

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2017

The Bedford County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting in Room 303 of the Bedford County Government Building, 200 South Juliana Street, Bedford, PA on Tuesday, October 10, 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, Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator, Don Schwartz, Director of Planning, Faith Zembower, Register of Wills/Recorder of Deeds, Bonnie Bisbing, Children and Youth, county residents and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of September 26, 2017, were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

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

Payroll	\$245,717.87	CK#:183096-183103
General Priority	\$131,012.30	
General Non Priority	\$121,468.55	
Commissary	\$6,827.27	
CDBG	\$25,610.30	

Commissioner Crooks reported on the following large expenditures from the General Priority accounts: the Extension Allocation at \$12,562.46; payment to Navarro & Wright at \$ 32,571.25; Center for Community Action pass thru at \$26,379.89; and Family Services at \$3,000.00. A question was asked if this is the first payment to Navarro & Wright. An explanation was provided in response to the question. 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 Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Week. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Breast Cancer Committee. The proclamation was read by Mick Gordon. The motion was approved as presented.

Breast Cancer Awareness Week
October 15-24, 2017

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in the United States and although rare, is also diagnosed in American men; and

WHEREAS, one in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and less than one percent of the American men will be diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the 2nd leading cause of death among women in the United States, with estimates that over 246,600 will be diagnosed and more than 40,000 will lose the fight. Although rare, 2,600 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 440 will lose the fight. On average, every 2 minutes a woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Pink Ribbon Fund was formed in June 2017 by a very dedicated, enthusiastic group of volunteers, formally working with the American Cancer Society Making Strides in Breast Cancer Program; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Bedford County Pink Ribbon Fund is to help in the fight against breast cancer by raising funds at their annual walk and 5K race that will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the funds raised by this event will be directed to non-profit organizations of the committee's choosing and appoint money where it is most needed, helping the people of Bedford County.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, do hereby proclaim the week of October 15-24, 2017, as Pink Ribbon Fund Week in Bedford County, Pennsylvania and urge the citizens of Bedford County to participate in the activities that are coordinated by the Pink Ribbon Fund and join in their efforts of education, advocacy and service to those battling breast cancer.

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 Mark Klinger, Prevention Educator/Outreach for Your Safe Haven, Inc. The proclamation was read by Mark Klinger. The motion was approved as presented.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2017

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 2016-2017 fiscal year, Your Safe Haven provided services to 1,458 adults and children who were victims of crime. Of those 1,458 victims, 578 adults and children 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 13th 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 2017 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 the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Letter of Intent. This is based upon the recommendation of Stacey Tice, Deputy Director/Director of Development for Center for Community Action. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve National Business Women's Week. This is based upon the recommendation of Faith Zembower, Register of

Wills/Recorder of Deeds. The proclamation was read by Ella M. McElwee. The motion was approved as presented.

National Business Women's Week®
October 16 -20, 2017

WHEREAS, working women constitute 72 million, or almost half, of the nation's workforce and strive to serve their communities, their states and their nation in professional, civic and cultural capacities; and

WHEREAS, women-owned businesses account for 30% percent of all U.S. business, generating \$1.9 trillion in sales and employing 9.2 million people; and

WHEREAS, working women should be applauded for their contributions to the workplace and the financial stability of their families especially during the economic downturn when more women have become their family's breadwinner; and

WHEREAS, the major goal of Business and Professional Women's Foundation is to promote equity for all women and to help create better conditions for working women through the study and advocacy of social, educational and economic issues impacting women in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, since 1928, National Business Women's Week® has honored the contributions of working women and employers who support working women and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford Business and Professional Women's Club wholeheartedly supports the concepts set forth in the celebration of National Business Women's Week; and

THEREFORE, we, the Commissioners of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2017, to October 20, 2017 as National Business Women's Week®.

This event is sponsored by Business and Professional Women's Foundation. We urge all citizens, businesses and community organizations in Bedford County, Pennsylvania to join this salute to working women. Encourage and promote the celebration of the achievements of all working women as they contribute daily to our economic, civic and cultural goals and livelihood.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the transfer of Shyanna Shipley from part-time to full-time Correctional Officer, effective October 11, 2017, at the Bedford County Correctional Facility. 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 hire Desiree Corley, Bedford, PA effective October 16, 2017, as a part-time Correctional Officer at the Bedford County Correctional Facility. 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 Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the hire of LaShae Mitchell, Bedford, PA, to the full-time housekeeping position effective October 10, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Dales Gates, Director of Maintenance. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve Peggy Ritchey, Bedford, PA as Chairperson of the Advisory Board Support Committee of the Citizens' Advisory Board of Bedford County Children and Youth Services effective 2017 – 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Stan Howes, Chairperson of the Citizen's Advisory Board 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 Emergency Solutions Grant for Bedford, Fulton and Huntingdon Counties. This is based upon the recommendation of Stacey Tice, Director at the Center for Community Action. This motion was approved as presented.

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 September 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment. Commissioner Crooks noted there were additional entrants into Clean and Green, old buildings torn down and new building put up, but there was no change to the bottom line for the month. This motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to consider Casey Colledge as a member of the TOPP Trail Steering Committee effective October 10, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of John Carlin, Chairman of the TOPP Trail Steering Committee, formally Pike 2 Bike. This motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the appointment of the following people to the Board of the Bedford County Planning Commission effective October 25, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of the Board of the Planning Commissioner. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Kimberley Leydig, representing Area #7
2. Joseph Barefoot, representing Area #8

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Resolution for the Department of Community and Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009. This is based upon the recommendation of Stacey Tice, Director at the Center for Community Action. Terry Stacey read the resolution. The motion was approved as presented.

Resolution of the County of Bedford

Authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the
Department of Community and Economic Development,
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH) enacted into law on May 20, 2009, authorized the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has received ESG program funds and is making these funds available to units of local governments for eligible homeless services; and

WHEREAS, the **County of Bedford** desires to submit an application to DCED for ESG Program funds to provide homeless services or on behalf of other entities to provide homeless services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the **County of Bedford** that:

1. The proposed project(s) Homeless Preventions, Rapid Rehousing Outreach, HMIS and Administrative Costs to be funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania ESG Program meet the ESG interim rule requirements at §24 CFR 576 are eligible and approved.

2. The **Center for Community Action** on behalf of **The County of Bedford** is authorized and directed to execute an ESG Program application in the amount of \$ 152,750.00 to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.
3. The **Center for Community Action** will assume the responsibility for securing the required matching amount of project funds or request a waiver of match funds to DCED.
4. The (County) will reimburse the commonwealth for any expenditure found to be ineligible.
5. The **Center for Community Action** is authorized to provide such assurances, certificates, and supplemental data or revised data that DCED may request in connection with the application.

Adopted this 10th day of October, 2017.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

Sherri Peeler, CD, introduced herself as a certified doula and gave a brief explanation as to what that is and what services are provided as a doula. She discussed the closing of the Obstetrics Department at UPMC Bedford Memorial and the effects it will have on the many expecting mothers in Bedford County. She proposes that a center be opened in the county. Commissioner Lang stated he would work with her in any capacity needed to help with the endeavor. Commissioner Dallara thanked her for coming and hopes as well that a solution can be reached soon. He inquired what would happen if something catastrophic happens during a delivery and how it would be handled? Ms. Peeler stated that measures are taken prior to deliveries through interviews, education and prenatal care. There are guidelines that must be followed, but there are no guarantees. Commissioner Lang said a meeting will be set up soon to further discuss the coordination of care. Commissioner Crooks stated that we need to continue to work to bring industry to the county. We need to keep people here; the youth and retirees as well, by reaching out to outlying areas as a county effort. We need to entice people to put together programs for all of Bedford County. Commissioner Dallara also reminded everyone that letters have been sent to UPMC. He asked the residents not to stay quiet, voice their concerns of the to-be-mothers that will be at risk and this is not in the best interest of families and the county. UPMC states there is a shortage of OB physicians, yet spends millions in other areas and they are not willing to put it back into Bedford County.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be on October 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 303 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary