

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 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, September 25, 2018. Commissioner Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Crooks 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, David Cubbison, Director of Emergency Planning, Lisa Cairo, Director of Children and Youth Services, Diane Nelson, Deputy Sheriff and Charwin Reichelderfer, Sheriff, county residents and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of September 11, 2018 and the September 18, 2018, were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

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

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| Payroll | \$275,062.95 | CK#:183326-183334 |
| General | \$315,856.19 | |
| General – Non-Priority | \$106,309.93 | |
| General – Debit Card | \$47,163.45 | |
| Commissary | \$6,208.07 | |
| CDBG | \$6,547.96 | |
| Liquid Fuels | \$184.73 | |

Commissioner Dallara reported on the following large expenditures from the General Priority Account: Alternative Community Children and Youth at \$12,618.75; UPMC Health Plan at \$145,819.21; the first payment to Hyndman Health at \$36,333.00; Keystone Consulting at \$13,994.45; Adelphi Children and Youth at \$34,604.56; and Professional Family Children and Youth at \$30,976.60. The motion was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

1. Cindy Lynn Kinsey, Osterburg, PA
2. Anthony Miller, James Creek, PA
3. Lori May, Bedford, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Resolution of the County of Bedford authorizing the filing of an Application for funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This is based upon the recommendation of Stacey Tice, Deputy Director/Director of Development at the Center for Community Action. Stacey Tice read the resolution. Ms. Tice noted that the application should be approved next week in the amount of \$530,000. The motion was approved as presented.

**Resolution of the County of Bedford authorizing the filing of an
Application for funds with the Department of Community and Economic
Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.**

WHEREAS, the HOME Applicant is desirous of obtaining funds from DCED for affordable housing activities fundable under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12701 et. seq and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 92; and

WHEREAS, that a housing need exists that has been identified in the local or state Consolidated Plan and the proposed housing activity addresses this need; and

WHEREAS, that the HOME Applicant has conducted the required citizen participation process; and

WHEREAS, that the HOME Applicant will assure the provision of the other necessary funds to make the activity feasible; and

WHEREAS, that the HOME Applicant will reimburse the commonwealth for any expenditures found by DCED to be ineligible; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the appropriate officer of the HOME Applicant is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution and to furnish a copy of this Resolution to DCED; and

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Bedford, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 25th day of September 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Eagle Scout Commendation proclamation in recognition of Benjamin Adam Kravets. Adam Kravets read the proclamation. The motion was approved as presented.

**Bedford County Board of Commissioners
*Eagle Scout Commendation
Benjamin Adam Kravets***

WHEREAS, The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Their motto is “Be prepared”; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Adam Kravets, a member of Boy Scout Troop 4481, sponsored by the Bedford United Methodist Church of Bedford, Pennsylvania passed his Eagle Board of Review on July 26, 2018, with the Laurel Highland’s Council Boy Scouts of America and will celebrate an Eagle Scout Court of Honor dinner at a later date; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout rank is the highest award attainable in Boy Scouts, with only two percent of Scouts achieving this rank. Benjamin has served in the leadership positions of an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, the Chaplain’s Aide for the group and as the “Troop Chef” for his expertise in camp cooking; and

WHEREAS, toward earning the Boy Scout’s highest honor of Eagle Scout, Benjamin chose, as his Eagle Service Project, the “Landscaping of Bedford County Library” in Bedford County where he planted shrubs, painted the railing and picnic tables and did repairs on the gazebo. The project recorded 65 hours of service.

WHEREAS, Benjamin is the son of Adam and Tina Kravets;

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, on this 25th day of September 2018 do hereby join with the Boy Scouts of America and the citizens of Bedford County, Pennsylvania in congratulating **Benjamin Kravets** on receiving, through years of dedication and hard work, the highest rank in scouting, that of Eagle Scout.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is based upon the recommendation of Beth Hickey, Director of Your Safe Haven, Inc. Beth Hickey read the proclamation. Ms. Hickey commented that there have been two deaths in Bedford County from domestic violence this year and that has increased since last year. The motion was approved as presented.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
October 2018

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 2017-2018 fiscal year, Your Safe Haven provided services to 1,281 adults and children who were victims of crime. Of those 1,281 victims, 462 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 12th 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 2018 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.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Bedford, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 25th day of September 2018.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

There were no comments or appointments at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Crooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dallara seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

The next meeting will be held October 9, 2018 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary