

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 28, 2019

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, May 28, 2019. Commissioner Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and 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, Commissioner S. Paul Crooks. Others present: Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections; Melissa Cottle, Treasurer; Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County Children and Youth Services, Bedford County Children and Youth staff, county residents, and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of May 7, 2019 meeting were approved.

EXPENDITURES:

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

Payroll	\$268,035.10	Check #:183460-183466
General Priority	\$51,219.81	
General	\$189,161.13	
General – CY	\$47,252.65	
General – Election (poll workers)	\$17,719.60	
Commissary	\$2,629.19	
CDBG	\$128.40	
LEPC	\$96.72	
Liquid Fuels	\$8,825.11	

Commissioner Crooks reported on the following large expenditures from the General Account: PComp at \$10,651.00 and Professional Family Services/Children and Youth at \$24,924.68. 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 Child Accounting and Profile System Application Service Provider Agreement between Avanco International, Inc. and Bedford County Children & Youth Services, effective, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator 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 Consulting Services Addendum to Child Accounting and Profile System Application with Avanco International, Inc., effective July 1, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator 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 HIPAA Business Associate Agreement Addendum between Bedford County Children and Youth Services and Avanco

International, Inc. effective, July 1, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator 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 resolution for the Center for Community Action authorizing the filing of a proposal for funding with the Department of Human Services, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This is based upon the recommendation of Tiffany Jones, Human Services Director at the Center for Community Action. Makayla Bollman 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 \$150,000.00 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 Center for Community Action 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 by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Bedford, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this

28 day of May, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the resolution for the HOME application. This is based upon the recommendation of Makayla Bollman, Director of Resource Development at the Center for Community Action. Makayla Bollman read the resolution. The motion was approved as presented.

RESOLUTION 05-28-19

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

WEREAS, 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 through 12839) and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 92.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a housing need exists that has been identified in the local or state Consolidated Plan and the proposed housing activity addresses this need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the HOME applicant has conducted the required citizen participation process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the HOME Applicant will assure the provision of the other necessary funds to make the activity feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the HOME Applicant will reimburse the Commonwealth for any expenditures found by DCED to be ineligible.

BE IT FURTHER 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 the Resolution to DCED.

ADOPTED this 28th day of May 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the resolution recognizing the staff of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County Children and Youth. Lisa Cairo read the resolution. Commissioner Dallara commented how grateful he was, as a commissioner, for all the hard work, dedication and emotional drain it is on the staff and what they do to save children. Commissioner Crooks stated he was very proud of them and that he could not do the job. Commissioner Lang commented on the case load of the staff and how technology has been a big help and enabled them to do more with services. Lisa noted there are two vacant positions in her office. She thanked the commissioners for their support and gave an overview of the number of cases that her staff has and the emotional well-being and the safety of her staff. She is very proud of them. A comment was made that Lisa was a good leader as well. The motion was approved as presented.

Bedford County Resolution Recognizing
the Staff of Bedford County Children and Youth Services
May 28, 2019

WHEREAS, the week of June 3-7, 2019 has been proclaimed as Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week by Governor Wolf, recognizing the efforts of child welfare professionals serving the children of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, every day in Bedford County, local children are at risk of child abuse and neglect. Some have been removed from their homes due to such abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, we, the Commissioners of Bedford County recognize the risks and need to intervene to protect the children of this County; and

WHEREAS, the challenging task of investigating child abuse, providing services to families, assessing safety, and providing services to ensure that the children of Bedford County are provided with nurturance, family connections, support as they transition into adulthood, and services that allow a child to remain safely in their

home or return home as expeditiously as possible falls to the child welfare professionals of Bedford County Children and Youth Services; and

WHEREAS, the work of these dedicated professionals may require them to enter into situations in which their personal safety may be put at risk; and

WHEREAS, our committed professionals work in difficult and emotional situations with children who have been victimized by physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and other forms of maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, the professionals of Bedford County Children and Youth Services must develop great skill in working with families who are in crisis situations, struggling with mental health challenges, suffering from drug and alcohol afflictions, poverty, and other difficult issues; and

WHEREAS, the professionals of Bedford County Children and Youth Services must develop substantial knowledge and skills surrounding the rights of families, the laws surrounding child welfare, and the legal processes governing the system; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals selflessly undertake the endeavor to protect the children of Bedford County, often with low pay, long hours, tremendous demands, little appreciation, great criticism, and with dramatic impacts to their personal life; and

WHEREAS, every year, child welfare professionals are injured or killed in their pursuit to protect children across the United States; and

WHEREAS, innumerable injuries and deaths of children in Bedford County have been averted due to the efforts of Bedford County Children and Youth Services; therefore, in special recognition of the efforts of Bedford County Children and Youth Services, We, the Commissioners of Bedford County, do hereby issue this Resolution recognizing the staff of Bedford County Children and Youth Services for their dedicated efforts in protection the children of Bedford County.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Bedford, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 28th day of May 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to pass a resolution to oppose the EARN resolution. This is based upon the recommendation the Bedford County Commissioners. Commissioner Dallara read the resolution. Commissioner Dallara made a few comments about the resolution. The motion was approved as presented.

RESOLUTION 05-28-19

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedford County Board of Commissioners have significant concerns related to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services' plan to initiate a request for proposal process for those program services currently known as EARN. We believe strongly that the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (the Commission) is the entity best positioned to undertake the competitive procurement and provide program administration and oversight. For over 40 years, the Commission has successfully administered public workforce-related programs and has a greater understanding of the needs of its jobseekers and employers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we believe the centralization of program procurement and oversight proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services will result in a significant decrease in the quality of services to our residents and program coordination with region's public workforce system.

ADOPTED, this 28th day of May 2019.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Crooks opened the sealed bid for the Lanier Printer. The bid was awarded to Rick Steele in the amount of \$910.00.

A few questions were asked about the May 21, 2019 election as follows:

- The write-ins on the Democratic ticket for Commissioner and Sheriff; have they been contacted – Commissioner Crooks responded that they had not been contacted.
- When can candidates decide if they wish to accept or withdraw – Commissioner Lang commented that would be by August 12, 2019.
- When will the votes be certified – Commissioner Crooks commented the information was submitted to the state today and it will be certified in about 10 days
- Are they automatically placed on the ballot as a write in: no, they have to accept and if they change their mind, they have to file a withdrawal form? Commissioner Lang noted that a candidate can withdraw at any time if they wanted to withdraw.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Crooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dallara seconded by motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am.

The next meeting will be held June 4, 2019 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary