

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 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, December 5, 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, David Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services, county residents and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of November 14, 2017, were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

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

Payroll	\$261,444.92	CK#:183132-183141
General Priority	\$207,065.27	
General	\$77,637.78	
General	\$135,283.75	
General	\$179,780.41	
General - CY	\$43,414.70	
LEPC	\$183.85	
Commissary	\$9,895.75	
Commissary	\$8,710.13	
CDBG	\$14,890.57	
CDBG	\$6,153.92	
Liquid Fuels	\$33,377.68	

Commissioner Crooks reported on the following large expenditures from the General Priority accounts: first noted were the doubles of expenditures they are due to only one meeting being held in November as the commissioners were at a CCAP Conference. The largest expenditure is from the General account was for UPMC at \$150,000.00; for the other accounts, the expenditures were standard. For the General account, Children and Youth, those expenditures were for debit card use.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the certified taxable value amount of \$3,195,995,237.00 for the taxable 2018 year. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment. The motion was approved as presented. Commissioner Dallara noted that the November 2016 total tax amount was \$3,186,325,835.00 and the difference in the amount is that the base is growing slower due to clean and green which reduces appeals causing shifting changes. There is no tax increase for the upcoming year. The question was asked by a citizen as to how much reduction does the clean and green effect the taxes? Commissioner Dallara stated that by placing a property in clean and green often results in the property owner pay only 30 – 40% of the assessed value. Commissioner Crooks gave a brief overview stating that the amount of the reduction was contingent upon the soil composition of the property

being placed in the C & G program. Property with high value soils would get less of a reduction than a property with undesirable soil characteristics.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to re-appoint the following individuals as DBHS Advisory Board members for another three year term, effective October 25, 2017 through December 31, 2020. This is based upon the recommendation of Mary-Piatt-Bruner, LPC Administrator for Bedford-Somerset DBHS. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Terry Moxley, Bedford, PA
2. Bonnie Barron, Somerset, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the provider agreement between the following agencies and Bedford County Children and Youth Services, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Dean Crabtree, Esquire
2. Gerald M. Nelson, Esquire

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the provider agreement between the following and Bedford County for Children and Youth Services and Bedford County Juvenile Probation Office, effective October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Concern-Professional Services for Children, Youth and Families
2. Family Care Services

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to re-appoint the following individuals as board members to the Bedford County Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority for another five year term, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2023. This is based upon the recommendation of Bette Slayton, Director of Bedford County Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Doug Gerber
2. Sean Bardell

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 November 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment. The motion was approved as presented. Commissioner Crooks commented that the assessed value is up 6 million for the certified budget. There is a larger concern for taxes due to an appeal of a multimillion dollar reduction.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the interest arbitration awards with the SEIU Local 668 and American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees unions and the settlement agreement with the Court Related Employees union. 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 hire of Zakary Knisely, Osterburg, PA as a part time Deputy Sheriff effective December 5, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Charwin Reichelderfer, Sheriff. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Vendor Agreement between the county of Bedford and Center for Community Action for MATP effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Wendy Melius, Director of Center for Community Action. The motion was approved as presented.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

The 2018 Proposed Budget is now on display in the Bedford County Commissioners Office. Commissioner Lang noted the Proposed Budget is on display and that there is no tax increase and nothing out of normal on the Budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be on December 19, 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