

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 25, 2020

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, February 25, 2020. Commissioner Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Lang led the prayer of invocation and pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Commissioner Josh Lang, Commissioner Barry L. Dallara, Commissioner Deb Baughman. Others present: Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections; Melissa Cottle, County Treasurer; Dave Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services; Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator; Rick Suder, Planning Commission; and members of the press and public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dr. Val Finnell spoke briefly about the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance.
Mr. Dan Harnish spoke about the signatures that have been acquired regarding the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance and his support of the amendment.
Mr. Mark Swope addressed the commissioners and his support of the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the following expenditures. The motion was approved as presented.

Payroll	\$291,604.14	CK#:18595-183600
General Priority	\$255,580.51	
General Priority	\$316,761.53	
General Non-Priority	\$29,282.69	
General Non-Priority	\$206,442.68	
Commissary	\$12,532.95	
Commissary	\$7,474.73	
LEPC	\$65.59	
CDBG	\$6,215.98	
CDBG	\$174.98	

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the Second Amendment Support Resolution 02-25-2020. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented.

Resolution 2-25-2020

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the Supreme Law of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states: “A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article 1, Section 21; the right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of law-abiding citizens of Bedford County to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Board of Commissioners wishes to express opposition to any law that is found unconstitutional under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its intent to support the Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bedford County Board of Commissioners supports the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and any laws deemed constitutional; and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Bedford County legislative delegation, to Governor Wolf, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

ADOPTED on this 25th day of February 2020.

Mr. Don Keller interrupted the meeting with a few comments regarding the Second Amendment and Commissioner Lang noted his comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the following proclamation in recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month on behalf of Your Safe Haven, Inc. This is based upon the recommendation of Beth Hickey, Director, Your Safe Haven, Inc. Ms. Hickey commented that Your Safe Haven, Inc. has been visiting with the schools to educate the students on teen dating awareness. The proclamation was read by Beth Hickey. The motion was approved as presented.

***Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
February 2020***

Whereas: One in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth; and

Whereas: Youth who experience physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drug, and alcohol, attempt suicide and carry patterns of abuse into future relationships; and

Whereas: Females between the ages 16 and 24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group, experiencing abuse at almost triple the national average; and

Whereas: Only 33% of teens who are in an abusive relationship tell anyone; and

Whereas: Eighty one percent of parents either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is; and

Whereas: By providing young people with education about healthy relationships and changing their attitudes away from supporting violence to embracing mutual respect, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented:

Now therefore: The Commissioners of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in recognition of the important work done by Your Safe Haven, Inc., do hereby proclaim the month of February 2020 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month with emphasis on dating violence by supporting their communities' efforts to empower teens to develop healthier relationships. We encourage community leaders to work with Your Safe Haven, Inc, to assist victims in finding and accessing the resources they need, to develop a comprehensive response to dating

violence and to engage in discussions with adult and youth community members to promote awareness and prevention of the quiet but heinous crime of teen dating violence in their communities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to reappoint the following members of the Board of the Bedford County Planning Commission to three-year terms expiring on December 31, 2022. The reappointments are based upon the recommendation of the Board of the Bedford County Planning Commission. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Susan Ramirez ~ Community Area #2
2. Wayne Koontz ~ Community Area #4
3. Kimberley Leydig ~ Community Area #7

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Bedford County Employee Handbook, effective February 25, 2020. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Board of Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the following personnel based upon the recommendation of their respective department heads: The motion was approved as presented.

1. Sam Rush, Everett, PA – Corrections Officer – effective February 12, 2020
2. Kyle Peterson, Everett, PA – Corrections Officer – effective February 12, 2020
3. William Rose, Bedford, PA – Corrections Officer – February 26, 2020
4. Daniel P. Bishop, Bedford, PA - Corrections Officer - March 9, 2020.
5. Robert Cirko, Everett, PA - Telecommunicator - March 9, 2020.
6. Cassie Waybright – 9-1-1 Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) Officer February 10, 2020.
7. Ashley P. Kozak – Clerk Typist I (DMJ Calhoun) – February 18, 2020

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Change of Assessment Notice Control Report changes for the month of February 2020. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between Bedford County Children & Youth Services and Bedford County Juvenile Probation Office and Harborcreek Youth Services, Inc., effective, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to reappoint Melissa Leydig, Hyndman, PA to the Bedford County Housing Authority for a term of appointment to expire January 20, 2025. This is based upon the recommendation of Robert F. Harbaugh, Executive Director, Housing Authority of Bedford County. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the Solution Services Agreement between Encartele for inmate phone services at the Bedford County Correctional Facility and Bedford County, effective March 1, 2020 through March 1, 2025. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the UPMC Benefit Management Services, Inc. d/b/a Work Partners agreement and Exhibits N and P, effective February 1, 2020. Commissioner Baughman noted this is for the County Wellness Plan. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the following to the Behavioral Health Services Board of Directors. This is based upon the recommendation of Mary Piatt-Bruner, Executive Director and Board Chairperson. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Charla Chiappelli, Somerset, PA
2. Denise Ickes, Somerset, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the contract for professional services between Bedford County Pennsylvania and Mission Critical Partners, LLC (MCP). This based upon the recommendation of Sidney McConahy, Vice President & Assistant Operations Director. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the resolution to refinance Bedford County's 2014 Bond Series. We hereby appoint PNC Capital Markets as Investment Banker and Eckert Seamans Cherie & Mellot, LLC as Bond Counsel. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS/BID OPENINGS/COUNTY UPDATES:

Managed Services IT RFP Bid Opening – the three bids were opened by Commissioner Baughman. Commissioner Lang stated these bids will be reviewed by the IT team and a decision will be made at that time.

Terry Stacey – Announce the re-budgeting of FFY 2019 CDBG allocations. Mr. Stacey announced the re-allocation of funds in the FFY 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application as follows: Reducing the Rainsburg Water Meters Replacement project budget from \$51,887 to \$17,416 and increasing the Bedford County Housing Rehab project budget from \$33,698 to \$68,169.

Opening bids for the Hyndman Borough Waterline Replacement Phase IV. Commissioner Baughman and Andy Johnson, Project Engineer of Gwin, Dobson & Gorman, Inc. A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to table all bids until the March 10, 2020 meeting. The motion was approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49. Commissioner Dallara made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Baughman.

The next meeting will be held March 10, 2020 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk

Deb Baughman, Secretary