

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 23, 2017

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, May 23, 2017. Commissioner Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. 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, and Commissioner S. Paul Crooks. Others present: Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections, Melissa Cottle, Treasurer, Joe Foor, Deputy, Cathy Fetter, Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts, Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County Children and Youth Services, David Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services, and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of May 9, 2017, were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the following expenditures:

Payroll	\$242,415.42	CK#:183006-183013
General	\$661,946.96	
General Election	\$17,074.60	
Commissary	\$6,533.84	
Liquid Fuels	\$208.29	
CYS Debit Card	\$46,014.85	

Commissioner Crooks reported on the following large expenditures from the General accounts: Children and Youth Services at \$123,000.00; Health Insurance at \$147,000.00; Retirement Fund at \$25,000.00; Hart at \$15,000.00; and Tax Claims postage at \$12,000.00. The motion was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the promotion of the following persons from part time Correctional Officers to full time Correctional Officers effective May 24, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden at the Bedford County Correctional Facility. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Theresa Price
2. Travis Robertson

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$5,141.34, to cover bridge inspections, effective May 23, 2017. This is based on the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented.

1. East Providence Township - \$820.18
2. West St. Clair Township - \$251.04
3. East St. Clair Township - \$1,364.26
4. Southampton Township - \$1,023.11
5. Napier Township - \$1,557.23
6. South Woodbury Township - \$125.52

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to amend the Subrecipient Agreement between the Bedford County Board of Commissioners and Center for Community Action, extending the Agreement to June 30, 2019, and adding Bedford County OBO Bedford Township FFY 2014 CDBG funds, in the amount of \$76,183.00, to the Agreement. This is based upon the recommendation of Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve Debra Coyler, Hopewell, PA as the part time Typist I in the Prothonotary Office, effective May 23, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Cathy Fetter, Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to move to hire a tenth full time position to be created to fill the current schedule for 9-1-1 Telecommunicator staff at the Bedford County 9-1-1 center. This position is needed to fulfill staffing for Fulton County 9-1-1. This is based upon the recommendation of David Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services for Bedford County. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve Jenifer McCarty, Buffalo Mills, PA for the position of Housekeeping effective June 1, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Dale Gates, Director of Maintenance. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the following persons to the position of Caseworker I effective June 5, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Amanda Coleman, Fairhope, PA
2. Channing Bowers, Stoystown, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the purchase of a 2017 Chrysler 200, vehicle with a total purchase replacement price of \$19,053.00 minus the \$8,725.00 (insurance payoff) for a final total of \$10,328.00. This was the vehicle that was damaged during the last storm. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator of 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 resolution regarding House Bill 218 as read on May 23, 2017. A resolution of the county of Bedford, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting residents and communities against the proposed FY 2017-2018 state funding cuts for key human services and criminal justice programs in House Bill 218. The motion was approved as presented.

WHEREAS, counties provide crucial human services that protect the most vulnerable individuals, such as child welfare and protective services, mental health, intellectual disabilities, substance abuse treatment, homeless assistance, meal programs, lottery funded transportation, and others; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania leads the nation in the adoption and implementation of criminal justice system reforms and best practices, such as diversion, behavioral health services, and the Justice Reinvestment I and II initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposal amended into House Bill 218, Printer's Number 1236 contains sweeping cuts in funding for criminal justice, human services, and administrative programs that counties perform on the Commonwealth's behalf, amounting to millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, under House Bill 218, these cuts would be significant and devastating to Bedford County and other counties throughout Pennsylvania, including the following:

- Juvenile probation - \$54,000.00 (18 %)

- Adult probation – \$11,000.00 (18 %)
- Intermediate punishment programs – \$0.00 (0 %)
- County trial reimbursement – \$ Varies (Paid 80% after 3 days)
- Senior judge reimbursement – \$ Varies
- Court interpreter county grants - \$ 2,500.00
- County court reimbursement – \$ 21,000.00
- Jurors cost reimbursement – \$ 300.00
- Human Services Development Fund – \$ 7,500.00
- Homeless Assistance – \$ 4,225.00

WHEREAS, these cuts will cause inmate populations to swell, decrease public safety, and result in a lack of uniformity in the provision of justice across the state; and

WHEREAS, the proposal argues that savings are to be had in reinventing government, but the cuts in House Bill 218 run exactly opposite to that objective, wholly dismantling successful initiatives already in place, reversing the significant and documented gains made by the commonwealth and counties, and thwarting investment in any new innovations as counties focus just on meeting minimum service delivery thresholds; and

WHEREAS, the eliminated funds and funding reductions do not come with relief for any mandates, nor do they reduce caseloads, which will ultimately mean increases in county property taxes while programs remain regulated and controlled by state policy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Bedford County remains committed to the important role we play in delivery of services to and safety of our communities; and

RESOLVED, that Bedford County stands ready to work in partnership with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania in support of counties' top priority for 2017, human services funding and system reform; and

RESOLVED, that Bedford County calls upon the General Assembly and the Administration to meet their full responsibility to counties as their service delivery partners, and ultimately to their citizens most in need, in the FY 2017-2018 state budget; and

RESOLVED, that Bedford County calls upon the General Assembly to recognize that any vote for the lack of adequate funding in House Bill 218 as passed by the House is not a vote for a “no tax increase budget,” but a vote for county property tax increases; 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 by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Bedford, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and this 23rd day of May, 2017.

Commissioner Lang commented that the House passed the bill. The Senate has not voted and no date has been set for them to vote. Commissioner Dallara commented that the cuts total 60 million dollars across Pennsylvania. A letter will be sent to the editor for publication.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Lang noted that the Health & Resources Fair will be held on June 2, 2017. There will be 50 organizations and departments opening to the public for the event. Please try to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be on June 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary