

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 2, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was 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. 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

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed December 5, 2009, as “PERKASIE BOROUGH 100TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION” throughout the County of Bucks and joined members of the community and the Perkasie Olde Towne Association in recognizing this wonderful milestone. Representatives Cindy Smith, Kim Weichel and Joe Ferry were presented from the Perkasie Olde Towne Association. Ms. Smith thanked the Commissioners and spoke about the festivities scheduled for the event.

The Commissioners proclaimed Bernadette McBride as the “2010 BUCKS COUNTY POET LAUREATE” and commended her effort and leadership in bringing poetry to both her students and the wider community. Ms. McBride thanked the Commissioners and read one of her poems entitled “Intersection.” Dr. Allen Hoey, Program Administrator, spoke about the tradition of poetry in Bucks County and thanked the Commissioners for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of November 4, 2009 and November 18, 2009, were approved.

DISCUSSION – Agenda Items

Jerry Anderson from General Services spoke on item 4a and recommended approval.

Doug Praul, Esq., Court Administrator, spoke on items 5b & c and clarified that a resolution is now necessary because the Lawson system identified that over \$10,000. is being spent per year on interpreter services. Ray McHugh, Controller, indicated that if the services are required for a defendant, and the defendant is convicted, then the cost is recoverable as a court cost, but collection is an issue.

Mr. Praul also explained that the required uniform for tipstaff and minute clerks in item 5a consists of blue slacks and blue blazers and they are entitled by contract to new uniforms every two years.

Nancy McCann, Manager of ERP, spoke on item 6a, and explained that this item is already in the budget and is a one time deal in response to Mr. Martin’s inquiry. Mr. Cawley questioned why the vendor is working without authorization to be paid, to which Brian Hessenthaler, Acting Chief Operating Officer and Finance Director, responded and suggested that perhaps a letter should be sent out to vendors under these circumstances. Mr. Cawley asked Mr. Hessenthaler and the Finance Department to look into this matter and come back to the Commissioners with suggestions for rectifying this situation.

Dr. David Damsker, Health Director, spoke on item 9a in response to Mr. Martin’s questions and explained why Dr. Evangelista’s liability coverage costs more than his own. Dr. Damsker also informed the Commissioners about the future plans for three more public mass clinics. Mr. Martin asked Dr. Damsker to relay the Commissioner’s thanks and congratulations for their great work.

Meredith Dolan, Director of Human Resources, spoke on item 10a and clarified the changes to Human Resources policies. Mr. Martin congratulated Ms. Dolan on saving the County \$35,000. per year.

Bill Mitchell, Director of Parks & Recreation, spoke on item 16a and stated that the upgrades have been needed for some time now.

Lynne Rainey, Director of Children and Youth Social Services Agency, explained the new Federal regulations with regard to item 1a in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia's inquiry.

A discussion ensued among all three Commissioners with regard to item 2a and Mr. Cawley suggested that they will continue to look into this matter for next year.

Vitor Vicente, Director of Community & Business Development, spoke about the funding in items 3a, b & c in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia's inquiry.

Harris Gubernick, Director of Corrections, explained the services provided in item 4b and stated that this is not related to SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program).

Pete Ference, Director of 911, explained that the repairs in item 7a are above the standard maintenance for the emergency generator.

Brian Hessenthaler spoke on item 11a and explained that this is State pass-thru money. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked if the same applies to items 14a through 14e, to which Mr. Hessenthaler responded yes.

Gene Colangecco spoke on item 14a in response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia's question about whether or not family services are providing the same services. Mr. Colangecco explained that these are two different levels of service.

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 9a & 14a, which Ms. Ellis-Marseglia opposed, but were approved with the vote being 2-1-0, and item 5a, 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.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Elwyn, Inc. Elwyn, PA	Approve contract increase of cap amount for children in care. 7/1/08-6/30/09	\$43,902.10**
		b. Northwestern Human Services of PA Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract extension and increase cap amount for the mother/baby program in the Therapeutic Foster Care and Foster Care PLUS programs. 7/1/08-6/30/09	\$8,667.66**
2.	COMMISSIONERS	a. PA Department of Community and Economic Development Harrisburg, PA	Approve resolution to allow Bucks County Economic Development Corporation (BCEDC) to apply for Local Economic Development Assistance (LEDA) Program funding.	
3.	COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	a. A Woman's Place Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide funding for emergency shelter programs. 4/1/09-3/31/10	\$5,250.
		b. American Red Cross Homeless Shelter Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide funding for emergency shelter programs. 4/1/09-3/31/10	\$71,150.
		c. Bucks County Housing Group Inc. Wrightstown, PA	Approve contract to provide funding for emergency shelter programs. 4/1/09-3/31/10	\$28,221.

4.	CORRECTIONS	a.	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
		b.	Justice Benefits International Dallas, TX	Approve contract extension to provide professional services. 1/1/10-12/31/13	15% of income received
5.	COURTS	a.	Acme Uniforms Bristol, PA	Approve contract to provide uniforms for tipstaff and minute clerks. 1/1/10-12/31/11	\$4,578.60*
		b.	Interprelink, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide interpreter services. 1/1/09-12/31/09	\$40,000.**
		c.	Para-Plus Translations, Inc. Barrington, NJ	Approve contract to provide interpreter services. 9/1/09-8/31/10	\$40,000.**
6.	ERP	a.	IM Consulting LLC Wake Forest, NC	Approve contract to provide support and training for the Lawson system. 9/7/09-9/7/10	\$198,650.*
7.	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a.	Industrial Diesel Power, Inc. Croydon, PA	Approve contract increase to cover repair costs to emergency generator. 8/1/07-7/31/10	\$7,273.89**
8.	GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Central Bucks Painter, Inc. d/b/a Certa Pro Painters of Central Bucks Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to waterproof building exterior of the Neshaminy Manor Nursing Facility.	\$55,400.
9.	HEALTH	a.	PA Professional Liability Joint Underwriting Association Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve renewal of medical liability coverage for Cleofe Evangelista, MD. 12/16/09-12/16/10	\$46,017.
10.	HUMAN RESOURCES	a.	Bucks County Human Resources Department Doylestown, PA	Approve updated Human Resources' policies including items 007.2, 014.3, 016.2, 028.2 and 034.0. Effective 12/2/09	
11.	HUMAN SERVICES	a.	Bucks County Area Agency on Aging Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide adult day services. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$177,500.
		b.	Catholic Social Services Levittown, PA	Approve contract to provide case management, counseling and referral services. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$26,200.**
		c.	Latino Leadership Alliance of Bucks County Bristol, PA	Approve contract to provide community service programs. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$34,600.
12.	JUVENILE PROBATION	a.	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (TRACK Grant) Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant application and subsequent award documents for the 2010-2011 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), known as the Truancy Reduction And Curfew for Kids (TRACK) project. 4/1/10-3/31/11	\$55,271. Revenue

13.	LAW LIBRARY	a.	George T. Bisel Co. Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve purchase of book updates and supplements. 1/1/09-12/31/09	\$12,500.*
14.	MH/MR	a.	Bucks County Council on Alcoholism, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide administrative case management services. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$14,976.
		b.	Family Services Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide intensive case management and administrative case management services. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$80,000.**
		c.	Goodwill Keystone Area Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract to provide community employment services. 7/1/09-6/30/10	\$181,211.**
		d.	Penn Foundation for Mental Health Sellersville, PA	Approve contract to provide case management, family support and rehabilitation services. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$3,281,929.**
		e.	Penndel Mental Health Center Penndel, PA	Approve contract to provide case management, family support and rehabilitation services. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$3,615,045.**
15.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	Delcrest Medical Services Ivyland, PA	Approve contract increase for the purchase of wound care supplies for residents. 1/22/02-1/21/10	\$20,000.**
		b.	Manheim Medical Supply Manheim, PA	Approve contract increase for the purchase of patient personal care items for residents. 3/1/09-2/28/11	\$3,200.**
16.	PARKS & RECREATION	a.	PPL Electric Utilities Allentown, PA	Approve Right of Way Agreement to place two new poles, replace six existing poles and install three anchor guy wires along Old Bethlehem Road in Lake Towhee Park. (TMP 14-007-062)	
17.	OTHER CIVICS	a.	Bucks County Legal Aide Society	Approve payment.	\$10,000.
			Bucks County Special Equestrians		\$2,000.
			Bristol Riverside Theater		\$5,000.
			Hibernerian Hunger Project		\$2,500.
			Newtown First Night		\$1,000.
			Towns Against Graffiti		\$5,000.
			Womens' Advisory Council		\$3,500.

*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes

** Unit Cost/Not to Exceed

MISCELLANEOUS

Approve Appropriation to pay counsel's fees and costs to Marc E. Weinstein, Esq., and Ralph E. Lamar, IV, Esq., in the total amount of \$31,775.35 pursuant to the court order issued in Prescod et al v. Bucks County et al, in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania civil action no. 08-3778, on October 15, 2009.

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

13.	Stacy L. Howell	Dispatcher I Unit 03 To Dispatcher I – PD Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 40.0 hrs/wk To 911 Emergency Response 28.0 hrs/wk	10/9/09	22.05 PH To 22.05 PH
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TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
14.	Amanda Schultz J.R.#570	Clerk Typist II Unit 04 To Clerk III Unit 04	MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk To AAA 37.5 hrs/wk	12/05/09	16.54 PH To 17.63 PH
15.	Nicole Van Reymersdal J.R.#573	Aging Care Manager II Unit 04 To County Caseworker II Unit 04	AAA 37.5 hrs/wk To MH/MR 37.5 hrs/wk	12/05/09	23.71 PH To 23.71 PH

POSITION CHANGE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
16.	Michael J. Drab J.R.#614	Grounds Level I Unit 02 To Grounds Level I Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/05/09	23.53 PH To 23.53 PH
17.	John T. Facht J.R.#612	Trades Level I Unit 02 To Grounds Level I Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/05/09	25.04 PH To 23.53 PH
18.	Norman G. Kerner J.R.#613	Grounds Level I Unit 02 To Grounds Level I Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/05/09	23.53 PH To 23.53 PH
19.	Edward M. Schiesser J.R. #566	Engineer Leadman – NMH Unit 02 To Engineer II Unit 02	General Services 40.0 hrs/wk To General Services 40.0 hrs/wk	12/05/09	25.35 PH To 21.76 PH

PROMOTION

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
20.	Jacqueline A. Quinn J.R.#589	Clerk Typist Unit 03 To CRT Assessment Specialist Unit 03	Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk To Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk	12/02/09	15.50 PH To 18.67 PH

SEPARATIONS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
21.	Daniel H. Assaraf	Seasonal Help	Parks & Recreation	10/01/09	Separation
22.	Elizabeth M. Derstine	Resident Ranger	Parks & Recreation	12/01/09	Separation
23.	Robert J. Golen	Seasonal Help	Parks & Recreation	10/27/09	Separation
24.	James E. Kinney	Administrative Officer II	AAA	02/05/10	Separation
25.	Linda A. Maiella	Museum Assistant	Parks Historical Properties	11/23/09	Separation
26.	Jean R. Pierce	Aging Care Manager II	AAA	12/01/09	Separation
27.	Edna K. Rider	Seasonal Help	Parks & Recreation	11/09/09	Separation
28.	Christopher E. Sanginiti	Seasonal Help	Parks & Recreation	10/05/09	Separation
29.	Anita J. Shive	LPN	NM Nursing	11/13/09	Separation
30.	Allison T. Sokoloff	Food Service Attendant	NM Dietary	11/13/09	Separation
31.	Theresa A. Taylor	PHN II	Health	11/30/09	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 asked if in item 13 the employee is moving down to a part-time position, to which Meredith Dolan, Director of Human Resources responded yes.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired regarding the position changes in General Services, to which Ms. Dolan explained that most were just location changes and these were posted positions for which these individuals posted for the changes.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Mr. Hessenthaler referred to Dr. Damsker for the H1N1 update.

Mr. Hessenthaler reported that the final upset Judicial Sale from Tax Claim will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in the Bucks County Courthouse Community Room.

Mr. Hessenthaler gave a budget update and reported that there is a 7.1 million dollar gap that Finance is looking to close. The public hearing on the budget will be Thursday, December 10, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Bucks County Courthouse Community Room.

Mr. Hessenthaler reported that Neshaminy Manor Nursing Facility had a visit from the Department of Health last week and the inspection went well with no deficiencies found.

Mr. Hessenthaler reported that the Area Agency on Aging held two care-giver conference calls. The first was on the subject of financial planning and the second was on the subject of care-giving. Mr. Hessenthaler stated that Carol Levine did a great job and it was a very productive effort.

Mr. Hessenthaler reported that surplus sales from the General Services Department have gone over \$200,000.

The Commissioners offered comments on the following matters:

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired about the status of a meeting with Bucks County Dairy Farmers. Lynn Bush, Acting Chief Clerk and Director of the Planning Commission, stated that she had a conversation with Mike Fournier, Director of the Penn State Cooperative Extension, and he would be happy to set up a meeting for the Commissioners. Mr. Martin mentioned that Governor Rendell was present at the CCAP (County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania) Conference when the problem was brought to his attention and he promised to look into the matter. Lynn Bush stated that she would check with the Commissioners for a good date and relay that date to Mike Fournier to set up the meeting. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia spoke about the Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Program and stated that some of the local Dairy Farmers would be receiving an assistance check in mid-December.

Mr. Martin spoke about the recent County Commissioners Conference in Hershey and reported that Lynn Bush gave a presentation on the County Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT – All Items

Madeline Rawley, a Doylestown resident, stated that she listened to the audio from the 11/4/09 Commissioners meeting and quoted Commissioner Cawley's comments regarding the procedures for closing down the voting machines in Doylestown Borough. Mr. Cawley offered a public apology if he did not use the "may" when he suggested that proper procedures "may" not have been followed for closing down the voting machines in Doylestown Borough. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the human factor/human error regardless of the voting system that is used. Mr. Martin pointed out to Ms. Rawley that her review of the audio from the 11/4/09 Commissioners meeting confirmed that no one used the word "incompetent" during the discussion in question.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the Bucks County Visitors Center, 3207 Street Road, Bensalem, PA.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Cawley, 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