

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 24, 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 24, 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; Don Schwartz, Director, Planning Commission; Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator; Matthew Godissart, Director Bedford County Library and Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County and Youth Services; county residents, and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of September 10, 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	\$301,370.20	CK#:183522-183530
General	\$353,623.20	
General	\$245,323.20	
General	\$47,692.69	
Commissary	\$1,710.67	
CDBG	\$1,120.40	
Liquid Fuels	\$3,085.38	

Commissioner Crooks reported on the following large expenditures from the General Account: UPMC Health Insurance at \$144,599.99; Aerial Communications at \$89,400.00; Bedford County Retirement at \$30,000.00; Center for Community Action at \$25,174.91 and Adelphoi Village – Children and Youth at \$115,849.64 and a few other for Children and Youth.

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 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. Bair Foundation

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is based upon the recommendation of Beth Hickey, Director of Your Safe Haven, Inc. Lisa Cairo read the proclamation on behalf of Your Safe Haven. Commissioner Dallara requested that Lisa Cairo set up a meeting with herself and Your Safe Haven regarding the sex trafficking and opioid issue in Bedford County. The motion was approved as presented.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Bedford County, Pennsylvania Office of the Bedford County Commissioners

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, income levels, and sexes; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse; and

WHEREAS, a person is abused in the United States every 9 seconds; and

WHEREAS, on average, 3 women are killed by a current or former intimate partner each day in the United States; during the 2018-2019 fiscal year, Your Safe Haven provided services to 1,154 adults and children who were victims of crime. Of those 1,154 victims, 310 adults, 73 children and 189 significant others received domestic violence services; and

WHEREAS, children who grow up in violent homes are abused and neglected at a rate 1500% higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs more than \$37 billion a year in police involvement, legal work, medical and mental health treatment and lost productivity at companies; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, October 11th will be recognized as Wear Purple Day in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

THEREFORE, the Commissioners of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to actively participate in stopping domestic violence in their community by working with Your Safe Haven, Inc. and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence to eliminate personal and institutional violence against victims.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve Lieutenant Ryan Maher to the Day Treatment/Day Reporting Center Advisory Committee. This is based upon the recommendation of Lesley Childers-Potts, District Attorney. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Fair Housing Resolution. This is based upon the recommendation of Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator. Terry Stacey read the resolution. The motion was approved as presented.

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 09 24 19

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of Bedford County that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act), and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. It is the policy of Bedford County to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap (disability), age and ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. Therefore, Bedford County does hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources Bedford County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap (disability), age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bedford County shall make publically known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to:

- (1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts; and (an ad was placed in the Bedford Gazette)
- (2) Conducting at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and
- (3) Using the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:
 - a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program (distributed posters and brochures in the area)
 - b. Applications for assistance
 - c. Contracts
 - d. Municipal letters dealing with the federal programs

Disabled individuals who require reasonable accommodation to be able to access any notification, and Limited English Proficient individuals who require a document translation of any notification, should contact the Bedford County Planning Commission, 200 S. Juliana St., Bedford PA 15522; phone 814-623-4827; TTY users, call PA Relay Center at 1-800-654-5984, Mon-Fri., 9AM-4PM; website www.bedfordcountypa.org; email tstacey@bedfordcountypa.org.

Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Bedford County Board of Commissioners held September 24, 2019.

A question was asked as to why the resolution is necessary; Commissioner Lang responded that it is required by state law.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Resolution #09 24 19 (2). This is based upon the recommendation of Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator. Terry Stacey read the resolution and noted that it is an annual requirement as well. The motion was approved as presented.

Community Development Block Grant FFY

2019 Resolution No. 09 24 19 (2)

A resolution of the County of Bedford, Pennsylvania, in support of the FFY 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, as administered by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and prepared for Bedford County by the Bedford County Planning Commission.

WHEREAS: The Bedford County Board of Commissioners has elected to administer the FFY 2019 Community Development Block Grant Programs for the County of Bedford and on behalf of Bedford Township.

WHEREAS: Bedford County has been allocated \$257,337.00 for the County of Bedford and \$104,310.00 on behalf of Bedford Township for the FFY 2019 CDBG Entitlement Program.

WHEREAS: Bedford County realizes these funds are to assist low- and moderate-income persons, senior citizens (age 60 and over), and the handicapped.

WHEREAS: The County realizes its responsibility to these and all citizens of Bedford County and its municipalities to apply for these funds.

WHEREAS: The activities selected to receive the Bedford County and the Bedford County on behalf of Bedford Township FFY 2019 CDBG Program funds are:

BEDFORD COUNTY:

Hyndman Borough Neighborhood Waterline Replacement – Phase 5, multi-year (\$120,620.00); Rainsburg Borough Water Meters Replacement (\$51,887.00); and County-wide Housing Rehabilitation (\$38,510.00)

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP:

Bedford Township Homeownership Assistance Program (\$85,535.00).

WHEREAS: These proposed activities have been selected in accordance with the County of Bedford, Comprehensive Plan, Three-Year Plan, HUD, and the Department of Community and Economic Development CDBG Program requirements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: By the Bedford County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Bedford shall support, assist and cooperate with reasonable effort, to resolve the problems as outlined in the FFY 2019 CDBG application, and to submit the combined Bedford County and Bedford County on behalf of Bedford Township FFY 2019 Entitlement CDBG Application to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for approval, and to manage and administer the financial compliance and project performance requirements as established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to ensure the efficient, timely, and satisfactory completion of the above proposed activities, and to designate the Bedford County Planning Commission as the responsible administrative agent for the County of Bedford and on behalf of Bedford Township.

Adopted by the Bedford County Board of Commissioners on this day of September 24, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the following to the Bedford/Fulton Outdoor Education, Inc. Board, effective September 24, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Ron Stanley. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Tina Molski
2. Leigh Shank

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the hire of Katie Musselman, Fishertown, PA as a Full-time Correctional Officer, effective October 1, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden at the Bedford County Correctional Facility. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the hire of following as Part-time Correctional Officers, effective September 25, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden at the Bedford County Correctional Facility. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Justin Silvis, South Fork, PA
2. Thomas Langley, South Fork, PA

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

Ms. Amy Calhoun of Everett, PA addressed the Commissioners today with a concern about inmates not receiving materials (books) from authorized companies that can send to the jail. She has followed the rules and had books sent to an inmate only to have them returned to the company. She would like this resolved. Commissioner Lang thanked her for bringing it to their attention and it will be looked into, he said he would respond to her by Friday.

A question was asked about the prison board meeting, stating the law allows media to receive mug shots and Commissioner Lang responded that it is still being reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Crooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dallara seconded by motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

The next meeting will be held October 8, 2019 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary