

SALARY BOARD MINUTES

January 29, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called immediately following the Commissioners regular meeting at 10:19 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Commissioner Josh Lang, Commissioner Barry L. Dallara, Commissioner S. Paul Crooks, and Melissa Cottle, Treasurer. Others present: Debra Brown, Chief Clerk, Melissa Cottle, Treasurer, Don Schwartz, Director of Planning, Charwin Reichelderfer, Sheriff, Catty Fetter, Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts, Lisa Cairo, Administrator Bedford County Children and Youth, Diane Nelson, Deputy Sheriff, Lesley Childers, District Attorney, Dave Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services, county residents, guests, and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of January 15, 2019, were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Melissa Cottle, Treasurer and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the wage of \$11.30 per hour, per union contract for Karen Shaffer, Bedford, PA a full-time Correctional Officer at the Bedford County Correctional Facility, effective February 11, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve an increase of \$.50 per hour, per union contract for Michael Haluska, Correctional Officer at the Bedford County Correctional Facility, effective on January 22, 2019 for 1 year of service. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the salary increase from \$27,749.52 to \$29,127.60 for Phoebe Wolford, Caseworker II, effective February 7, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the salary increase from \$17,017.00 to \$21,193.20 for Linda Mitchell, Fiscal Assistant, effective February 11, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. There were three votes to carry and Melissa Cottle abstained from voting. The motion was approved as presented. The question was asked to Melissa Cottle why she was abstaining and she replied, "she has the right to her opinion and according to County Code she does not have to vote in favor of increase". Lisa Cairo asked Melissa Cottle why she doesn't approve the request for her department when the amount is set by the state, that it only costs the County \$2755.00 annually. Melissa Cottle again stated she has the right to her opinion. The discussion went back and forth and Commissioner Lang recommended that the meeting move forward.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve a \$5.00 per hour increase for Debra Rose for the days she worked to fill the position since the retirement of Barb Cheke. The motion was approved as presented. A question was asked how long this would continue and Commissioner Dallara responded until a director is hired. Commissioner Lang stated seven candidates were interviewed for the position and two will be interviewed again to fill the position.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

The next meeting will be held February 12, 2019 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary