#17	LPN Unit 31	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	04/14/09	26.26 PH
5.	Sharin J. Marcucci J.R.#19	Registered Nurse Unit 06	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	04/14/09	27.73 PH

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
6.	Erin McPeak J.R.#76 Sep date 07/05/08	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	04/13/09	8.00 PH+

PER DIEM TO PERM

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
7.	Angela S. Billups	Nursing Assistant Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	04/11/09	13.89 PH To 16.32 PH
8.	Kelly N. Chavis	Nursing Assistant Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	04/25/09	13.89 PH To 16.32 PH
9.	Amethyst S. Lewis	Nursing Assistant Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	04/11/09	13.89 PH To 16.32 PH

PROMOTION/DEMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
10.	Sheilah Peranteau J.R.#262	Clerk Typist Unit 03 To Clerk Steno- Permit Clerk Unit 03	Parks & Recreation 35.0 hrs/wk To Parks & Recreation 35.0 hrs/wk	04/18/09	15.50 PH To 16.81 PH

CHANGE OF HOURS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
11.	David C. Sheehan	Security Screener Unit 00	Security 20.0 hrs/wk to 12.5 hrs/wk	03/31/09	12.73 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
12.	Peter A. Donat J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Corrections Officer Unit 01	MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	04/18/09	22.83 PH To 22.83 PH

POSITION CHANGE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
13.	Cynthia J. Ashwell J.R.#317	Clerk Steno-Permit Clerk Unit 00 To Ranger Clerk Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 35.0 hrs/wk To Parks & Recreation 20.0 Hrs/wk	04/18/09	15.50 PH To 10.25 PH

14.	Richard P. Deley J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00 To Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks & Recreation 40.0 hrs/wk	01/09/09	8.85 PH To 9.23 PH+
15.	Ashley M. Zidek J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00 To Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks & Recreation 40.0 hrs/wk	01/09/09	8.08 PH To 8.24 PH+

SEPARATIONS

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
16. Lola G. Biuckians	Terrorism Project Manager	Emergency Management Agency	04/04/09	Separation
17. Edward Cieri	Seasonal Help	General Services	04/01/09	Separation
18. John E. Hanks	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing	03/23/09	Separation
19. Salamatu E. Bangura	Registered Nurse	NM Nursing	03/31/09	Separation**
20. Sammar S. Henson	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing	04/02/09	Separation
21. Daxton H. Lowery	Corrections Officer	Corrections	04/09/09	Separation
22. Sarah Lynn Miller	Seasonal Help	Parks & Recreation	03/31/09	Separation
23. Daniel T. Obrien	Seasonal Help	Parks & Recreation	03/31/09	Separation
24. Amelia A. Perez	Corrections Officer	Corrections	03/27/09	Separation
25. Howard S. Rubin	Security Guard	Security	04/27/09	Separation

+eligible for 50 cents/hour bonus if completes season

*estimated date **Never Started

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked a question regarding the Court and Row Office Personnel List. Mr. Martin commented that the Board of Commissioners considers only the Human Resources Personnel List, and the other list is solely for informational purposes.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia and Mr. Cawley talked about the power of the Commissioners to direct that row office solicitors shall document their work hours. Mr. Cawley stated that while he supported the spirit of the motion, he expressed concerns regarding the ability of the Commissioners to direct row office solicitors to act. The Commissioners also discussed the benefits and drawbacks of the proposition, the consequences of non-compliance, and their opinions regarding what the findings will reveal. Mr. Cawley expressed his belief that taxpayers get an excellent value in terms of the amount of work performed by row office solicitors for the amount of compensation provided.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia motioned that row office solicitors shall document their work hours in writing down to quarter hour increments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cawley, opposed by Mr. Martin, and was approved with the vote being 2-1-0.

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

APPOINTMENTS

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

Senior Task Force

- Kathy Bennett - reappointment - term expires 5/6/12
- JoAnn E. Connelly - reappointment - term expires 5/6/12
- William Lloyd - reappointment - term expires 5/6/12
- Daniel Haimowitz, M.D. - reappointment - term expires 5/6/12
- Vince Volpe - reappointment - term expires 5/6/12

Women's Advisory Council

- Mary Ann Griffin - new appointment - term expires 4/9/12

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

Senior Task Force

- Michelle Schery-Simpson - new appointment - term expires 5/6/12

Women's Advisory Council

Barbara DeFlavis - new appointment - term expires 4/9/12

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Buy American Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment, and

WHEREAS, those same Americans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services, and

WHEREAS, President Obama has signed into law a taxpayer-paid economic recovery package passed by Congress that is designed to provide billions of dollars to help economically devastated communities by immediately providing jobs to out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects and other projects that will require manufactured components, and

WHEREAS, our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring the economic vitality of our communities, and

WHEREAS, any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan monies will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize our greater economy, and

WHEREAS, any economic recovery plan spending should – to every extent possible – include a commitment from Bucks County to buy materials, goods and services for projects from companies that are produced within the United States, thus employing the very workers who pay the taxes for the economic recovery plan spending in the first place.

NOW THEREFORE, do we, the Board of Bucks County Commissioners, Charles H. Martin, chairman, James F. Cawley, Esq., and Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW, commit to maximizing the creation of American jobs and restoring economic growth and opportunity by spending economic recovery plan funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed.

In so doing, we commit to purchasing products and services that are made or performed in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible with any American Recovery & Reinvestment Act economic recovery monies provided to Bucks County by the American taxpayers, and

To publish any requests to waive these procurement priorities so as to give American workers and producers the opportunity to identify and provide the American products and services that will maximize the success of our nation's economic recovery program.

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

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia shared her preference that the word “only” be added to the Resolution’s text, and asked if public comment would be taken on the Resolution, to which Glenn Hains, Solicitor, provided clarification.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Buy American Resolution

None.

David M. Sanko, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following matters:

Keystone Opportunity Zone – The state deadline to apply for a Keystone Opportunity Zone designation is May 1. Although no recommendations have been made as of yet, several projects are being reviewed at the municipal and school district level. Given that the deadline is prior to the Commissioners next meeting, Mr. Sanko proposed a Resolution to grant Charles H. Martin, Chairman, the authority to designate, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, KOZ areas to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and to sign all necessary documents for that purpose until the next meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Cawley and Mr. Sanko provided clarification regarding the proposed Resolution and the projects being considered for KOZ designation in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s query. After the Board deliberated, Mr. Cawley suggested that a special meeting be held, once a recommendation has been finalized by a KOZ applicant, instead of signing the proposed Resolution.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia spoke of interviews conducted this week for construction management firms and made a motion to conduct a study prior to creating a project labor agreement for the courthouse.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

She asked to discuss the topic at the next Commissioners meeting, to which Mr. Martin suggested that the construction management firm be hired first.

Commissioner Martin commented that he attended a meeting, along with approximately 300 other attendees, with the Pennsylvania Museum and Historic Commission at Washington Crossing. The meeting was held to urge state officials to keep the Visitor's Center open and move forward with plans to improve the site.

To coincide with Earth Day, Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, presented a BEGIN Committee Update Report. She spoke of the past year's accomplishments, including the installation of lamps at the courthouse which save electricity and sustainable landscaping. She reported that the county is on track to collect and recycle 4 tons of cans and bottles from the courthouse alone, and concluded by offering a preview of events in the upcoming year.

Mr. Cawley expressed how pleased he was by the progress report and spoke of the wonderful work being done by the BEGIN Committee. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia also thanked the employees for their energy, enthusiasm, and great ideas.

PUBLIC COMMENT – All Items

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, expressed her gratitude to the Commissioners for holding yesterday's Board of Elections meeting and to Deena Dean, Director, Board of Elections, for inviting the Judges of Elections to the meeting, who shared ideas for potentially improving elections in the future. Ms. Rawley shared her hope that an evaluation committee would be created to study some of the ideas, and added that she had names of several potential members. Mr. Cawley responded that he would review the suggestion with Ms. Dean, and Ms. Ellis-Marseglia spoke about writing a letter to state representatives regarding possibilities for improving future elections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at the Upper Bucks Senior Center, Milford Fire Company, 2185 Milford Square Pike, Quakertown, PA.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BY:

Charles H. Martin
Chairman

James F. Cawley, Esq.
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW
Commissioner

David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk