

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 9, 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 9, 2019. Commissioner Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and 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/Director of Elections; Melissa Cottle, Treasurer; Matthew Godissart, Director of the Bedford County Library; Lisa Cairo, Administrator Bedford County Children and Youth Services; David Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services; Harry Corley, Co-ordinator Emergency Services; and members of the press and public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of April 2, 2019 meeting were approved.

EXPENDITURES:

General	\$355,405.75
Commissary	\$3,473.89
CDBG	\$233,200.93
LEPC	\$238.29

Commissioner Dallara reported on the following large expenditures from the General Account: Bedford/Somerset MHMR at \$31,469.50; Bedford County Library at \$30,000; Economic Development at \$30,000; Conservation District at \$23,250; Bedford Township Municipal Water and Sewage for the jail at \$11,448.30; Hyndman Health for the jail at \$36,333.33; Infocon Services at \$17,009.27; PComp final payment at \$39,834.00; Penelec at \$11,296.69. The motion was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 March 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment. Commissioner Crooks gave a brief overview regarding the report. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the promotion of Autumn Conley from part-time to full-time Social Service Aid 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 Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the hire of Clinton J. Zimmerman, Schellsburg, PA as a full-time Correctional Officer at the Bedford County Correctional Facility, effective April 10, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the promotion of Matthew Corle from a part-time to a full-time Correctional Officer at the Bedford County Correctional Facility, effective April 10, 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 the hire of Allison Martin, Bedford, PA as the Data Entry/Field Inspector for the Tax Assessment Office, effective April 15, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Assessment. 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 a Telecommunicator Trainee's for The Bedford County Department of Emergency Services, effective April 22, 2019. These are replacement hires and funding will come from the 9-1-1 surcharge funds. This is based upon the recommendation of David E. Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Bobbi Weitzel of Bedford, PA
2. Casey Grimes of Clearville , PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. This is based upon the recommendation of David E. Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services. David Cubbison, Director read the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to give praise to the department. The motion was approved as presented.

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

WHEREAS, Bedford County has experienced emergencies that require responses from police, fire and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our first responders is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Bedford County 9-1-1 Center; and

WHEREAS, Bedford County Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Bedford County Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Telecommunicators of Bedford County have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each Telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during performance of their job in the past year;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Commissioners of Bedford County do hereby proclaim the week of April 14 through April 20, 2019 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, in honor of the women and men whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and citizens safe.

Given under our hand and seal of the County of Bedford this 9th day of April, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Proclamation for Nation Library Week. This is based upon the recommendation of Matthew Godissart, Director of the Bedford County Library. Matthew Godissart, Director read the proclamation. Mr. Godissart gave an update on the number of people that visit each of the libraries throughout the county. Commissioner Lang asked him to note the events that the library will be hosting and the hours that the library is open. Commissioner Dallara noted that he hopes to see more events broadcast and that he is appreciative of all their help. Commissioner Lang commented on new initiatives coming through technology. Commissioner Crooks personally thanked Mr. Godissart and his staff, things are so much better at the libraries. The motion was approved as presented.

National Library Week
April 7 – 13, 2019

WHEREAS, today's libraries are not just about books but what they do for and with people; and

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools and campuses; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs and expertise; and

WHEREAS, libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy; and

WHEREAS, libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues; and

WHEREAS, librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community's needs are being met; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information; and

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we the Bedford County Commissioners proclaim National Library Week, April 7-13, 2019. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Director of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. Lisa Cairo, Administrator read the proclamation. The motion was approved as presented.

Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 2019

WHEREAS, every child in the Commonwealth deserves to be cared for by adults who provide love, protection, and a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, protected and unharmed childhoods produce self-assured and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, children who are abused and neglected can become permanently disabled and psychologically distressed adults - experiencing problems with substance abuse, crime or domestic violence against others, including their own children; and

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, 4,748 reports of child abuse were substantiated in 2017, reports of child abuse and neglect reports have increased 76.2% from 2013 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, child abuse includes physical and psychological wounds inflicted upon a child, and abuse survivors wear physical and emotional scars for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, protecting children against abuse and neglect requires the involvement of everyone—a combined effort is imperative to help families break the chains of abuse; and

WHEREAS, many dedicated organizations continue to work in cooperation with federal and state governments to increase public awareness and promote individual and community action as they strive to eradicate this devastating form of violence, protect children, and help build healthy families and communities where children can reach their potential.

WHEREAS, under hand and seal of the Governor on the 9th day of March, 2016, Governor Tom Wolf proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Pennsylvania.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as *Child Abuse Prevention Month* in Bedford County, Pennsylvania and encourage all citizens to cherish our children and join in protecting them from all forms of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Crooks commented that he had attended a PCorp meeting in State College regarding Liability Insurance. He gave a brief overview of what he learned from the meeting. Commissioner Dallara talked about a mandated report regarding Sandusky and asked Lisa Cairo if there were a spike in calls or if investigative calls had gotten lower. Lisa Cairo responded that there was not a decrease and gave an estimated amount of calls for the state. The discussion continued regarding investigative narcotics, children in placement and services provided for placement children. Commissioner Dallara also commented that at the last Prison Board meeting the opposition to adult legalized drugs and distribution to society. Commissioner Lang commented on the following upcoming things in the county: passing an agreement on the Broadband project with the six regions; the Regional Comprehensive Plan; Harrisburg's support for the old PA turnpike trail; certificate of authorization with the drone project; and the Health and Community Resource Fair.

ADJOURNMENT:

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 23, 2019 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary