

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

July 31, 2018

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, July 31, 2018. Commissioner Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. 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 and Commissioner S. Paul Crooks. Others present: Debra Brown, Chief Clerk, Melissa Cottle, Treasurer, Don Schwartz, Director, Planning Commission, David Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services, Charwin Reichelderfer, Sheriff, county residents and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 14, 2018, were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES

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

Payroll	\$268,446.49	CK#:183292-183300
General	\$534,948.90	
Commissary	\$4,879.26	
CDBG	\$9,986.58	
Liquid Fuels	\$1,535.22	

Commissioner Crooks reported on the following large expenditures from the General Account: Personal Solutions at \$10,317.79; Grinder Pump Repair at Bedford County Correctional Facility at \$14,622.00; Wessel Audit at \$13,000.00; Retirement for the County at \$27,500.00; Penelec at \$11,412.81; Health Insurance at \$139,413.44; Children and Youth Services (UFSS) at a total of \$97,321.66.

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 Bedford County Children & Youth Services and the following, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Terry O’Hara, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist, Pittsburgh, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between Bedford County Children & Youth Services and Bedford County Juvenile Probation Office and the following, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Pressley Ridge, Pittsburgh, PA
2. Pentz Run Youth Services, Inc., DuBois, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the promotion of the following from a part-time to a full-time Correctional Officer at the Bedford County

Correctional Facility, effective August 1, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Melissa Black
2. Kirsten Horn

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the promotion of Neil Conklin from a full-time Correctional Officer to a non-union, full-time Lieutenant at the Bedford County Correctional Facility, effective August 1, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden. The motion was approved as presented. A question was asked if he is related to the female officer at the correctional facility. Commissioner Lang and Dallara responded the question.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the hire of the following as full-time Correctional Officers at the Bedford County Correctional Facility, effective August 1, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Michael H. Perrin, Artemas, PA
2. Randolph D. Musselman, New Paris, PA
3. Jadan Morrow, Six Mile Run, PA
4. Harley Wareham, Everett, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the settlement agreements for Joseph Baker and Donald Leydig. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented. There were various questions asked about Mr. Baker and Mr. Leydig. The commissioners all responded to specific questions about the issue. As a separate issue: A few questions were also asked about the County Detective position. Sheriff Reichelderfer responded to those questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the SA Joint Resolution for the PEMA Grant. This is based upon the recommendation of Sid McConahy, Vice President, Assistant Director of Operations for Mission Critical Partners, LLC. The motion was approved as presented. Dave Cubbison gave a synopsis of the resolution, noting that it give Huntingdon County permission to act as fiscal agent for the funding.

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTIES OF BEDFORD, BLAIR, CAMBRIA, CENTRE,
FULTON, HUNTINGDON AND SOMERSET**

WHEREAS, the County of Bedford (“Bedford”), the County of Blair (“Blair”), the County of Cambria (“Cambria”), the County of Centre (“Centre”), the County of Fulton (“Fulton”), the County of Huntingdon (“Huntingdon”), and the County of Somerset (“Somerset”) (hereinafter collectively “Counties”) are parties to an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement (the “Agreement”) dated July 17, 2018.

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Agreement contemplates that the Counties may seek grants and funding to support their efforts under and pursuant to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Counties determined that it was in their best interests to seek a grant from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (“PEMA”), which entity according to Act 12 of 2015 is the designated state agency to receive and distribute 9-1-1 surcharges that are collected throughout the state, in the amount of \$ 4,968,843.01 to support their joint efforts as described in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement contemplates that one of the Counties shall act as applicant for the grant; and

WHEREAS, Huntingdon agreed to act as the applicant for the PEMA grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTIES HEREBY RESOLVE THAT:

1. Each of the Counties approved Huntingdon to be the grant applicant and to submit the grants on their behalf. Each County will receive funds directly from PEMA and pursuant to the Agreement.
2. Huntingdon is authorized to submit said grant and to execute and deliver to PEMA any and all documents required by PEMA to obtain the grant.
3. Funds received from PEMA shall be allocated to the Counties directly as set forth on Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Bedford County represents that this Joint Resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Bedford County at a duly called and convened public meeting of the Board of Commissioners on July 31, 2018.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

The Bedford County Visitors Bureau press release regarding the county hotel tax was read by Commissioner Dallara. Commissioner Dallara briefly discussed what will happen within the next few weeks. Commissioner Lang stated a survey will be sent out in the fall and appropriate steps will be taken to hear the public voice on the issue and the results will be available to the public.

Commissioner Dallara thanked Representative Topper and Senator Langerholc offices for their diligent work on the cell phone services and noted that there was a CSX train issue the day of the press conference in Hyndman and what had transpired at that time.

Commissioner Lang thanked Representative Topper and Senator Langerholc offices for supporting many of the things that have happened within the last few months; he noted the old Pennsylvania Turnpike, the broadband services and the first meeting with that, and he handed out a press release regarding a grant from Lynn Skillington, UFSS Director and commented on how this will have a positive effect on the county of Bedford and the Bedford County school districts.

A question was asked about the county detective status; Commissioner Lang responded stating the county detective process will be handled by District Attorney, Lesley Childers-Potts and go through the Board for approval. Sheriff Charwin Reichelderfer stated that Deputy Toni Amick, Deputy Diane Nelson, and Steve Shelley were qualified for the position.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Crooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dallara seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

The next meeting will be held August 14, 2018 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary