

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 2, 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, April 2, 2019. Commissioner Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and 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: Angie Ferguson, Administrative Assistant; Melissa Cottle, Treasurer; Don Schwartz, Director of Planning; Terry Stacey, CDBG Coordinator; Cathy Fetter, Prothonotary; Bonnie Bisbing, Children & Youth Services; Tammie Hess, Rep. Jesse Topper’s Office; Jamie Jamison, Your Safe Haven; Jeanne Plummer, Bedford Professional Women; Jens H. Damgaard, Eckert, Seamans, Cherin and Mellott, LLC; Alisha Henry Eckert, Seamans, Cherin and Mellott, LLC ; members of the press and public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of March 12, 2019 meeting were approved.

EXPENDITURES:

Payroll	\$293,182.80	CK#:183423-183430
General	\$229,280.17	
General	\$45,414.50	
Commissary	\$39,076.86	
CDBG	\$13,606.98	
LEPC	\$178.27	

Commissioner Crooks reported on the following large expenditures from the General Account: Adelphoi Village – Children & Youth Services \$50,765.62; Cottles Asphalt – Bridge 32 – Act 13 \$166,845.35; Independent Family – Children & Youth Services \$32,684.63; Professional Family – Children & Youth Services \$29,793.18; UPMC – April Insurance \$152,601.34.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between Bedford County Children & Youth Services and Bedford County Juvenile Probation Office and the following agency, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Cove Prep of White Deer Run, Torrance, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford Escape vehicle with a total purchase price of \$22,810.00 (document fee included) minus the \$12,335.50 (insurance payoff) for a total cost of \$10,474.50. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Director of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the promotion of Ms. Ame Reighard from Caseworker I to Caseworker II, effective May 13, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Director of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the promotion of Ms. Autumn Conley to full-time Social Service Aide I from part-time Social Service Aide I, effective April 15, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Director of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the hire of Corrine Chuha, Manns Choice, PA, to the position of Clerk/Typist I effective April 22, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Director of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the amendment to Purchase of Service Agreement between Bedford County Children & Youth Services and Bedford County Juvenile Probation Office and Independent Family Services, Inc., regarding section XI., Payments: #3 and #4 the amounts shifted with no increase, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. 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 Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the lateral transfer of Jennifer M. McCarty from the Register and Records office to the Prothonotary Office as the Clerk Typist, effective April 8, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Cathy Fetter, Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the lateral transfer of Gretchen Martin from the Tax Assessment Office to the position of Veterans Service Officer I in the Veteran Affairs office, effective April 15, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Debra Rose, Director of Veteran Affairs. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the hire of the following as full-time Correctional Officers at the Bedford County Correctional Facility, effective March 27, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Donald Layton, Osterburg, PA
2. Seth Scholl, Somerset, PA
3. Brandon Greise, Everett, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This is based upon the recommendation of Beth Hickey, Director of Your Safe Haven, Inc. Cathy Jamison read the proclamation. The motion was approved as presented.

Bedford County Board of Commissioners
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 2019

WHEREAS, Your Safe Haven, Inc. wishes to commemorate this month and promote public awareness of the incidences and consequences of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, Sexual assault is a common occurrence, every 98 seconds an American is sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, every 92 seconds a sexual assault occurs, every 9 minutes a child is sexually assaulted and only 5 of 1,000 people are ever incarcerated for sexual assault

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have identified sexual assault as a significant and costly health issue; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative to our youth we stop sexual assault as younger people ages 12-34 are at the highest risk of sexual violence including for rape and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the nation as a whole pays an additional economic toll in the form of medical costs and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, allied professionals and victim services; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month's campaign is, "**The 2019 Sexual Assault Awareness Theme is #I Ask**. Consent is about more than just asking — it is about listening to and accepting the answer without pressuring someone to change their mind.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our individual and collective efforts in Bedford County reflect our dream for a nation where no sexual assault victim goes unserved, or ever feels there is no path to comfort or justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Commissioners of Bedford County, recognize the dedication of Your Safe Haven, Inc. in working towards the elimination of sexual violence in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as *Sexual Assault Awareness Month* in Bedford County, Pennsylvania and urge the citizens of Bedford County to recognize the full value of the dedication of Your Safe Haven, Inc. in working towards the elimination of sexual violence in our community.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the 2019 Pennsylvania Equal Pay Day Proclamation on behalf of the Bedford Business & Professional Women. This is based upon the recommendation of Joan LaSalle, President of the Bedford Business & Professional Women. The proclamation was read by Jeanne Plummer. The motion was approved as presented.

2019 Pennsylvania Equal Pay Day

WHEREAS, more than 50 years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act, women, especially minority women, continue to suffer the consequences of unequal pay; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, women working full time, year round in **2018** typically earned **81.8** percent of what men earned, indicating a decrease of 0.1 percent since 2016; and

WHEREAS, according to *Graduating to a Pay Gap*, a 2012 research report by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the gender pay gap is evident one year after college graduation, even after controlling for factors known to affect earnings, such as occupation, hours worked, and college major; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was signed into law, which gives back to employees their day in court to challenge a pay gap, and now we must pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would amend the Equal Pay Act by closing loopholes and improving the law's effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, according to one estimate, college-educated women working full time earn more than a half million dollars less than their male peers do over the course of a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, four in 10 mothers are primary breadwinners in their households, and nearly two-thirds are primary or significant earners, making pay equity critical to families' economic security; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime of lower pay means women have less income to save for retirement and less income counted in a Social Security or pension benefit formula; and

WHEREAS, in the state of Pennsylvania, in the year 2018, full time working women earned real median income of \$40,214, and full time working men earned real median income of \$50,976, an earnings ratio of 80%; and

WHEREAS, fair pay equity policies can be implemented simply and without undue costs or hardship in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, fair pay strengthens the security of families today and eases future retirement costs while enhancing the American economy; and

WHEREAS, Tuesday, April 2 symbolizes the time in 2019 when the wages paid to American women catch up to the wages paid to men from the previous year,

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Bedford County Commissioners do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 2, 2019:

EQUAL PAY DAY

In Bedford, Bedford County, we urge the citizens of *Bedford, Bedford County*, to recognize the full value of women's skills and significant contributions to the labor force and further encourages businesses to conduct an internal pay evaluation to ensure women are being paid fairly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official seal of *Bedford, Bedford County* to be affixed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve Josephine Kelly to serve a five-year term as a Board Member of the Bedford County Housing Authority. The term will expire on April 2, 2024. This is based upon the recommendation of Robert F. Harbaugh, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of Bedford. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the reappointment of the following for a one-year term to the Agency's Citizens Advisory Council, effective April 2, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Connie Brode, Executive Director of Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging.

1. Bonnie Burr, Hopewell, PA
2. Prudence Harclerode, New Paris, PA
3. Mary Shaffer, Hyndman, PA
4. Donald Steele, Hopewell, PA
5. Jeannie Zimmerman, Everett, PA
6. Doris Kay Imgrund, Schellsburg, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Ordinance # 04-02-19 approving a maximum of \$7,500,000 of general obligation notes to restructure a

portion of the County's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2014, and to finance various capital projects. This is based upon the recommendation of Jens H. Damgaard of Eckert, Seamans, Cherin and Mellott, LLC. Alicia Henry presented information. The motion was approved as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-02-19

NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Bedford, Pennsylvania (the "County"), proposes to adopt, at a public meeting to be held not less than three (3) nor more than thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, an ordinance (the "Ordinance"), the caption and summary of such proposed Ordinance being as follows:

INCURRING NONELECTORAL DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,500,000), TO REFUND A PORTION OF THIS COUNTY'S OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2014, FINANCE VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PAY THE COSTS OF ISSUING THE NOTES; ACCEPTING A NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT; SETTING FORTH THE PARAMETERS, SUBSTANTIAL FORM OF AND CONDITIONS FOR ISSUING THE NOTES; PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THIS COUNTY TO SECURE THE NOTES; APPOINTING A PAYING AGENT AND SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY; PROVIDING FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE REFUNDED BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS.

The proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection in the Commissioners' Office of the Bedford County Courthouse, Third Floor, 200 South Juliana Street, Bedford, Pennsylvania, on any open business day of the County between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. The Ordinance available for inspection may contain blanks, as permitted by the Pennsylvania Local Government Unit Debt Act (the "Debt Act"), relating to the general obligation notes proposed to be issued by the County. Such blanks will be completed by amending the Ordinance prior to its final enactment. An advertisement describing the final enactment of the Ordinance, including any amendments, will be made in accordance with the Debt Act. This Notice is given in accordance with the Debt Act.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Bedford County Commissioners on this 2nd day of April 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve Change Order #4, a decrease in the amount of \$3,661.80, 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 and FFY 2016 Community Development Block Grants. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the following Change Orders for the Wood-Broad Top-Wells Joint Municipal Authority Water & Sewer Plants project, funded under the FFY 2015 and FFY 2016 Community Development Block Grants: (1) Change Order #5 to the G. M. McCrossin, Inc., general contract, increasing the contract amount by \$8,067.12; and (2) Change Order #6 to the G.M. McCrossin, Inc., general contract, decreasing the contract amount by \$5,841.42.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

None

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Crooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dallara seconded by motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 am. The next meeting will be held April 9, 2019 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Angie Ferguson, Administrative Assistant

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary