

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 10, 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, September 10, 2019. Commissioner Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Commissioner Lang 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; Don Schwartz, Director, Planning Commission; Dave Cubbison, Director of Emergency Planning; Matthew Godissart, Director Bedford County Library and staff member; P. Joseph Lehman, Marty Malone, Aaron Craig all from P. Joseph Lehman Engineering, Inc.; county residents, and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of August 27, 2019 meeting were approved.

EXPENDITURES:

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

Payroll	\$258,552.81	CK#:183516-183521
General	\$204,305.38	
General	\$42,351.93	
General	\$20,000.00	
Commissary	\$5,669.75	
CDBG	\$7,054.20	
LEPC	\$140.85	

Commissioner Crooks reported on the following large expenditures from the General Account: Retirement at \$30,000; Bedford Township Water and Sewer for Jail at \$11,000.00; Hyndman Health Center at \$40,786.00 and Independent Family Children and Youth at \$43,296.00.

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 the following and Bedford County Children & Youth Services, 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.

1. Heather Dawn Sipes (Incredible Years Program Lead Facilitator)
2. Language Sign Specialists (Certified American Sign Language Interpreting Services)
3. Shippenville Project Point of Light, Inc.
4. Carol Ann Rose, Esquire
5. Grabill and Seelye, P.L.L.C.
6. Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between the following and Bedford County Children & Youth Services and the Juvenile Probation Office, 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.

1. Professional Family Care Services, Inc.
2. Merakey Pennsylvania
3. Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc.
4. Erie County Office of Children and Youth

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the transfer of Karen Ann Steele from the office of Magisterial District Judge Kathy S. Calhoun to the office of Magisterial District Judge Tonya M. Osman, effective September 9, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Thomas S. Ling, President Judge. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve Clingerman Paving of Everett, PA for the Bedford County Library Paving Project #0182719 in the amount of \$38,800.00. This is based upon the recommendation of Dale Gates, Maintenance Manager. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Statement of Policy and Engineer Designation Record Update Form for P. Joseph Lehman, Inc. Consulting Engineers as the County Engineer for 2020 to 2024. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Notice to Proceed for P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$2,500.00. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion to was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Proclamation for P. Joseph Lehman, Inc. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. Mr. P. Joseph Lehman read the Proclamation. He noted that he was very appreciative of the 45 years that they have worked with Bedford County and hopes for another 45 years. Commissioner Lang noted that the projects that P. Joseph Lehman, Inc. handles are mostly state funded projects and that they have developed long range plans for the county as well. He thanked them for their hard work. Commissioner Crooks commented that they were the best engineering group around; their work is done well and on time. He extended his thanks and appreciation. Commissioner Dallara noted that his staff is quick to respond and that Marty and Aaron go to the maximum on responses, he as well deeply appreciates their time and knowledge. The motion was approved as presented.

P. Joseph Lehman, Incorporated
September 10, 2019

Whereas, The Bedford County Commissioners of Bedford, Pennsylvania takes great pride in recognizing those businesses which, through adherence to the highest standards of service, contribute in a meaningful way toward a better and more productive society; and

Whereas, P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers is celebrating the momentous occasion of its fiftieth anniversary; and

Whereas, P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers was established by P. Joseph Lehman, Sr., in 1969, and initially focused on small-scale civil engineering projects before expanding to offer services in transportation engineering, environmental consulting, survey and structural design. In 2005, P. Joseph Lehman, Jr., assumed the role of President of the business. P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers played a key

role in numerous projects, including the Pennsylvania Turnpike Total Reconstructions, the Frankstown Road and US Route 22 Intersection Project and the Altoona Seventh Street Bridge project; and

Whereas, The corporation has been honored with the Ralph Modjeski Award for Excellence in Transportation Design, Historic Preservation & Archaeology and the Abba G. Lichtenstein Medal. Additionally, P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers participates in the Annual Lehman Engineers Horse Trail Ride & Trail Walk which, since 2006, has raised nearly two hundred thousand dollars to benefit Dreams Go On; and

Whereas, they have developed a strong reputation for the highest quality of service throughout its history. By steady adherence to the principles of reliability and integrity, P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers has become a leader in the community and a model that is worthy of emulation. Over the years, those in leadership positions, as well as its staff members, have contributed in a tremendous way to its growth and development.

To Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers, upon its richly deserved recognition; the Bedford County Commissioners extends warmest wishes for a future replete with ever-increasing success;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand and affixed the seal of the Bedford County on the 10th day of September, 2019.

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 August 2019. 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 Crooks to approve the hire of the Dean Potter, New Enterprise, PA as a Part-time Correctional Officer, effective September 11, 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 the following as Full-time Correctional Officers, effective September 11, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Michael Dibert, Roaring Spring, PA
2. Collin Grigg, Hollidaysburg, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Proclamation for the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society 60th Anniversary Celebration. The Proclamation was read by Steve Elliott. The motion was approved as presented. Commissioner Lang commented how impressive he is with the work being done and appreciative of their efforts. Dave Cubbison commented on how advanced they have become with the technology and applauds them for all their work.

**Bedford County Amateur Radio Society
September 10, 2019**

Whereas, in August of 1959, Bedford County residents Dr. J. R. Meyers, Amateur Radio call sign, K3MYC, Thomas J. Scott, K3ETC and Lynn Whetstone, K3KYT formed the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society (BCARS). This was the county's first Amateur Radio Club that was dedicated to public service.

Whereas, later that year, BCARS became affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) in Hartford, Connecticut, thus making BCARS one of ARRL's oldest continuously operating clubs. The agreement for full club membership was executed between the parties on November 22, 1959; and

Whereas, during that period, the Cold War was in full force and there existed a substantial effort by the Federal and Local Governments to have a qualified cadre of what were then called "Civil Defense" volunteers. This occurred in an era prior to the existence of satellite communications, free long distance, personal computers,

FAX machines, the Internet, social media, 9-1-1 centers and Cell Phones. Amateur Radio operators were often the only communications link out of a disaster area; and

Whereas, one of the challenges in the 1950s and 1960s was avoiding interference with the new technology of television. To mitigate this problem, a Television Interference (TVI) Committee was initiated by Joseph Stewart, K3DKJ. Other committees were formed to provide radio electronics training to the members. One of the presenters was Bedford native, Walter Knisely, K3NQT, who conducted a talk on “Good Shop Practices;” and

Whereas, during the 1970s, BCARS was one of the first clubs in Southwestern Pennsylvania to install an FM 145 MHz Repeater System, which enables its operators to use mobile units and small hand-held transceivers to communicate over a wide geographical area. The Society now operates four such advanced VHF-UHF facilities and is now engaged in a substantial modernization program to bring the equipment up to 21st century standards; and

Whereas, BCARS was an early participant in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the federally sanctioned Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES). These two organizations provide an emergency management network that provides training and protocols for disaster communications. These organizations are currently endorsed by FEMA, PEMA, DOD, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and locally by the Bedford County Department of Emergency Services; and

Whereas, BCARS re-enacted the first transatlantic telegraph exchange between heads of state by sending an overseas message in Morse Code via amateur radio to Queen Elizabeth via the former World War II DE-coding and communications facility at Bletchley Park, UK. The original message was sent in 1858 by Queen Victoria of England to President James Buchanan who was vacationing at the Springs; and

Whereas, BCARS is now training its members in the most current technology of digital communications with Narrow Band Emergency Messaging Service (NBEMS) over radio. Member Carl Keller, Ph.D of Somerset County, KC3KFW heads up the effort. This method and a system called, WINLINK enables the ARES-RACES organization to send official Incident Command (ICS-213) messages to and from served agencies anywhere in the nation; and

Whereas, the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation with over 40 active members. The club has benefited from the financial generosity of the Bedford VFW Post #7527, Knights of Columbus Council #1439, American Legion Post #113, Bedford County Endowments and its members. To learn more about Amateur Radio or how to become a licensed amateur radio operator, visit www.bcars.org.

NOW THEREFORE, we the Commissioners of the County of Bedford express our gratitude and admiration for the work of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society and wish them well on their 60th Anniversary. And we urge the citizens of Bedford County to thank them for their years of service in Bedford County.

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COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

Matthew Godissart talked briefly about National Library Card Sign up Month, which is this month (September) and encourages everyone to get a library card. He then noted some of the upcoming programs and events that will be held at the various libraries throughout Bedford County. Commissioner Lang asked Matthew Godissart to talk about Kimber Company. Matt gave an overview of how the broadband system is going to be connected to rural homes in Bedford County with the libraries. Commissioner Lang also stated that Kimber Company specializes in education in libraries.

Commission Lang asked Mr. Cubbison to talk about the Memorial Bike Ride. Mr. Cubbison stated that there will be a celebration on the front steps of the courthouse tonight as part of the 911 Promise Run Bike Ride. He noted there would be a band, guest speakers and the fire chief Terry Shaffer will be the main speaker. This is to uplift the first responders and military.

A question was asked as to why the outgoing Sheriff has not put on the agenda of any new hires since Erik Whisker had been taken off the agenda a while back; what was he waiting for? No response was given as the Sheriff was not there to answer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Crooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dallara seconded by motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The next meeting will be held September 24, 2019 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary