

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2019

The Bedford County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting in Room 101 of the Bedford County Government Building, 200 South Juliana Street, Bedford, PA on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Commissioner Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Dallara gave the prayer of invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Commissioner Josh Lang, Commissioner Barry L. Dallara, Commissioner S. Paul Crooks. Others present: Debra Brown, Chief Clerk, Melissa Cottle, Treasurer, Don Schwartz, Director of Planning, Charwin Reichelderfer, Sheriff, Catty Fetter, Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts, Lisa Cairo, Administrator, Bedford County Children and Youth Services, Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator, Rick Suder, Senior Planner, Attorney Lesley Childers-Potts, county residents, guests, and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of January 2, 2019 were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the following expenditures:

Payroll	\$259,603.59	CK#:183391-183398
General Priority	\$108,634.21	
General Non Priority	\$38,959.84	
Commissary	\$4,904.19	
LEPC	\$57.26	
CDBG	\$56,401.40	

Commissioner Crooks reported on the following large expenditures from the General Account: Bedford Township Water and Sewage at \$10,862.40; Hyndman Health Care at \$36,333.33; and Postage at \$20,000. The motion was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to submit the January 15, 2019 letter to Southern Alleghenies forwarding the following ranked transportation needs for the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program as recommended by the Board of the Bedford County Planning Commission. They are as follows. Mr. Suder gave an overview on the ranking and the risk assessment for bridge improvements throughout the county. Aaron Craig from Lehman Engineers gave an update on the planning and construction on Bridge #31 by the Bedford Springs Omni Resort. The bridge will be closed on January 28, 2019 until May of 2019. He also commented that a contract is underway for rehab design on some covered bridges and bids out for maintenance work and painting of the bridges over the next few weeks. At some point PennDot will meet with the commissioners to review the repairs. Commissioner Dallara spoke briefly about the Breezewood Truck Turnaround stating that the need for better signage, load concerns, alternative road routes are needed and the language barrier is also a concern because some of the drivers do not read or speak the English language. He also commented on the delays at the Hyndman Railroad area and that responsive solutions are needed to prevent the delays. Commissioner Crooks commented that five county bridges under contract for repairs that are state funded with Penndot. Commissioner Lang noted these repairs are also being paid by the Act 13 and Liquid Fuel funds. The motion was approved as presented.

Roadway/Safety Needs:

1. Breezewood Truck Turnaround Study and any project that might result from a Study;
2. Hyndman Railroad Crossings, trains block three roads, seek an access solution;
3. U.S. Route 30 & Bunker Hill Road (T-474) intersection, increase sight distance;
4. U.S. Route 30 & Zion Road (T- 618) intersection, increase sight distance;
5. PA 96 & Tiger Valley Road (T-315), remove/ease roadway curve north of Hyndman;
6. S.R. 2015 Black Valley Road & S.R. 1004 Ashcom Road intersection reconstruction;
7. S.R. 2019 Lutzville Road, remove/ease roadway curve at the Juniata Woolen Mill.

Local Bridge Needs:

1. T-383 Barkley Road, Juniata Township Bridge No. 2;
2. T-337 Narrow Lane, Cumberland Valley Township Bridge No. 6;
3. T-705 Pine Hill Road, South Woodbury Township Bridge No. 4 (consider removal) with T-705 Pine Hill Road, Township Bridge No. 5 rehabilitation or replacement;
4. T-525 Hammer Road, Napier Township Bridge No. 12;
5. T-408 Sweet Root Road, Bedford Township Br. No. 2; and
6. T-301 Hazen Road, County Bridge No. 33, Cumberland Valley Township.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Change of Assessment Notice Control Report changes for the month of December 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment. Commissioner Crooks commented there was a gain of 2 million in tax dollars. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Bedford County Coroner's Office Fee Schedule for 2019 as follows, effective January 1, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Rusty Styer, Coroner. The motion was approved as presented.

Autopsy Reports - \$500.00
 Coroner's Reports - \$100.00
 Toxicology Reports - \$100.00
 Photographs (5x7) - \$25.00 per photograph
 Photographs (8 x 10) - \$30.00 per photograph
 Digital Photography - \$15.00 per photograph paced on CD
 Cremation Authorization - \$50.00
 Civil Cases - \$100.00 per hour

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve landlord, Donna F. Clark's increase in the monthly rent to \$600.00 per month for District Magistrate Brian Bakers office, effective January 1, 2019. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the hire of Christian Beegle, Fishertown, PA as a full-time Correctional Officer at the Bedford County Correctional Facility, effective January 16, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve Change Order #3, in the amount of \$1,750.95, for the electrical contract with Hallstrom-Clark Electric, Inc., for the Wood-Broad Top-Wells Joint Municipal Authority Water & Sewer Plants project, funded under the FFY 2015 Community Development Block Grant. This is based upon the recommendation of Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator. Mr. Stacey gave an overview of the contracts noting the total change order amount is \$164,346.75. The motion was approved as presented.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

Lesley Childers gave brief presentation about the need for a day treatment/day reporting center. She recommended that a feasibility study and an assessment to determine the needs be conducted so that an informed decision can be made with the county. Commissioner Dallara recommended that a formal request be made to the board for the feasibility study and the assessment at the next meeting. Mr. Roach asked if there is a parallel or mirror program to help assist the victims. Attorney Childers-Potts responded this would be addressed with the study. Commissioner Lang noted that grant funding might be available for this project.

Commissioner Lang commented on the broadband land use in various areas of the county and the development of a tower model. He noted that grant money could be utilized in the bid process.

Mr. Schwartz commented on the progression of the birthing center; interest continues to grow; a feasibility analysis is currently being done; hopeful that it will become a regional facility.

Mr. Schwartz also commented on the old turnpike trail being approved at the state level. Mr. Bachik is acquiring state funding and handling the land transfer and title search for the project. The hope is to have the project completed by spring of 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Crooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dallara seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

The next meeting will be held January 29, 2019 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary