

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 4, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the Middletown Township Building, 3 Municipal Way, Langhorne, 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

Commissioner Martin welcomed everyone and thanked Middletown Township for hosting the meeting.

Mr. Martin recognized county officials who were present: Ray McHugh, Controller, and Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts.

Mr. Martin also acknowledged Det Ansinn, Council Member from Doylestown Borough, State Representative Frank Farry, Al Sutter and Sean Schafer from Senator Tomlinson’s Office, Tom Gallagher from the Middletown Township Zoning Hearing Board, and Mike Morris and Irene Boyle from Neshaminy School Board.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed November 4, 2009 as “Middletown Township Veterans Park Day” throughout the County of Bucks in salute to Middletown Township and the Veterans Park Committee for their efforts to create a place that will teach future generations about the brave contributions made throughout America’s history. This park will honor ordinary citizens and their extraordinary sacrifice for our nation. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia expressed how pleased she is with the progress that has been made and gave special thanks to the Unions who have donated countless hours of labor. Jim Remer, Chairman of the Committee and proud Vietnam Veteran, introduced the members of the Committee. Present were Mike Viola, Jim Howood, Dory and Doris Bower, Bill Beadling, Jim Peet, Bill Perry, Debby Lamanna, and Cheryl Kauffman. Mr. Remer gave special thanks to Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia for all that she has done.

The Commissioners proclaimed November 4, 2009 as “GOAL DAY” throughout the County of Bucks and commended the volunteers of GOAL (Greenbelt Overhaul Alliance of Levittown) for working together to clean up the greenbelt areas and creek beds that lie between the “sections” of Levittown. Commissioner Cawley announced that to facilitate GOAL cleanup in your section, the formula is 30/30 – organize 30 people and give GOAL 30 days notice and they will organize the cleanup with equipment, safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and a dumpster. GOAL can be reached at its web site: [www.ltowngoal.webs.com](http://www.ltowngoal.webs.com). Dale Frazier, founder of GOAL, thanked the Commissioners and the people of Levittown and encouraged everyone to come out on Saturday, November 14th, for the next cleanup which will address the greenbelt between Holly Hill and Crabtree.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Ron Workman, Executive Director of the Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra thanked the Commissioners for their support of the 2008/2009 season and spoke about upcoming events for the Orchestra.

COMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to the Philadelphia Macaroni Company in recognition of their donation of 20 tons of assorted pasta to the Bucks County Opportunity Council. According to Bucks County Opportunity Council Executive Director, Roger Collins, the massive pasta donation is greatly appreciated by members of the community his organization serves. The Opportunity Council will use the repackaged portions to stock the shelves of the many area food pantries it supports daily. Mr. Collins thanked the Commissioners for recognizing the Philadelphia Macaroni Company and the 125 volunteers of the macaroni squad throughout the County.

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to the staff of the Bucks County Planning Commission in recognition of their receipt of the 2009 "Public Outreach Award" from the Pennsylvania Chapter for Planning Excellence of the American Planning Association. Specifically, the award was presented for the Bucks County Watershed Protection and Education and Community Awareness Project. The project was part of the Water Resources Education Network, which works in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Community Awareness Project partnered with the Bucks County Conservation District to showcase six properties and presentations from landscape managers, engineers, conservationists and others directly involved with the design, implementation, maintenance, stewardship and educational outreach. In addition to the award, the staff of the Bucks County Planning Commission has been commended by the Planning Commission board members for their leadership in making the Neshaminy Manor Center a "greener" campus. In collaboration with the Bucks Employees Green Initiative (BEGIN) Committee, the Planning Commission praised the low-mow, no-mow policy on the campus. Rea Monahan, Lynn Bush, and Dennis Marrone accepted the commendation. Ms. Monahan thanked the Commissioners and expressed her gratitude and pride to the other members of the team who worked on the project.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None

#### DISCUSSION – Agenda Items

Jerry Anderson of General Services responded to Mr. Martin's inquiry on item 3b. Mr. Anderson recommended that a completely new system is needed because the old system is in very poor condition and presents safety concerns. Mr. Cawley asked Mr. Anderson if he looked at any other cost efficient ways to replace or repair the current system, to which Mr. Anderson responded that he did not because he did not have enough time. Mr. Cawley asked Mr. Anderson to do so in the next two weeks. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked if we should get more bids at this time and Mr. Cawley inquired of Maureen McIlvaine, Director of Purchasing, if we can hold this vendor to this price for another couple of weeks. Ms. McIlvaine responded that we can hold the vendor to this price for another 30 days. Mr. Cawley then motioned to retable item 3b for two weeks to conduct a more thorough investigation regarding cost efficiency. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia seconded the motion and the item was re-tabled. Harris Gubernick, Director of Corrections, stated that part of the difficulty with this particular job is the limited space.

David Zellis, First Assistant District Attorney, spoke on item 4d. Mr. Zellis indicated that he spoke with Brian Hessenthaler, Acting Chief Operating Officer and Director of Finance, and Fonta Reilly, Grants Coordinator, and all have concluded that the administrative services related to the Bucks County Network Against Domestic Abuse Grant cannot be conducted in-house because of the strict guidelines and requirements. He also indicated that the specific responsibilities and tasks to be performed are now outlined in more detail in the new agreement that accompanies the resolution and that the contract would be overseen by the office manager of the District Attorney's Office. Mr. Cawley confirmed with Mr. Hessenthaler that he met with Mr. Zellis and determined that there was currently no one on staff that could be responsible for the administration of the Grant.

David Zellis also provided explanation on items 4c and 4f in response to Mr. Martin and Ms. Ellis-Marseglia's inquiry. Mr. Hessenthaler stated that there is money in the District Attorney's budget to pay for this, but the District Attorney's Office should prepare a resolution for 2010 early in the year.

Dr. David Damsker, Health Director, spoke on item 7a and explained that the money to pay for these contracts comes from the H1N1 Preparedness Grant. Dr. Damsker also stated that his department will be having a press conference on Friday to announce the plan to distribute the vaccine.

Bill Mitchell, Director of Parks & Recreation, spoke on item 12a and stated that a thorough review of the facility was conducted, as well as a review of expenses and revenue over the years and a modest profit has been shown. He also clarified why the County has operated the facility for 47 years on a 39 year contract. Mr. Martin asked Mr. Mitchell to promote the hostel to produce more revenue.

Lynn Bush, Acting Chief Clerk and Director of the Planning Commission, spoke on item 13a and stated that this is the standard fee that we pay the U.S. Geological Survey to maintain the six monitoring stations along the Neshaminy that send warnings of high water in the Neshaminy. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired about a list of townships along the Creek that are in possession of the phone number to call to check on these gages when high water is a concern. Mr. Cawley and Mr. Martin joined in the request to have John Dougherty, Director of Emergency Services, review that list. Dick Manna of Quality Assurance Administration stated that the data is available online and is updated every 15 minutes. Mr. Martin asked Lynn Bush to follow-up with John Dougherty.

Steve Shantz, Public Defender, explained the services provided in item 14a. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked Ray McHugh, Controller, if this item needs to be bid, to which Mr. McHugh responded that he would leave that up to the Solicitor. Mr. Cawley indicated that in the future we should have an RFP. Mr. Martin suggested that if there are only a couple of vendors in the County who provide these services it might be better to avoid the costly and time consuming RFP process and seek quotes instead. Mr. Martin also suggested that Mr. Shantz talk to Maureen McIlvaine, Director of Purchasing, and get started in January for 2010.

Brian Hessenthaler, Acting Chief Operating Officer and Director of Finance, stated that he spoke with Ted Rice, Fiscal Officer from Children and Youth Social Services Agency, regarding item 15a. Mr. Hessenthaler clarified why the change order triggered a resolution. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired why County staff couldn't perform this work and Jerry Anderson of General Services stated that he would have to look into it to see if it would have been less expensive for County staff to do the work. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia suggested that perhaps a memo should go out indicating that on these types of jobs, Jerry Anderson should have the opportunity to review the costs to see if his staff can do it more economically. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked when the contract with Aramark is up, and Lynn Bush stated 12/31/09. Maureen McIlvaine informed Ms. Ellis-Marseglia that the RFP on the contract for the maintenance of the Correctional Facility and the Youth Center is due back on Friday, 11/13/09. Jerry Anderson indicated that his department may not have the resources to take care of these facilities and Mr. Martin stated that they will review the issue after 11/13/09. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether or not the General Services Department could, or should be given the opportunity to do this work. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia made a motion that General Services come up with a dollar figure that it would cost if they were to take over the services currently provided by Aramark, adding in the cost of sub-contracting and to submit that figure by 12/10/09. Mr. Cawley indicated that included in that figure should be the cost of salary and benefits for additional County employees. Although there was no second, Mr. Cawley requested that Jerry Anderson put the numbers together by 12/10/09.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked for clarification on item 3a and Harris Gubernick, Director of Corrections, responded.

Joe Funk, Director of Human Services, responded to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia's inquiry on item 8b and explained that both Human Services and AAA have contracts with this vendor.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia suggested to Joe Funk that item 8c should read "referral services" in the minutes.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked Joe Funk if, in item 9c, "Harrisburg" has to be present, and Mr. Funk agreed to check into it.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved with the exception of item 5a, which Ms. Ellis-Marseglia opposed, but was 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. Jane Fox-Laquer Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide assistant ombudsman service. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$11,000.**
2.	CORONER'S OFFICE	a. Drug Scan Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase for additional toxicology testing. 1/1/09-12/31/09	\$10,000.**
3.	CORRECTIONS	a. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase to provide additional GED testing and scoring services for inmates. 7/23/07 – 12/31/09	\$9,449.44**
	<b>RETABLED</b>	b. Conveyor Handling Co. Elleridge, MD	Approve contract to provide and install Railex Corporation locker bag conveyor system for inmate property storage. 10/21/09-12/31/09	\$47,916.30
4.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a. Atlantic Diagnostic Laboratories, LLC Bensalem, PA	Approve contract name change and increase for blood and urine toxicology services. 1/1/09-12/31/09	\$30,000.**

	b.	FFC Financial Forensics Consultants, LLC Lebanon, PA	Approve payment for professional investigative services.	\$11,713.75	
	c.	IOD Incorporated Green Bay, WI	Approve payment for medical records copying services. 1/1/09-12/31/09	\$30,000.**	
	d.	Karen Kreller Plumsteadville, PA	Approve contract to provide administrative services related to the Bucks County Network Against Domestic Abuse Grant. 10/1/09-8/31/11	\$67,300.80**	
	e.	Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract for the renewal of SAVIN maintenance and service agreement. 1/1/10-12/31/10	\$5,931.93	
	f.	Star Med Wilmington, DE	Approve payment for medical records copying services. 1/1/09-12/31/09	\$30,000.**	
5.	FINANCE	a.	Fidelity National Property & Casualty Insurance Co St. Petersburg, FL	Approve renewal of annual flood insurance policy for Quakertown Library. 12/3/09-12/3/10	\$1,399.
6.	GENERAL SERVICES	a.	First Savings Bank of Perkasio Perkasio, PA	Approve amendment to easement agreement for parcel #6-6-25, District Court property in Buckingham Township to accommodate an increase in the length of handicap ramps in order to comply with updated federal regulations.	
7.	HEALTH	a.	General Healthcare Resources, Inc. Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve contract to provide RNs and/or LPNs to serve as vaccinators at the H1N1 mass vaccination clinic. 11/1/09-10/31/10	\$629,852.**
			Skilled Nursing Inc. Staffing & Search Horsham, PA	10/13/09-10/12/10	
8.	HUMAN SERVICES	a.	American Red Cross – Lower Bucks County Chapter Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide a shelter, intensive case management, and social services to families and single individuals. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$74,300.
		b.	Beelong Adult Day Services Huntingdon Valley, PA	Approve contract to provide therapeutic activity programs. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$25,900.**
		c.	Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract to provide referral services. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$74,300.
		d.	Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. Wrightstown, PA	Approve contract to provide case management services. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$57,900.**
		e.	Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc (BCOC) Doylestown, PA	Approve contract Plan of Operation for the State Food Purchase Program. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	

	f.	YWCA of Bucks County Trevose, PA	Approve contract to provide employment services. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$36,700.	
9.	MH/MR	a.	CareLink Community Support Services Eddystone, PA	Approve contract to provide maximum supervision residential rehabilitation services. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$88,629.**
		b.	CO-MANS, Inc. Pennel, PA	Approve contract to provide supported living and moderate supervision residential services. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$449,608.**
		c.	National Alliance on Mental Health of PA, Bucks County Chapter Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract to provide a social rehabilitation drop-in center. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$111,920.
		d.	Northwestern Human Services of Bucks County Lafayette Hill, PA	Approve contract to provide supported living, early intervention case management, community residential rehabilitation, intensive case management, family based and community habitation services. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$1,599,640.**
		e.	Reach Out Foundation of Bucks County Morrisville, PA	Approve contract to provide a social rehabilitation drop-in center. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$190,355.
		f.	The Salvation Army, Inc. Philadelphia, Pa	Approve contract to provide a supported living residential program. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$164,469.**
10.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	American Medical Equipment Columbus, OH	Approve contract increase to provide for the rental of bariatric low air loss mattresses. 12/1/08-11/30/09	\$7,800.**
		b.	American Medical Equipment Columbus, OH	Approve contract increase and extension to provide for the rental of extra wide bariatric beds. 10/1/09-9/30/10	\$17,820.**
		c.	Delcrest Medical Services Ivyland, PA	Approve contract increase to purchase additional resource thickened water. 1/1/09-12/31/09	\$27,876.*
		d.	Gulf South Medical Supply Jacksonville, FL	Approve contract increase to purchase additional incontinence products. 1/1/09-12/31/09	\$1,200.**
		e.	Manheim Medical Supply Manheim, PA	Approve contract increase to purchase additional incontinence products. 1/1/09-12/31/09	\$10,000.**
		f.	Master Care Patient Equipment Inc. Columbus, NE	Approve contract to purchase two Integrity Bathing Systems.	\$35,140.63

11.	OPEN SPACE	a.	Richland Township Quakertown, PA	Approve Municipal Open Space Program Grant reimbursement for the completion of local open space plan.	\$10,000.
		b.	Richlandtown Borough Richlandtown, PA	Approve Municipal Open Space Program Grant reimbursement for the completion of local open space plan.	\$7,356.05
12.	PARKS & RECREATION	a.	Commonwealth of PA, DCNR Harrisburg, PA	Approve lease renewal of Weisel Hostel Building, parking lot and 7.7 acres of land. 12/31/09 – 12/31/18	\$1,000.
	<b>UNTABLED</b>				
13.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	U.S. Department of the Interior; U.S. Geological Survey New Cumberland, PA	Approve payment of expenses incurred for the operation and maintenance of a network of six gaging stations in the Neshaminy Creek Basin. 10/1/09 – 9/30/10	\$52,600.
14.	PUBLIC DEFENDER	a.	Brenda J. Capiello Bensalem, PA	Approve contract to provide stenographic services. 1/1/09-12/31/09	\$90,000.**
15.	YOUTH CENTER	a.	Aramark Facilities Services Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase to replace florescent lighting. 1/1/09-12/31/09	\$43,000.**
	<b>UNTABLED</b>				
16.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	GOAL, the Greenbelt Overhaul Alliance of Levittown Middletown Township Veterans Park Bucks County Audubon Society Doylestown Historical Society	Approve payment.	\$2,500.  \$2,500.  \$3,000.  \$500.

\*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes

\*\* Unit Cost/Not to Exceed

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

PERSONNEL

Ms. Meredith Dolan, Director of Human Resources, removed item 12 from the Separations List.

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following Personnel Actions were approved with the exception of items 10 through 16, which Ms. Ellis-Marseglia opposed, but were approved with the vote being 2-1-0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
1.	Scott A. Dellatore J.R.#502	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	11/09/09	25.78 PH
2.	Adrijet Dida J.R.#20	Registered Nurse - Pool Unit 60	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	11/10/09	28.00 PH
3.	Michelle Grasso J.R.#601	Assistant Public Defender Unit 37	Public Defenders 40.0 hrs/wk	11/09/09	44,404.00 PA

4.	Lisa Marmelo J.R.#596	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	11/23/09	20.80 PH
5.	Joclyn J. Phillips J.R.#14	Nursing Assistant – PD Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	11/24/09	13.89 PH
6.	Ahmed B. Sheriff J.R.#482	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	11/23/09	20.80 PH

**REHIRE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
7.	Ian P. Ratcliffe Sepdate 12/07/08 J.R.#576	Museum Assistant- PD Unit 03	Parks Historical Properties 7.0 hrs/wk	10/21/09	9.42 PH

**PROMOTION**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
8.	Lindsay Cooper J.R.#537	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	11/07/09	25.13 PH  To 25.13 PH
9.	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	11/07/09	25.78 PH  To 26.96 PH

**SEPARATIONS**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DATE*</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
10.	Phillip M. Fenster	Administrator MH/MR	MH/MR	09/15/09	Separation***
11.	Dolores Hobbs	LPN	NM Nursing	10/16/09	Separation
12.	James E. Kinney	Administrative Officer II	AAA	01/08/10	Separation
13.	Javon D. Koonce	Corrections Officer	Corrections	10/26/09	Separation
14.	Crystal P. Michaels	Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	10/17/09	Separation
15.	Jessie M. Ramaswamy	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing	10/21/09	Separation
16.	Mary N. Richter	County MH Program Director	MH/MR Admin	08/01/09	Separation***
17.	Charlotte M. Tatu	LPN	NM Nursing	10/14/09	Separation

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

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

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked why items 10 & 16 are on the list again. Mr. Martin clarified. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked if there were any changes to the documents, to which Glenn Hains, Solicitor, responded that there were no changes to the documents. Mr. Cawley provided further clarification and stated that there was an Agreement of Separation on these two items and called upon Mr. Ray McHugh, Controller, who suggested that when there is such an agreement, it is to be designated on the Personnel List as such. Mr. McHugh explained that it is a bookkeeping matter.

MISCELLANEOUS

Brian Hessenthaler, Acting Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following matters:

With regard to the whistleblower policy, Mr. Hessenthaler stated he has been working with Lynn Bush, Meredith Dolan and Glenn Hains, and a draft will be coming in the near future.

Mr. Hessenthaler indicated that he has not had the opportunity to look into the non-row solicitors matter, but will be doing so in the near future.

With regard to the newsletter, Mr. Hessenthaler indicated that he and Stacey Hajdak, Director of Public Information, are negotiating a change in the price with the vendor.

Mr. Hessenthaler reported that Election Day went off without any major problems and that turnout was just under 24%.

The Commissioners offered comments on the following matters:

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia commented that the County is always in need of volunteers at the polls on Election Day.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia expressed her thanks to Middletown Township for videotaping the meeting.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia commented with regard to the series of problems that local dairy farmers are experiencing and suggested that perhaps a scheduled meeting of State Representatives, including Congressman Murphy, may be necessary to emphasize to dairy farmers that the problem is being taken seriously. Lynn Bush suggested that thus far, the County has tried to re-affirm the policies currently in place to help the farmers. Mr. Cawley stated that perhaps they should first sit with the dairy farmers to learn more about the gravity of the problems. Mr. Martin suggested that someone like Mike Fournier, Director of the Penn State Cooperative Extension, convene the meeting.

Mr. Cawley expressed his thanks to Deena Dean, Director of the Board of Elections, and her staff, for their hard work and noted that Election Day went well.

Mr. Martin agreed with Mr. Cawley's comments and reminded everyone of how important it is to come out and vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – All Items

Candace Quinn, Administrator, Register of Wills, pointed out that on the Personnel List, the transfer of Margaret Schultz should read Margaret Swartz.

Det Ansinn, President of the Bucks County Library Board, inquired with regard to the status of his re-appointment, to which Mr. Martin stated that appointments and re-appointments will be considered for a meeting in the near future.

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, requested to see the machine incident report with regard to three problems that occurred on Election Day in Doylestown Township to see how they can be avoided in the future. Ms. Rawley indicated that it is for this reason that she requested the creation of an Election Evaluation Committee. Mr. Martin suggested that it might be helpful to bring some of the helpers working outside the polls inside and mentioned the many College and High School student helpers. Ms. Rawley asked to know the number of people who utilize these programs. Deena Dean, Director of the Board of Elections, thanked the Commissioners for their recognition of the hard work of her staff. Ms. Dean stated that she tries to avoid problems by sending out materials in advance to election officials and by placing signs near the voting machines that specifically outline procedures. Ms. Dean also stated that requests were sent to all County High Schools and some private High Schools and those students who responded were utilized. Mr. Cawley described two problems in Doylestown Borough. One was a closing issue and the other was a jamming problem. In both cases human error was the cause and the Danaher accurately and efficiently recorded the votes. Ms. Rawley suggested that these machines do not work well with humans. Mr. Cawley asked Ms. Dean if she intended to send a survey to the Judge of Elections and/or convene a general meeting with all Judges by the end of this year, to which Ms. Dean responded yes. Det Ansinn commended the Board of Elections for the way they handled the problem in Doylestown Borough and suggested that it was resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center of Bucks County, 3805 Old Easton Road, Doylestown, 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:

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Charles H. Martin  
Chairman

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James F. Cawley, Esq.  
Commissioner

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Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia  
Commissioner

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Lynn T. Bush, Acting Chief Clerk

