

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 18, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was 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. 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 to the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center of Bucks County and thanked Dr. Tim Block for allowing the Commissioners to use the facility for the meeting.

Dr. Block, President of the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center, thanked the Commissioners for having the meeting at the Center and welcomed everyone. He also acknowledged Dr. Feldstein, President of Delaware Valley College. Dr. Block spoke about the facility and offered everyone a tour of the labs, offices, and the Pennsylvania Drug Discovery Center. Mr. Martin recommended the tour to anyone who has not done so before.

Mr. Cawley stated that the Biotechnology Center is a success story of the Economic Development Advisory Board that now meets weekly, and that this Center is putting Bucks County on the map nationally and internationally.

Mr. Martin congratulated Dr. Feldstein on the success of the Delaware Valley College football team.

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

Mr. Martin also acknowledged Det Ansinn, Council Member from Doylestown Borough.

COMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners presented a Letter of Commendation to Senior Master Sergeant John L. Hertler in recognition of his dedication as a volunteer with the Bucks County Emergency Management Agency and thanked him for the many hours of volunteer service to protect the citizens of Bucks County. John Dougherty, Director of Emergency Services, presented Sergeant Hertler with a Certificate for Advanced Certification and Emergency Management from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Dougherty also recognized Sergeant Hertler’s Commanding Officer, Major Rapone, and thanked the National Guard for allowing Sergeant Hertler to volunteer. Major Rapone thanked the Commissioners and John Dougherty for recognizing Sergeant Hertler and for their support. Sergeant Hertler also thanked the Commissioners and especially John Dougherty for helping him to develop his skills. Commissioner Martin thanked both Sergeant Hertler and Major Rapone for their service to our Country.

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 October 21, 2009 were approved.

DISCUSSION – Agenda Items

Bob Kelsey, Deputy Chief of Adult Probation & Parole, spoke on item 1a and explained that the new system will pull together all databases into one system. Don Jacobs, Chief Information Officer for Information Technology, added that this has been an extensive process and will save the County money in the long run.

Don Jacobs also spoke on item 12a and explained that it is cheaper to buy the new program in the long run than to lease it. Mr. Cawley asked when the County will be done with this transition and Mr. Jacobs indicated approximately 3 years.

Dick Manna, Quality Assurance Administration, spoke on item 3a and described the 3 properties that are going to be elevated in Bristol Township, including one fairly large home on Neshaminy Road. Mr. Martin inquired how many homes have been raised to which Mr. Manna responded after these three, the total will be 80 homes.

Vitor Vicente, Director of Community & Business Development, spoke on items 4a & 4b. In response to Mr. Martin’s inquiry, Mr. Vicente explained that with regard to item 4a, the source of the funds is the Housing Trust Fund, and with regard to item 4b, it is solely program funding.

John Dougherty, Director of Emergency Services, responded to questions from Mr. Martin on item 5b and explained that this will eliminate the need to pay rental fees. Mr. Dougherty also answered questions from Ms. Ellis-Marseglia on item 7a and explained that the region is required to develop an inter-operability plan and that plan needs to be updated to accommodate Federal changes that are coming.

Steve Reichman, Superintendent of Training, clarified the math of item 5a in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s inquiry.

Nick Rafferty, Fire Marshal, spoke on item 8a and gave credit to Mark Kramer, Assistant Fire Marshal, and Fonta Reilly, Grants Program Coordinator, for securing the grant money to purchase the smoke alarms that will be distributed throughout the County. Mr. Rafferty explained in response to Mr. Cawley’s inquiry that the vendor was chosen because they were the lowest bidder last year with the option of a one year extension at the same price.

Jerry Anderson, Director of Operations for General Services, spoke on items 9c, 9d, and 9e. With regard to item 9e, Mr. Anderson explained that the fence was a DEP requirement and Joe Bush, Director of Special Projects, provided further clarification. With regard to item 9d, Mr. Anderson recommended approval in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s inquiry, as this has been a very long process.

Joe Funk, Director of Human Services, spoke on items 11a through 11i and suggested that all items are standard renewals. He also pointed out that all of the agencies are suffering a 13½ % reduction in state funding.

Kris Kern, Open Space Coordinator, described the two conservation easements in items 15a and 15b. Ms. Kern introduced Norm McArthur, representative of the Township Open Space Committee, who described the property in item 15b. Mr. McArthur answered Mr. Martin’s question regarding the White Knight Preservation Partners.

Bill Mitchell, Director of Parks & Recreation, spoke on items 16a, 16b, and 16c.

Pat Bachtle, spokesperson for the Records Retention Committee and Prothonotary, explained that the funding for item 17a comes from the Committee in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s inquiry.

Joe Funk explained how Mr. Jenei was chosen in item 18a in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s inquiry. Mr. Cawley pointed out that the position is “Acting Solicitor” for now.

NEW BUSINESS

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 items 9c, 9d, and 10b, which Ms. Ellis-Marseglia opposed but were approved with the vote being 2-1-0, and items 3a and 7a, 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.	ADULT PROBATION	a. Loryx Systems Inc. San Francisco, CA	Approve contract to replace the legacy system with the Information Management System. 11/30/09-12/31/14	\$921,650.*
2.	AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Galilee Village, Inc. Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide congregate and home-delivered meals. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$7,380.**
3.	COMMISSIONERS	a. Bass II Enterprises Minotola, NJ	Approve contract to elevate 3 homes in Bristol Township as part of the Neshaminy Creek Supplemental Work Plan.	\$553,600.*
4.	COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	a. Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County Chalfont, PA	Approve contract to acquire and rehabilitate properties on Colonial Avenue and on Liberator Street in Bristol Township for use as housing units for low income families. 12/1/09-12/9/11	\$330,000.

		b.	Interfaith Housing Development Corporation Bristol, PA	Approve designation as a Community Housing Development Organization under the HOME program and approve CHDO operating funds. 4/30/09-3/31/10	\$60,000.
5.	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a.	Powerphone, Inc. Madison, CT	Approve payment for employees to attend a training seminar. 8/25/09-8/27/09	\$11,054.**
		b.	Procomm Systems Phillipsburg, NJ	Approve contract for antenna installation and removal at the Ivyland tower site.	\$53,550.**
6.	EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES	a.	NAEMSP(National Association of EMS Physicians) Lenexa, KS	Approve payment of out of county travel expenses to a national conference.	\$2,228.55
7.	EMERGENCY SERVICES (SEPA RTF)	a.	Lafayette Group Vienna, VA	Approve contract to conduct a regional interoperable communications survey, update plans, conduct an exercise and provide 2 training sessions. 11/15/09-3/1/11	\$237,026.49
8.	FIRE MARSHAL	a.	Denney Electric Supply Ambler, PA	Approve contract increase to purchase 3,050 smoke alarms. 12/2/08-12/2/09	\$44,987.50**
9.	GENERAL SERVICES	a.	AXIS Contracting Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase to replace wood sub framing and wall sheathing due to deterioration at Core Creek maintenance facility.	\$5,060.23**
		b.	Franc Environmental Inc. New Britain, PA	Approve contract for site cleanup at the Robin Run Dam.	\$63,258.35*
		c.	Lobar Inc. Dillsburg, PA	Approve contract increase for excavation and disposal of non hazardous contaminated soils encountered during construction of parking garage.	\$114,284.62**
		d.	National Penn Bank Boyertown, PA	Approve partial acquisition of 90 North Main Street and the public access easement in Doylestown Borough in lieu of condemnation. (TMP 08-04-363)	\$535,000.
		e.	Penn Environmental & Remediation, Inc. Hatfield, PA	Approve contract increase for the installation of an 8 ft. high chain link fence at Hidden Valley Landfill, as required by PA.D.E.P.	\$24,500.
		f.	The Midway Corporation Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase to add one course of 8" masonry blocks to perimeter of building on the new boat storage building at Core Creek Park.	\$2,150.

10.	HEALTH	a.	Clarke Mosquito Control Products Roselle, IL	Approve purchase of West Nile pesticide products.	\$16,446.
		b.	PA Professional Liability Joint Underwriting Association Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve renewal of medical liability coverage for the Health Director. 12/1/09-12/1/10	\$11,332.
11.	HUMAN SERVICES	a.	A Woman's Place Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide counseling, advocacy, referral, welfare education and job training services to victims of domestic violence. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$9,000.**
		b.	Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide rental assistance to prevent homelessness. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$250,225.
		c.	Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide case management services. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$55,044.**
		d.	Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide counseling and case management services. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$95,000.**
		e.	Bucks Montgomery Center for Human Services Warminster, PA	Approve contract to provide case management services. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$10,000.**
		f.	Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide behavioral healthcare to low-income adults. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$43,200.**
		g.	Libertae, Inc. Bensalem, PA	Approve contract to provide intensive case management services. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$26,000.
		h.	Millenium Home Health Care, Inc. Broomall, PA	Approve contract to provide personal care and homemaker services. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$37,500.**
		i.	The Salvation Army Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide counseling, referral and support services. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$8,800.**
12.	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a.	Unisys Corp Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract to purchase Libra 400 to replace current leased Libra 300 equipment (including 3 yrs maintenance). 1/1/10-12/31/12	\$305,532.
13.	MH/MR	a.	Salisbury Behavioral Health, Inc. aka Milestones Community Healthcare, Inc. Roslyn, PA	Approve contract to provide supported living, long term structured care and social rehabilitation services. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$2,611,720.

14.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	Sammons Preston, Inc. Bolingbrook, IL	Approve contract increase to purchase miscellaneous occupational therapy supplies for residents. 1/1/09-12/31/09	\$12,500.**
15.	OPEN SPACE	a.	East Rockhill Township Perkasie, PA	Approve Municipal Open Space Program Grant toward the acquisition of a 45- acre easement on the Rufe Property on North Fifth Street.	\$268,943.
		b.	Tinicum Township Pipersville, PA	Approve Natural Areas Program Grant to acquire a 13-acre conservation easement on Headquarters Road. (TMP 44-001-045-004)	\$13,000.
16.	PARKS & RECREATION	a.	Alfred S. Pereria, Administrator of the Estate of Raymond S. Pereria Bensalem, PA	Approve contract to purchase property as part of NRCS flood mitigation program in Bensalem Township in lieu of condemnation. (TMP 02-080-020)	\$140,000. (plus insurance and settlement costs)
		b.	DeNucci Excavating, Inc. Bristol, PA	Approve contract for demolition of property at 2619 Creek Road in Lower Southampton.	\$20,230.**
		c.	Swamps Auto Works, Inc. and Cobbler Road, L.P. Nockamixon, PA	Approve contract to purchase approximately 11.5 acres in Nockamixon Township in lieu of condemnation. (TMP 30-011-105)	\$246,500. (plus insurance and settlement costs)
17.	RECORDS RETENTION COMMITTEE	a.	Richard D. Weaver Newtown, PA	Approve contract to provide consultation services to the Records Retention Committee (RRC) for the Digital Imaging Project. 11/23/09-11/22/10	\$26,000.**
18.	SOLICITOR	a.	Colin Jenei, Esq. New Hope, PA	Approve appointment of Acting Solicitor to MH/MR to replace prior Solicitor, Judge Robert Baldi. effective 7/30/09	\$100. per hour
19.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Bucks County 4-H Doylestown FISH Uptown String Band Kids Vote Delaware Valley Philharmonic NAACP Drummers with Attitude	Approve payment.	\$1,000. \$1,500. \$1,500. \$1,500. \$2,000. \$1,500. \$2,500.

*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

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

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
1.	Branden Bolinski J.R.#563	Help Desk Specialist Unit 46	Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk	11/23/09	19.88 PH
2.	Catherine E. Collins J.R.#481	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	11/21/09	20.80 PH
3.	Katrina L. Dunham J.R.#17	LPN - Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	11/10/09	26.26 PH
4.	Patricia D. Harvey J.R.#14	Nursing Assistant - PT Unit 03	NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk	11/24/09	13.89 PH
5.	Sherwin L. Jackson J.R.#20	Registered Nurse - Pool Unit 60	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	12/08/09	28.00 PH
6.	Edward S. Kolb J.R.#592	Bid Manager Unit 00	Purchasing 40.0 hrs/wk	11/21/09 05/21/10	25.64 PH To 26.40 PH
7.	Christy L. Rodriguez J.R.#17	LPN – Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	11/10/09	23.00 PH
8.	Valsamma Scaria J.R.#20	Registered Nurse - Pool Unit 60	NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk	12/08/09	33.08 PH
9.	Lauren M. Smith J.R.#606	HR Generalist IV Unit 00	Human Resources 20.0 hrs/wk	11/6/09	18.00 PH

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
10.	Mary Beth Cabral Sepdate 5/7/09 J.R.#16	LPN Unit 33	NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk	05/09/09	23.92 PH

PER DIEM TO PERM

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
11.	Anagabrielle A. Pfeiffer J.R.#565	Food Service Attendant – PT Unit 03 To Laundry Machine Operator Unit 02	NM Dietary 24.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	11/21/09	12.01 PH To 19.09 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
12.	Joan M. Fisher J.R.#574	Aging Care Manager II Unit 04 To County Caseworker II Unit 04	AAA 37.5 hrs/wk To MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk	11/19/09	25.13 PH To 25.13 PH

POSITION CHANGE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
13.	Amanda R. Herrmann J.R.#76	Seasonal Help Unit 00 To Seasonal Help Unit 00	Parks & Recreation 20.0 hrs/wk To Parks & Recreation 10.0 hrs/wk	10/21/09	8.15 PH To 7.59 PH

PROMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
14.	Carol A. Kenny J.R.#538	Secretary Unit 03 To Records Administrator Unit 03	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	12/05/09	18.13 PH To 19.44 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
15.	Deborah M. Williamson	Administrative Assistant Unit 00	Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk	10/11/09	21.10 PH
		To Administrative Assistant Unit 00	To Corrections 40.0 hrs/wk		To 21.73 PH

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
16.	Megan L. Becker	Seasonal Help	Parks & Recreation	10/21/09	Separation
17.	Rachael E. Cherry	Hr Generalist IV	Human Resources	11/20/09	Separation
18.	Jason C. Martin	Laundry Machine Operator - PD	General Services	11/21/09	Separation
19.	Emmanuel S. Roberts	Corrections Officer	Corrections	11/13/09	Separation
20.	Lena S. Mayer	Nursing Assistant - Pool	NM Nursing	11/06/09	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.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Mr. Hessenthaler acknowledged Dr. David Damsker, Health Director, and asked for an update on the H1N1 Vaccination Program. Dr. Damsker reported that 8 of 13 school districts have been inoculated and there are 5 more clinics to do. He thanked his staff, all of the volunteers and Emergency Management, and stated that it is going very well. Mr. Martin read an email from a parent of a student at CB West commending and thanking everyone involved in the clinic and relaying how impressed she was with how smoothly and efficiently it was done.

Mr. Hessenthaler reported on the status of the 3.9 million in energy grants awarded to the County and spoke of the April deadline for indentifying vendors, subcontractors, etc. He reported that a work group has been put together including Jerry Anderson, Maureen McIlvaine, Dick Manna, Lynn Bush, and himself to ensure that the deadline is met.

Mr. Hessenthaler reported that Bucks County participated in a drill that FEMA and PEMA conducted with the Counties to simulate an evacuation of the Limerick Power Plant and it went very well.

Mr. Hessenthaler reported that the County 2010 budget process is underway and a preliminary budget will be released soon. He reported that it has been a very difficult process and the County is currently looking at a deficit budget, but it will continue to be examined and worked on every day.

Lynn T. Bush, Acting Chief Clerk, reported on the following:

As a follow-up to a question that Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia asked at the last meeting, Ms. Bush reported that information regarding the gauging stations and rising water along the Neshaminy Creek is available online as many problems resulted when too many people had the telephone number to call in for this information. The system became blocked to Emergency Management staff and a large phone bill was created.

The Commissioners commented on the following matters:

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia gave an update regarding "Code Blue" and reported that she chaired a group. Lynn Bush stated that she, Dr. Damsker and John Dougherty, along with others, were invited to attend meetings of the task force and that the Committee's recommendation was that the County's input would be solely to identify those times that constitute a "Code Blue". Dr. Damsker and John Dougherty made the recommendation that if temperatures reached 20 degrees or below for two or more days and nights, then there would be a declaration of a "Code Blue", through the County's Office of Public Information. The actual housing, transportation, and other kinds of services needed would all be handled by a coalition of Churches and Synagogues that Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia has met with. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia reported on the Churches and Synagogues that will be involved, and stated that volunteers are needed for driving, etc. She also stated that the County will be working with the Reach Out Foundation and provided the telephone number to contact the coalition to volunteer. The number is 215-550-3868.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia stated that the Commissioners received a letter from the Redevelopment Authority that they need to be considered an Enterprise Zone again and questioned whether it needs to go before the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Cawley stated that he was going to present it as a discussion forum for the Economic Development Advisory Board and expressed that he feels there is a great benefit in continuing that designation. He further stated that if there is a formal action that is required of the Commissioners, then he was going to suggest that they do that before the end of the year.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired on the status of the job description for the Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Martin indicated that Meredith Dolan, Director of Human Resources, is working on that and that there will be an opportunity to tweak the job description if necessary, but that the next step is to advertise the position.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia commented that she had the opportunity to tour the Coroner's Office and reported that it looked great, as did the staff, and they do a great job of making it a very respectful place.

Mr. Cawley spoke about his opportunity to address the Board of the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce and fill them in on the trip to South Korea and the ongoing efforts to create economic development and jobs through that relationship. He added that the Economic Development Advisory Board is now meeting weekly in an attempt to get a report to the Commissioners by the end of the year. Mr. Cawley stated that if we are going to be serious about our attempts to improve the way in which we do business, local municipalities will have a lot at stake and there will have to be a series of meetings with them to discuss issues such as land development, zoning, etc.

Mr. Martin spoke about an event that he attended on Veterans Day at which a new website was unveiled as a result of a joint effort by the County and the Manion family. The Military Community Network of Bucks County is now up and running on the website. Mr. Martin commended Stacey Hajdak, Director of Public Information, and the Committee for getting that done.

Mr. Martin reported that the Commissioners met last Friday with the Metropolitan Caucus made up of Mayor Nutter of Philadelphia and other surrounding Counties. The meeting was held here in Bucks County at the Visitor's Center in Bensalem and was productive in that issues were discussed such as joint purchasing opportunities and ways in which we can cooperate with regard to emergency management issues. Montgomery County will host the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – All Items

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, read an email from the Doylestown Borough Judge of Elections, Emily J. Thomas, regarding a discussion at the last Commissioners meeting about human error that caused a poll not to be closed correctly on Election Day. Mr. Cawley and Mr. Martin responded and requested a copy of the email so they can respond to it. Ms. Rawley asked the Commissioners to once again consider an Election Evaluation Committee.

Det Ansinn, Council Member from Doylestown Borough, commented that on machines where we have long ballots, we seem to have more paper jams.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the Bucks County Courthouse Community Room, 55 E. Court Street, 1st floor, 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:

Charles H. Martin
Chairman

James F. Cawley, Esq.
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, Acting Chief Clerk