

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 15, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., at Peace Valley Park, Lakeview North Pavilion No. 5, 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, 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.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Martin thanked everyone for attending and introduced New Britain Township Supervisor Chairman Robert Cotton and applauded him for his 34 consecutive years of public service. Mr. Cotton welcomed the Commissioners, the attendees and their four-legged friends, and spoke about Peace Valley Park.

Bill Mitchell, Director, Parks & Recreation, spoke about Lake Galena and Peace Valley Park and introduced members of the Parks & Recreation Board: Chairman, Charles Raudenbush, Michelle Smyser, and Lowell Musselman.

Commissioner Martin thanked the staff of Public Information and Blooming Glen Catering for their work on the picnic held before the meeting.

Mr. Martin recognized county officials who were present: Ed Gudknecht, Recorder of Deeds, Ray McHugh, Controller, Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts, and Bill Snyder, Treasurer.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed August 2009 as "CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT MONTH" throughout the County of Buck. They acknowledged the importance of child support to children and families and honored the 100 dedicated Bucks County Domestic Relations professionals who are committed to making a difference in the lives of children. Laura LoBianco, Director, Domestic Relations, accepted and shared positive accomplishments of the office, and encouraged everyone to visit the "Top Ten Domestic Warrants" webpage on the county website so as to eliminate outstanding child support warrants. She also spoke of her volunteer work at the Bucks County SPCA.

COMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners presented Letters of Commendation to Officer Lee Crawford and Officer Harry Vitello in honor of their heroic efforts to rescue 46 abused Yorkshire puppies from an abandoned home in Upper Makefield Township. Due to their diligence, all dogs survived and were adopted through a coordinated effort with the Bucks County SPCA. Officers Vitello and Crawford thanked the Commissioners and expressed their appreciation to the SPCA members, who they deemed the unsung heroes as they deal with difficult situations on a daily basis. Mr. Martin also introduced Mark Schmidt, Chief, Upper Makefield Township Police, who expressed his gratitude to the officers and the Commissioners.

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to Officer Howell and his four-legged companion, Hamilton, in honor of Hamilton's victory in the Bucks County Government Cutest County Canine Contest. Hamilton is a three-year-old Maltese Poodle and was awarded a gift basket from Doggie Deli in Doylestown as his prize.

In honor of Hamilton's victory as the Cutest County Canine, the Commissioners presented a check to SPCA representative Nikki Thompson, who thanked the Commissioners for their support and spoke about the SPCA.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None.

OLD BUSINESS

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

DISCUSSION – Agenda Items

Brian Duke, Area Agency on Aging, spoke on item 1a.

Vitor Vicente, Community & Business Development, spoke on item 2a regarding the increase in HUD funding.

Jerry Anderson, General Services, spoke on item 5c. He also spoke on items 5a, d and i, which were listed under Purchasing and tabled at a previous meeting. He explained why the new contracts show adjusted amounts and are now listed under General Services. He also answered Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s questions regarding underuse of one vendor, and stated he would monitor the situation. A discussion followed, with input from Pete McElroy, Asset Manager, regarding maintenance services provided to vehicles in the Sheriff’s department.

Joe Bush, General Services, spoke on item 5e & f and explained the need for a change order in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s questions. Additional explanation was provided by David Sanko, Chief Operating Officer.

David Sanko provided an explanation of items 6a & b.

Don Jacobs, Information Technology, spoke on item 7a and explained that county infrastructure will be updated and will result in a cost savings.

Mr. Martin spoke on item 8a in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s query.

Kris Kern, Open Space, spoke on item 9a.

Bill Mitchell, Parks & Recreation, spoke on item 10a and provided an explanation of the easement.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved with the exception of the CDBG portion of item 2a and items 4a & b, which Ms. Ellis-Marseglia opposed, but were approved with the vote being 2-1-0, and item 8a, from which Ms. Ellis-Marseglia 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.	Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide assistance to low-income households. 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$28,000.**
2.	COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	a.	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia, PA	Approve amendment to CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding due to increased grant award. 4/1/09 – 3/31/10	\$224,491. Revenue
3.	CORRECTIONS	a.	Aramark Uniform Services Burbank, CA	Approve contract extension to purchase jackets for inmates. 7/1/07 – 6/30/10	\$6,201.36*
		b.	Honeywell Building Solutions Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract to provide network configuration, hardware and installation of control center workstations. 7/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$54,178.
4.	FINANCE	a.	Fidelity National Property & Casualty Insurance Company St. Petersburg, FL	Approve renewal of Flood Insurance Policy. 8/17/09 – 8/17/10	\$15,271.
		b.	Safety National Casualty Corporation St. Louis, MO	Approve additional premium for Excess Workers Compensation Insurance Policy. 2/1/08 – 2/1/09	\$9,291.
5.	GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Accel Auto Service Warminster, PA	Approve contract to provide vehicle maintenance and repair services. 8/1/09 – 7/31/11	\$51,400.*
		b.	Bi State Construction Co., Inc. Easton, PA	Approve contract increase to rebuild two stone wing walls and concrete collars on Bridge #223 on Old Easton Rd. in Nockamixon Twp.	\$30,605.**
		c.	Franc Environmental Inc. New Britain, PA	Approve contract to remove waste from the Waste Water Treatment Plant. 8/1/09 – 7/31/11	\$114,100.*

	d.	Kerrigan Automotive Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide vehicle maintenance and repair services. 8/1/09 – 7/31/11	\$78,800.*
	e.	Lederach Electric Lederach, PA	Approve contract increase for additional electric work in new District Court Building in Richland Twp.	\$11,646.75
	f.	Magnum, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase for various improvements to two new buildings in Richland Twp.	\$51,183.67
	g.	PennDOT Engineering District 6-0 King of Prussia, PA	Authorize Commissioner Chairman Charles H. Martin to sign reimbursement agreement for design, right-of-way, utilities, and construction costs for replacement of Bridge #21 on Rickert Rd. in Hilltown Twp. and for David M. Sanko, Chief Clerk, to attest his signature.	
	h.	PennDOT Engineering District 6-0 King of Prussia, PA	Authorize Commissioner Chairman Charles H. Martin to sign reimbursement agreement for additional reimbursement of design costs for Bridge #45 on Stoney Bridge Road in Bedminster Twp., and for David M. Sanko, Chief Clerk, to attest his signature.	
	i.	Scrappy's Auto Service Pennadel, PA	Approve contract to provide vehicle maintenance and repair services. 8/1/09 – 7/31/11	\$35,400.*
6.		HEALTH		
	a.	A. Mastrocco Jr. Moving & Storage, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract for storage of Points of Dispensing and other supplies. 8/1/09 – 7/31/11	\$24,000.
	b.	Rinchem Company, Inc. dba GEA Warehouses Albuquerque, NM	Approve contract for storage of Points of Dispensing and other supplies. 8/1/09 – 7/31/11	\$28,800.
7.		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
	a.	Verizon Business Network Services Malvern, PA	Approve contract decrease due to cost savings and change in configuration. 1/1/09 – 12/31/13	
8.		MH/MR		
	a.	Alan Kane and Bonnie Kane Doylestown, PA	Approve payment of court ordered settlement.	\$15,900.84
9.		OPEN SPACE		
	a.	East Rockhill Township Perkasie, PA	Approve Municipal Open Space Program Grant for the completion of a local open space plan.	\$5,771.20
10.		PARKS & RECREATION		
	a.	Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority Richboro, PA	Approve sale of easement for sewer line for the Iron Works Creek Interceptor Rehabilitation. (TMP 31-015-103)	\$76,172.86 Revenue
11.		OTHER CIVICS		
	a.	Pearl S. Buck Foundation Puerto Rican Cultural Association of Bucks County	Approve Payment	\$4,000. \$2,000.

*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.

PERSONNEL

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

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Mary E. Balkus J.R.#382	Admin Asst – Secretary Unit 00	MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk	07/20/09 01/20/10	20.22 PH To 20.82PH
2.	Megan L. Becker J.R.#16	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	07/05/09	8.15 PH+
3.	Terrence L. Cheromcke J.R.#407	Activities Assistant Unit 03	NM Activities 12.0 hrs/wk	06/22/09	13.26 PH
4.	Elaine A. Cole J.R.#14	Nursing Assistant - PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	07/07/09	13.89 PH
5.	Theresa A. Desantis	Administrative Asstistant Unit 00	Public Information 40.0 hrs/wk	07/20/09 01/20/10	14.90 PH To 15.34 PH
6.	Ashley N. Donahue J.R.#17	LPN - Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	07/07/09	23.00 PH
7.	Andrew D. Drum J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 40.0 hrs/wk	06/23/09	7.59 PH+
8.	David Ferrero J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	06/18/09	8.15 PH+
9.	Shannon L. Glass J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	05/27/09	8.15 PH+
10.	Karen A. Harvey J.R.#17	LPN - Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	07/21/09	23.00 PH
11.	Clarissa D. McKiney J.R.#14	Nursing Assistant - PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	07/07/09	13.89 PH
12.	Katelyn A. Mazenko J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	06/19/09	8.15 PH+
13.	Karen S. Riloff	Legal Secretary Unit 00	Solicitor 20.0 hrs/wk	07/13/09	16.00 PH
14.	James E. Weiman J.R.#332	Associate Business Analyst Unit 00	Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk	08/03/09 01/03/10	23.33 PH To 24.02 PH

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
15.	Emmanuel S. Roberts J.R.#23	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	04/03/09	22.83 PH

PERM TO PER DIEM

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
16.	Michele L. Viola J.R.#20	Registered Nurse Unit 06 To Registered Nurse - Pool Unit 60	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	07/04/09	25.42 PH To 28.00 PH

PROMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
17.	Edward J. Hueston J.R.#369	Laundry Machine Operator Unit 02 To Trades Level I Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	07/04/09	19.59 PH To 22.20 PH
18.	Susan McCurdy J.R.#346	County Social Services Aide I Unit 04 To Fiscal Assistant Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	07/18/09	14.47 PH To 16.54 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
19.	Amy E. Stock J.R.#387	Administrative Asstistant Unit 00 To Coordinator – Office Manager Unit 00	Public Information 40.0 hrs/wk To Consumer Protection 40.0 hrs/wk	07/18/09 01/18/10	16.52 PH To 19.50 PH To 20.08 PH

POSITION CHANGE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
20.	William E. Carpenter	Dispatcher I Unit 03 To Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk To 911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	04/30/09	13.52 PH To 13.52 PH
21.	Felicia M. Coxhead J.R.#422	Activities Assistant Unit 03 To Activities Assistant Unit 03	NM Activities 12.0 hrs/wk To NM Activities 6.0 hrs/wk	07/04/09	13.26 PH To 13.26 PH
22.	Kathleen M. McCole	Dispatcher I Unit 03 To Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk To 911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	04/30/09	13.52 PH To 13.52 PH
23.	Klazina P. Stanwick J.R.#422	Activities Assistant Unit 03 To Activities Assistant Unit 03	NM Activities 12.0 hrs/wk To NM Activities 12.0 hrs/wk	07/04/09	13.26 PH To 13.26 PH
24.	Diana L. Strawn	Dispatcher I Unit 03 To Dispatcher Trainee Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk To 911 Emergency Response 30.0 hrs/wk	04/30/09	13.52 PH To 13.52 PH
25.	Melanie S. Worthington J.R.#13	Restorative Aide Unit 03 To Nursing Assistant Unit 03	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	08/15/09	16.81 PH To 16.81 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
26.	Richard E. Armitage	Seasonal Help Unit 00 To Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	06/20/09	7.22 PH To 7.25 PH
27.	Patrick T. Kennedy	Seasonal Help Unit 00 To Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk	06/20/09	7.22 PH To 7.25 PH

CHANGE OF HOURS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
28.	Sara E. Bogdnoff	Legal Secretary Unit 00 To Legal Secretary Unit 00	Solicitor 40.0 hrs/wk To Solicitor 20.0 hrs/wk	07/12/09	18.00 PH To 18.00 PH

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
29.	John S. Bailey, Jr.	Data Center Specialist	Information Technology	06/23/09	Separation
30.	Matthew L. Buselli	Seasonal Help	Parks & Recreation	05/01/09	Separation
31.	Lance D. Carlen	Dispatcher I-PT	911 Emergency Response	06/30/09	Separation
32.	Francesca L. Dangelo	Activities Assistant	NM Activities	07/25/09	Separation
33.	Kevin D. Gustafson	County Social Worker I	Children & Youth	08/03/09	Separation

34.	Erica A. Josepays	Dispatcher Trainee	911 Emergency Response	07/08/09	Separation
35.	Kelly A. Knowles	PHN II	Health Department	06/24/09	Separation
36.	Faye Kralik	LPN	NM Nursing	07/07/09	Separation
37.	Kenneth S. Michener	Data Center Specialist	Information Technology	06/23/09	Separation
38.	Jocelyn Myers	Dispatcher Trainee	911 Emergency Response	06/27/09	Separation
39.	Abigail L. Osifchin	County Caseworker II	Children & Youth	08/09/09	Separation
40.	Christopher C. Romano	Seasonal Help	Parks & Recreation	06/25/09	Separation
41.	Stephanie Saint-Vil	Nursing Assistant – PT	NM Nursing	06/26/09	Separation
42.	Kimberly A. White	LPN	NM Nursing Pool	06/23/09	Separation**
43.	Agnes Williams	LPN	NM Nursing	07/08/09	Separation
44.	Barbara B. Williams	PHN IV Supervisor	Health Department	08/03/09	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.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia posed questions regarding items #5 and 13 on the personnel list. Meri Dolan, Human Resources, provided an explanation of the hiring process for the two positions. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia expressed her preference that more interviews be conducted and the positions be advertised. The Board also discussed the confidentiality of the positions.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia motioned to direct Meri Dolan, Director, Human Resources, to write a policy with regard to advertising all positions. Following a discussion on the matter, the motion failed for lack of a second.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Saturday July 18 – The Household Hazardous Waste & Computer Recycling Collection Program will take place at the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, which is traditionally one of the largest collection points in the county.

Friday, July 24 – The Commissioners will host a “21st Century Alliance” resolution signing with Mayor Yoon Tae-jin of the Namdong District, Republic of Korea at the Pearl S. Buck International Headquarters in Dublin.

The RFP for the Bike Plan has been issued and is due back on August 17.

The Department of Human Resources and the Solicitor are still reviewing Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s suggestion to include a Whistleblower Policy in the county personnel policies. A recommendation will be made in the near future.

A class action grievance has been filed by the PSSU objecting to the recently-adopted Human Resources drug testing policy following a vehicle accident.

A state budget has not yet been adopted. One version was rejected today, thereby preventing any version making it to the governor’s desk by the end of the week.

Today the house rejected Senate Bill 850, which was a \$27.3 billion spending plan, slightly larger than the current fiscal year. The governor’s proposal of \$28.7 billion is not yet scheduled for a vote. Tomorrow, a vote is scheduled for House Bill 1416, which is a \$29.1 billion bill. It excludes all funding for higher education, \$1.6 billion, which would put all federal stimulus monies at risk. In its entirety, the bill would be \$30.7 billion, which would be the largest spending bill in state history.

The Commissioners offered comments on the following matters:

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked about a proposed letter to Harrisburg regarding Senate Bill 850. A discussion followed among the Commissioners, all who expressed their opinions on the letter.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked for an update on a situation involving the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority and Doylestown Borough.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked about PENNVEST applications and expressed support for one or more of them. Mr. Sanko and Lynn Bush, Planning Commission, provided additional explanation regarding the county’s traditional role in PENNVEST applications. The Commissioners discussed sending a letter of endorsement and also spoke about which projects to support. Mr. Martin stated “I don’t want the private ones. I would support the public ones. Why don’t we let Mr. Sanko give us the list. Why don’t we do this. Give us a list tomorrow and we’ll check off the ones we want to send a letter for, and anyone that gets three checks we’ll send a letter for. If you get three checks, you get a letter”.

Mr. Cawley stated that he met with Solicitor Glenn Hains, who in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s request, is

currently evaluating a proposal for non-row office solicitors to document their hours. A recommendation will be made by the Solicitor in the near future.

Mr. Sanko, Mr. Martin and Ms. Ellis-Marseglia discussed positions in the Controller’s office which may be filled.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia spoke about a conversation she had with SPCA Director Ann Irwin regarding the hoarding of pets and the possibility of creating a taskforce to address the issue. The Board agreed that Ms. Ellis-Marseglia should research the issue further.

PUBLIC COMMENT – All Items

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, asked Mr. Cawley about the possibility of creating an election evaluation committee. Mr. Cawley stated that he met with the Director of the Board of Elections, who is still researching the issue, but her preliminary report suggested that a structured meeting with all Judges of Elections might be a more effective means of addressing Election Day concerns. A discussion followed regarding the role of citizens in the election process. Ms. Rawley also spoke about legislation pertaining to the redistricting of election districts, and a recent report released by the League of Women Voters entitled “Election Auditing”. Mr. Cawley requested that a copy of the report be forwarded to his attention.

Frank Preedy, a Riegelsville Borough resident, spoke about a recent action taken by Riegelsville Borough Council to stop commercial zoning for a proposed shopping center near the Delaware River. He shared his concerns regarding the potential for a lawsuit, and asked for the county’s assistance. The Commissioners all responded to his comments and concerns, and a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the situation and available assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Middletown Grange Fair, 576 Penns Park Road, Wrightstown, 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
Commissioner

David M. Sanko, County Chief Clerk