

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 15, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at the Bucks County Conference and Visitors Center in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. 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 thanked everyone for their attendance and welcomed Joseph DiGirolamo, Mayor of Bensalem. Mr. DiGirolamo thanked the Commissioners and welcomed everyone to Bensalem, and introduced Bensalem Councilmen Edward Kisselback and Tony Belfield. Mr. DiGirolamo congratulated Mr. Cawley on his recent election victory and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Mr. Martin introduced Jerry Lepping, Executive Director, BC Conference and Visitors Center. Mr. Lepping welcomed the Commissioners and attendees to the visitors center and encouraged all to browse and enjoy the decorated tree display as well as the art exhibit. Mr. Martin presented Mr. Lepping with a County flag to display at the visitors center. Mr. Martin announced that Mr. Lepping would be giving out tourism grant awards at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Martin recognized Al Sutter from Senator Tomlinson’s office and also county officials who were present: Ray McHugh, Controller, William Snyder, Treasurer, and Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed the “TREE OF HOPE” as the County of Bucks’ official symbol of support for recovery from the ravages of addiction, and in so doing, applaud those striving for a sober and drug-free lifestyle, encourage communities throughout Bucks County to eradicate stigma and embrace recovering persons and their families, thereby affording them the dignity they need to succeed and thrive. Accepting the Proclamation were Melanie Milke and Michael Archangel of PRO-ACT. On behalf of PRO-ACT, Ms. Milke thanked the Commissioners for the proclamation and making recovery possible.

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 Special Meeting of December 10, 2009 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 30, 2010 were approved.

DISCUSSION – Agenda Items

Joseph Funk, Director, Human Resources – items 2b, 2c, 2f & 2g. In response to Mr. Martin’s inquiry regarding item 2b, Mr. Funk explained that although the vendor mailing address is in Los Angeles, CA, the fingerprinting service takes place in Bucks County. Discussion occurred regarding possible local vendors and Mr. Funk assured the Commissioners that he would perform further research prior to renewing the contract with the California vendor.

Regarding item 2c, 2f and 2g, Ms. Ellis-Marseglia inquired as to the large difference in payments and why outside-County vendors are used more often. Mr. Funk explained that item 2c is an in-home service provider, and other large payment differences are the result of addressing the specific needs of the children in the system. In response to Ms. Ellis-Marseglia’s inquiry, Mr. Funk said that Tabor, which is in Bucks County, is used when appropriate and agreed to meet with Ms. Ellis-Marseglia and Tabor representatives to determine if an opportunity exists to keep more children in Bucks County.

Gerald Anderson, Director of Operations - General Services – items 8a & c.

David Damsker, M.D., Director, Health Department – item 9a. In response to Mr. Martin’s inquiry, Dr. Damsker explained that the regulations are being expanded to include geothermal wells as well as drinking water wells, however, existing wells are grandfathered.

Meredith Dolan, Director, Human Resources – items 10a-d. Ms. Dolan described changes to the personnel policies and explained the buy-back limitations in response to Mr. Martin’s inquiry.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia requested feedback from the Commissioners on her request for a personnel policy change regarding the verification of college degrees on job applications. Ms. Dolan suggested changing the wording on the job application instead of a policy change. The Commissioners agreed that Ms. Dolan should change the wording on the job application to reflect that if a job requires a college level degree then the applicant would be responsible for proving such degree exists if they are hired. Ms. Dolan will present the revised application to the Commissioners for their approval in January 2011.

Regarding item 10d, Ms. Dolan described the changes to the health insurance contract and premiums, explaining the add-back of approximately 250 employees’ dependents according to the federal Affordable Care Act, in response to Commissioners concerns. Discussion occurred regarding the changes mandated by the new law.

Donald Jacobs, Chief Information Officer – item 12a. In response to Mr. Cawley’s inquiry, Mr. Jacobs explained that there was one mainframe consultant remaining to handle the migration off the mainframe technology, all other employees were “re-tooled” and given new information technology jobs internally.

Kristine Kern, Open Space Coordinator – items 15a & b.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia requested an explanation for item 13i which was provided by Mary Beth Mahoney, Deputy Administrator, MH/DP. Ms. Mahoney explained that this vendor provided a temporary staff position. Ms. Ellis-Marseglia asked if an employee, perhaps on light duty, could be used as an alternative. Ms. Mahoney said she would explore that possibility because the position is not locked-in with this vendor.

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 2f and 2g, which Ms. Ellis-Marseglia opposed, and with the exception of 10d, which Mr. Cawley opposed, but were 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. ADULT PROBATION | a. | Parkway Clinical Laboratory Bensalem, PA | Approve contract increase to provide substance abuse testing. 1/1/10 - 12/31/10 | \$11,000.** |
| 2. CHILDREN & YOUTH | a. | Child, Home, Community, Inc. Doylestown, PA | Approve contract renewal for prenatal/parenting skills education classes in local hospitals and school districts for pregnant adolescents and adolescent parents. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$67,278.** |
| | b. | Cogent Systems, Inc. Los Angeles, CA | Approve contract to provide fingerprinting services for background checks. 1/1/10 - 12/31/10 | \$11,500.** |
| | c. | K/S Consultants, Inc. Warrington, PA | Approve contract renewal to provide family therapy, advocate services, and education consultations. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$237,000.** |
| | d. | Neighborhood First Program, Inc. Bristol, PA | Approve contract renewal for mentoring and monitoring youth and juvenile offenders. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$466,000.** |
| | e. | Network of Victim Assistance, Inc. Jamison, PA | Approve contract renewal for individual and group counseling services. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$210,214.50** |

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| | f. | Pathways Adolescent Center Oil City, PA | Approve contract renewal to provide residential, independent living and shelter services. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$98,550.** | |
| | g. | Pinebrook Family Services Allentown, PA | Approve contract renewal to provide foster care services. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$235,000.** | |
| | h. | YWCA of Bucks County Trevose, PA | Approve contract renewal to provide Academic Programs and Summer Programs. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$709,864.** | |
| | i. | YWCA of Bucks County Trevose, PA | Approve contract renewal for a full time FSSR (Family Services System Reform) grant management coordinator. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$65,000. | |
| 3. | COMMISSIONERS | a. | Approve Resolution to increase law library fee from \$10 to \$20 to be collected by Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts. | | |
| 4. | COMMUNITY & BUSINESS | a. | Bucks County Housing Group Wrightstown, PA | Approve contract amendment to use remaining \$47,365.30 project funds to purchase and install 8 gas fired heaters at Bristol Apartments. 1/1/11 - 6/30/11 | |
| | | b. | Bucks County Housing Group Wrightstown, PA | Approve contract amendment to provide counseling services. 1/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$20,000. |
| | | c. | McGlynn Automotive Service Langhorne, PA | Approve Revolving Loan Fund Application administered by the Bucks County Economic Development Corporation. 12/1/10 - 12/1/30 | \$105,000. |
| 5. | COURTS | a. | Eleanor Fanning, Esquire Trevose, PA | Approve contract for Mental Health Review Officer in accordance with Mental Health and Retardation Act. 1/1/11 - 12/31/11 | \$54,694.** |
| 6. | EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS | a. | Alcatel-Lucent USA, Inc. Murray Hill, NJ | Approve contract to provide circuit boards for repair of microwave communication system. 1/1/10 - 12/31/10 | \$14,500.** |
| 7. | FINANCE | a. | Maximus, Inc. Harrisburg, PA | Approve contract renewal to provide a central services cost allocation plan. 1/1/11 - 12/31/13 | \$43,200. |
| 8. | GENERAL SERVICES | a. | Bucks County Legal Aid Society Bristol, PA | Approve lease of office space at 108 N. Main Street, Doylestown, for non-profit organization. 3/1/11- 2/28/13 | \$2. (Revenue) |
| | | b. | FM Generator, Inc. Canton, MA | Approve contract to provide generator maintenance program. 1/1/11 - 12/31/13 | \$52,200.** |

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| | c. | Michael G. Fitzpatrick Langhorne, PA | Approve lease of office space at 108 N. Main Street, Doylestown. 1/1/11 - 2/28/11 | \$700. (Revenue) | |
| 9. | HEALTH | a. | Bucks County Department of Health Doylestown, PA | Approve revision to rules and regulations governing all wells and their construction specifications. | |
| 10. | HUMAN RESOURCES | a. | | Approve amendments to Personnel Practices & Procedures for Non-represented Employees. | |
| | | b. | | Approve amendments to 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan. | |
| | | c. | | Approve amendment to Human Resource Policy #034.1 | |
| | | d. | Independence Blue Cross Philadelphia, PA | Approve contract for hospitalization, medical, prescription and vision coverage to eligible employees and their dependents. 1/1/11-12/31/11 | \$34,629,709. |
| | | e. | Lincoln Investment Planning Jenkintown, PA | Approve termination of current 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. Effective 1/1/11 | |
| 11. | HUMAN SERVICES | a. | American Red Cross – Lower Bucks County Chapter Levittown, PA | Approve contract to provide shelter, intensive case management, and social services to families and single individuals. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$70,000. |
| 12. | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | a. | Donald Brennan Associates, Inc. Blue Bell, PA | Approve contract to provide staff augmentation for application maintenance and enterprise government solutions. 1/1/11 - 12/31/11 | \$52,500.** (\$70./hr) |
| | | b. | Perfexion, Inc. King of Prussia, PA | Approve contract to provide Election Web Hosting and application support on Election night. 1/1/11 - 12/31/11 | \$19,270.** |
| 13. | MH/MR | a. | Associated Production Services, Inc. Doylestown, PA | Approve contract renewal to provide pre-vocational and vocational rehabilitation services. 7/01/10 - 6/30/11 | \$218,398.** |
| | | b. | Bucks County Transport, Inc. Holicong, PA | Approve contract renewal to provide transportation services. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$185,120.** |
| | | c. | Community Options, Inc. Princeton, NJ | Approve contract renewal to provide supported living and employment services. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$106,000.** |
| | | d. | Growth Horizons, Inc. Horsham, PA | Approve contract renewal for residential and pre-vocational services. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$185,000.** |

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| | e. | Indian Creek Foundation, Inc. Souderton, PA | Approve contract renewal to provide supervised and supported living services. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$564,475.** | |
| | f. | Lenape Valley Foundation Doylestown, PA | Approve contract renewal to provide case management, family support and rehabilitation services. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$4,818,450.** | |
| | g. | Lenape Valley Foundation Doylestown, PA | Approve contract amendment to provide additional funds for outpatient services. 7/1/09 - 6/30/10 | \$75,000.** | |
| | h. | Lifespan Adult Day Health Center Quakertown, PA | Approve contract renewal to provide adult day services. 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 | \$27,476.** | |
| | i. | PSI Personnel, LLC Doylestown, PA | Approve contract renewal to provide temporary office staff. 1/1/11 - 12/31/11 | \$25,000.** | |
| 14. | NESHAMINY MANOR | a. | Delcrest Medical Services, Inc. Ivyland, PA | Approve contract amendment to provide personal care items for residents. 3/1/08 - 2/28/11 | \$2,500.** |
| | | b. | Gulf South Medical Supply Jacksonville, FL | Approve contract extension for purchase of incontinent products for residents. 1/1/09 - 12/31/11 | \$15,048.12** |
| | | c. | Manheim Medical Supply, Inc. Manheim, PA | Approve contract for the purchase of emergency medical supplies for residents. 1/1/10 - 12/31/10 | \$11,000.** |
| | | d. | Manheim Medical Supply, Inc. Manheim, PA | Approve contract extension for purchase of incontinent products for residents. 1/1/09 - 12/31/11 | \$35,880.** |
| | | e. | Paul R. Moyer, MD Doylestown, PA | Approve contract amendment for increase in hourly rate for Medical Director. 1/1/11 - 12/31/11 with automatic renewal | \$1,500.** |
| | | f. | Penn Jersey Paper Company Philadelphia, PA | Approve contract amendment to purchase foam and plastic nursing supplies. 4/1/09 - 3/31/11 | \$5,600.** |
| | | g. | Sammons Preston Bolingbrook, IL | Approve contract to purchase miscellaneous therapy supplies for residents. 1/1/10 - 12/31/10 | \$11,500.** |
| | | h. | Xpedx Camp Hill, PA | Approve contract extension to purchase disposable incontinent products for residents. 1/1/09 - 12/31/11 | \$119,623.78** |

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| 15. OPEN SPACE | a. | Springfield Township on behalf of Michael Mesko | Approve Natural Areas Grant to acquire a 30.2023-acre conservation easement located on Woodcock Lane. (TMP 42-021-126) | \$102,476. |
| | b. | Warrington Township on behalf of Michael Dempsey | Approve Municipal Open Space Grant to acquire 7-acre portion of property on Stump Road. (TMP 50-004-070-005) | \$258,375. |
| 16. PURCHASING | a. | Jani-King of Philadelphia Norristown, PA Phelan Services, Green Lane, PA | Approve contract extension and increase for janitorial services. 9/01/08 - 2/28/11 | \$7,700.** |
| | b. | PECO Energy Company | Approve contract to change rate classifications for natural gas purchases at 6 County locations. 1/1/11 - 12/31/11 | |
| 17. OTHER CIVICS | a. | BC Historical Society BC 4H Doylestown FISH Challenge Day Group @ Pennsbury HS | Approve payment. | \$5,000. \$1,500. \$1,500. \$1,000. |

*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.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

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| Adjustment #37 | Area Agency on Aging | \$72,900. |
| Bristol Township Senior Center Grant | | |
| Adjustment #38 | Behavioral Health | \$19,200,000. |
| Medical payment transfers for Magellan | | |
| Adjustment #39 | Security | \$5,000. |
| Additional funds needed to cover obligations | | |
| Adjustment #40 | Capital Projects | \$7,767,500. |
| Adjust Capital Per 2009 CAFR | | |

Dave Boscola, Finance Director, provided additional clarification.

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BUDGET

Mr. Boscola explained the reduction from the preliminary budget released earlier, especially savings related to energy, Juvenile Probation and tax assessments.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia requested responses regarding her earlier email with suggestions to reduce the budget. Discussion occurred regarding the Medical Assistance Reimbursement program available to work-release inmates. Dr. Damsker and Mr. Funk provided details on the process. Brian Hessenthaler, Chief Operating Officer, agreed to explore why this program is not being utilized.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia requested information on car-sharing which was provided by Pete McElroy, Asset Manager. Mr. McElroy indicated that issues are being addressed, including fleet usage by the Corrections Department. Discussion occurred regarding car-sharing and possible savings. Mr. Hessenthaler said that the County has to be careful with collective bargaining unit rules.

Mr. Martin reminded everyone that the budget process does not stop when the budget is approved, instead it is a work in progress as savings are sought throughout the year.

A. 2011 County Budget, Tax Levy and Appropriations

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Mr. Martin, and opposed by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote as follows, 2-1-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following Budget items:

1. Adopt the 2011 County Budget as recommended by the Finance Director.
2. Adopt the 2011 County Tax Levies, Millage Rate and user fee schedules (Parks and Recreation and Health) as recommended by the Finance Director.
3. Approve the 2011 Appropriations to County agencies and authorities as recommended by the Finance Director.

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

B. Ordinance #137

Mr. Martin explained that Ordinance #137 is an effort to help Lower Bucks Hospital remain viable and save jobs.

Mr. Hessenthaler introduced Steven Smith, Bond Counsel, Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, LLP, and Gordon Walker, Financial Advisor, PFM Advisors, who spoke about the language in the ordinance, assumption of risk, debt service, and casino revenue projections.

Mr. Martin introduced Al Mezzaroba, Acting Chief Executive Officer of Lower Bucks Hospital, who spoke about the significance of the timing of this ordinance and the importance of keeping the hospital open.

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia motioned to TABLE Ordinance #137 until the Commissioners receive a new business plan, however, motion failed due to lack of a second.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ordinance

Andrew Warren, former County Commissioner, questioned whether the Commissioners would get a vote on the actual bond issue, and requested a comparison of salaries and pensions to other local hospitals. Mr. Martin questioned the necessity of the hospital comparison.

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

Approve Ordinance #137 to authorize the incurrence of lease rental debt pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act through entering into a Guaranty Agreement guaranteeing the timely payment of principal and interest on a series of Bonds to be issued by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000) to pay the costs of acquiring all or a portion of the real property of Lower Bucks Hospital and the improvements thereon, to fund any reserves and to pay the costs of issuing the bonds.

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

Mr. Cawley noted for the record that he works for Saul Ewing, LLP, however, he never worked on this file, issue or client.

Glenn D. Hains, County Solicitor, verified that Ordinance #137 was advertised.

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following Personnel Actions, numbered 1- 20 were approved:

| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
|----|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | Joy I. Anyanwu J.R.#20 | Registered Nurse Unit 60 | NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk | 12/21/10 | 33.08 PH |

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| 2. | Catherine A. Barton J.R.#1127 | Admin Asst PW-Cnty Prop Dir Unit 00 | General Services 40.0 hrs/wk | 12/20/10 | 18.00 PH To 06/20/11 3% 6 Months |
| 3. | Dieudonne Durand J.R.#15 | Nursing Assistant – Pool Unit 30 | NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk | 12/07/10 | 15.02 PH |
| 4. | Danielle A. Jones J.R.#14 | Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03 | NM Nursing 24.0 hrs/wk | 12/07/10 | 13.89 PH |
| 5. | Andrew J. Lynd J.R.#21 | Food Service Attendant Unit 03 | NM Dietary 24.0 hrs/wk | 12/04/10 | 12.01 PH |
| 6. | Sarah A. Matthews J.R.#1125 | PHN II Unit 06 | Health 40.0 hrs/wk | 01/18/11 | 27.95 PH |
| 7. | Travis S. Monroe J.R.#1064 | Assistant Human Resources Dir Unit 00 | Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk | 01/03/11 | 70,000.00 PA To 07/03/11 3% 6 Months |
| 8. | Eliza A. Musa J.R.#15 | Nursing Assistant – Pool Unit 30 | NM Nursing 8.0 hrs/wk | 12/07/10 | 15.02 PH |
| 9. | Paul G. Sullivan J.R.#1119 | Custodian – NMH Unit 02 | General Services 40.0 hrs/wk | 12/20/10 | 18.89 PH |

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| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
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| 10. | Lisa J. Delp J.R.#16 | LPN - Pool Unit 31 To LPN Unit 33 | NM Nursing 4.0 hrs/wk To NM Nursing 40.0 hrs/wk | 12/18/10 | 25.50 PH To 23.94 PH |

POSITION CHANGE

| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
|-----|-----------------|---|--|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 11. | Thomas F. Burns | Manager Data Center Unit 00 To Data Center Specialist Unit 03 | Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk To Information Technology 40.0 hrs/wk | 01/01/11 | 60,239.69 PA To 22.71PH |

PROMOTION

| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
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| 12. | Melissa M. Laird J.R.#916 | Election Specialist Unit 03 To Assistant Director Unit 00 | Board of Voter Registration 37.5 hrs/wk To Board of Voter Registration 40.0 hrs/wk | 12/18/10 06/18/11 | 20.02 PH To 49,920.00 PA To 3% 6 Months |

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
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| 13. | Karen M. Nagy | Human Resources Admin Unit 00 To Human Resources Admin Unit 00 | Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk | 12/18/10 | 24.34 PH To 25.79 PH |

SEPARATIONS

| | NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | DATE* | REMARKS |
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| 14. | Austin N. Cush | Food Service Attendant | NM Dietary | 10/28/10 | Separation |
| 15. | Mary Frances L. Frabotta | HMIS Project Administrator | Community Development | 12/11/10 | Separation |
| 16. | Kerri A. Nash | Seasonal Help | Parks & Recreation | 09/06/10 | Separation |
| 17. | Elaine S. Pettit | Corrections Officer | Main Jail | 12/11/10 | Separation |
| 18. | Tenley J. Schnakenberg | Caseworker | NM Social Works Services | 12/06/10 | Separation** |
| 19. | Amy R. Schuck | Nursing Assistant – PT | NM Nursing | 11/23/10 | Separation |
| 20. | Stephen H. Shantz | Public Defender | Public Defender | 03/14/11 | Separation |

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

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Mr. Martin, with the vote as follows, 3-0, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following appointments:

BC Conference & Visitors Bureau:

- Mike Etzrodt, reappointment, term expires 12/31/14
- Helen A. Flocco, reappointment, term expires 12/31/14
- James Humphreys, reappointment, term expires 12/31/14
- Paul A. Licetra, reappointment, term expires 12/31/14
- Beverly M. Miller, reappointment, term expires 12/31/14

Enterprise Zone:

- Edward Kisselback, reappointment, term expires 12/31/13

Industrial Development Authority:

- Mary K. Smithson, reappointment, term expires 1/1/16

For the record, Ms. Ellis-Marseglia noted that she would like to see more new appointments to the BC Conference & Visitors Board membership.

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

Board of Health:

- Edwin R. Knopf, M.D., reappointment, term expires 1/12/15
- William Mischke, Jr., reappointment, term expires 1/12/15

Open Space Review Board:

- Robert Wharton, reappointment, term expires 11/5/11

Upon motion of Mr. Cawley, seconded by Mr. Martin, and opposed by Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, with the vote as follows, 2-1, a Resolution was adopted to approve the following appointments:

Water and Sewer Authority:

- Stacey Mulholland, reappointment, term expires 1/1/16

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

Local Emergency Planning Committee:

- Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, new appointment, term expires 8/31/12

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Hains brought to the Commissioners' attention that there was an unintended change made to the salaries of Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court on the Resolution adopted at the 12/6/10 Special Commissioners Meeting. Because this officer holds two offices, they are entitled to an additional \$2,000 in salary.

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

RESOLVED, that the Bucks County Board of Commissioners, to the extent permitted by law, fixes the salary of Register of Wills who also serves as the Clerk of the Orphans' Court, at a rate of three percent (3%) more than the base salary for 2011 for elected county officers plus \$2,000 for a total of \$81,854 for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2012; and at a rate of three percent (3%) more than the prior year's salary for the next calendar year beginning January 1, 2013, for a total salary of \$84,309.62; and no percentage (0%) for each calendar year thereafter until further increases and/or decreases are made by a future Board of Commissioners, together with the same benefit package as is provided for non-union employees during the respective periods as mentioned above. All prior and inconsistent Resolutions of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners are hereby rescinded and revoked as to their inconsistency and are reinstated and confirmed insofar as they are consistent with this Resolution.

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

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia announced that she had met with officials regarding the Fairless Turning Basin project which resulted in securing another pledge from private companies of approximately \$62,000. Discussion occurred regarding the timing and urgency of a County pledge.

Upon motion of Ms. Ellis-Marseglia, seconded by Mr. Cawley, with the vote as follows, 3-0, the following miscellaneous item was approved:

RESOLVE to approve another \$25,000 on top of the prior \$50,000 for a total commitment of \$75,000, to the Fairless Turning Basin project, with the following three contingencies: (1) if the state grants any funds to the project then the County would be reimbursed the first \$25,000 of that state grant, and (2) the County is indemnified if the project needs more than the current total pledge of \$75,000, and (3) that any "underage" or "refund" be divided equally among the five major contributors at 20% each to KIPC, Kinder Morgan, Waste Management, Falls Township and Bucks County.

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

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

Mr. Hessenthaler thanked Finance Director, Dave Boscola, Deputy Finance Director, Nancy Horvath, and the entire Finance staff for their hard work on the budget process, resulting in a 5th year of no tax increases, especially in light of increased costs which were beyond their control.

On Tuesday, December 14th, the Department of Military Affairs took possession of their new 2011 bus to continue to provide transportation to veterans, having served close to 10,000 veterans since the program began in October of 2001. Bucks County is the only county in the state to provide this service free of charge.

The Courthouse Christmas Program will be held on Thursday, December 23rd, the public is invited, a magician kicks it off at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Hessenthaler wished everyone happy holidays.

Lynn Bush, Chief Clerk, reported on the following:

Ms. Bush announced her excitement that geothermal well regulations were adopted and that municipal leaders would be very pleased as well.

The Neshaminy Stormwater Management Plan, which was adopted by the Commissioners in August, has been approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. This means that the approximately 20 municipalities who are within the watershed area will be updating their regulations so that flooding can be minimized. Municipalities have six months to comply with the plan.

The Commissioners offered comments on the following matters:

Ms. Ellis-Marseglia requested information regarding the construction of the new Justice Center, such as timelines for the bid process, which was provided by Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson explained that they are still reviewing bids and would probably be doing so for another week; however, he hoped to have recommendations to the Commissioners by the next meeting if possible.

Mr. Martin stated that the Commissioners received and accepted a letter of resignation from Harris Gubernick, Director, Department of Corrections, effective 2/2/11. Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Gubernick for his years of service and dedication to the County.

Mr. Martin announced that Bucks County welcomed Mayor Nutter of Philadelphia to a Chamber of Commerce meeting and how nice it was to work together with community leaders and the mayor, on many positive issues.

Mr. Cawley echoed Mr. Martin's statements regarding the resignation of Mr. Gubernick, stating that he did a tremendous job for the County and wished him well.

Mr. Cawley applauded Mr. Martin for creating the tourism grant program and that it is truly a wonderful program.

GRANTS – Hotel Tax Project

Mr. Martin invited Mr. Lepping to report on the latest grant distributions for the Conference & Visitor’s Bureau program, which is a plan whereby a portion of the hotel tax paid by overnight visitors is set aside to fund grants to be awarded to non-profit, tourism related members of CVB.

Mr. Lepping thanked the Commissioners and announced that \$187,000 in grants would be awarded today, and this award brings to total approximately \$800,000 awarded in just two years since the inception of the program. Mr. Lepping announced the award winners for the fall grants as follows:

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| Bucks County Zoo | \$12,000 |
| Bristol Riverside Theatre | \$ 8,000 |
| New Hope Celebrates | \$ 3,500 |
| Doylestown Historical Society | \$ 4,000 |
| Pearl S. Buck Inter’n | \$15,000 |
| Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve | \$15,000 |
| River Road Business Alliance | \$10,000 |
| Johnsville Centrifuge | \$ 2,000 |
| James A. Michener Art Museum | \$25,000 |
| Bucks County Wine Trail | \$15,000 |
| Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra | \$ 3,500 |
| Craven Hall | \$ 3,000 |
| New Hope Historical | \$ 3,500 |
| CB Chamber of Commerce | \$15,000 |
| Bucks County Audubon | \$ 7,000 |
| Garden of Reflection | \$ 5,000 |
| Bucks County Choral | \$ 2,500 |
| BC Historical – Mercer Museum | \$30,000 |
| Newtown Corp. | \$ 2,000 |
| Historic Fallsington | \$ 6,000 |

PUBLIC COMMENT – All Items

Det Ansinn, Doylestown Borough Council President and Doylestown resident, voiced his concern over drawing on the General Fund to fill the budget shortfall, a trend that is slowly drawing down the fund and may jeopardize the AAA bond ratings the County recently earned, as occurred in Montgomery County. Mr. Cawley suggested looking at the big picture in which the General Fund went from \$8 million to \$56 million in the last 8 years, which is the opposite of what happened in Montgomery County, therefore a comparison would not be accurate. Additionally, Mr. Hessenthaler clarified that focusing on revenue trends is not always an accurate analysis of the budget, pass-through’s have to be taken into consideration and net budget impact is a better budget analysis tool.

Mr. Ansinn also commented on the fiscal impact of federal healthcare changes.

Dorothy and Jim Zalinsky, Bensalem Township, congratulated Mr. Cawley for his recent election victory and also for his involvement in dealing with the Zalinsky’s water and flooding issues. However, Mr. Zalinsky wanted to point out that the assistance they received from Bensalem Township tripled the problem instead of solving it. He described the new moat around his property, contaminated topsoil used by the township, threats from local officials, and improper citations, all of which pushed them to seek help from the County. Mr. Cawley expressed his regret that this problem has not yet been resolved, and pointed out that several Bensalem Council members were in attendance at this meeting as well as their solicitor. Bensalem Councilman, Ed Kisselback, responded that this was the first he was hearing of this problem. Ms. Bush, as Executive Director of the Planning Commission, clarified that the County is not responsible for approving land development or storm water management plans, all authority rests with the townships. Joseph Pizzo, Solicitor, Bensalem Township, acknowledged their issues as a township matter and said the township has adequately addressed them.

Tom Carroll, Washington Crossing resident, thanked the Commissioners for not raising taxes. As President of Bucks County Wine Trail, Mr. Carroll also thanked the Commissioners for their foresight and leadership in recognizing the beneficial economic impact of local wineries.

Vivian Braubitz, Johnsville Centrifuge & Science Museum, thanked the Commissioners for their support of the Johnsville Museum.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Martin announced that the next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bucks County Courthouse Community Room, 1st floor, Doylestown. Mr. Cawley requested, however, that the meeting be moved to Thursday, January 6, 2011, because he will be out of town on January 5. Mr. Martin said he would take that into consideration and the meeting date would be posted on the website as well as displayed in the Courthouse by the Jury Room.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: 1/6/11

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Charles H. Martin
Chairman

James F. Cawley, Esq.
Commissioner

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, Chief Clerk