

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 16, 2020

The Bedford County Board of Commissioners held teleconferencing meeting in Room 101 of the Bedford County Government Building, 200 South Juliana Street, Bedford, PA on Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

Commissioner Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Dallara led the prayer of invocation and pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Commissioner Josh Lang, Commissioner Barry L. Dallara, and Commissioner Deb Baughman. Others present Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections; Melissa Cottle, Treasurer. Others present: Press and radio. Guest: Holly Edinger, Director of Special Projects, Sustainable Energy Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 5, 2020 Commissioners meeting were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the following expenditures. The motion was approved as presented.

Payroll	\$278,597.31	CK#:183655-183661
Payroll	\$304,072.51	CK#:183662-183668
Priority 6.16.2020	\$498,290.81	
Priority 6.2.2020	\$543,001.35	
Priority 5.22.2020	\$448,277.23	
Commissary	\$10,161.80	
Liquid Fuels	\$13,958.41	
LEPC:	\$398.71	

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the Change of Assessment Notice Control Report changes for the month of May 2020. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment. Commissioner Dallara gave an update on the increase in taxable income and net increase for the month. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between Bedford County Children & Youth Services for the following, for a period of July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Anthony Zanoni, Esquire, Guardian ad Litem to the children and General Legal Counsel & Consultant
2. Nadine Glass (Incredible Years Program Lead Facilitator)
3. Kimberly Ann April (Incredible Years Program Lead Facilitator)
4. Gerald M. Nelson, Esquire, Guardian ad Litem to the children and General Legal Counsel & Consultant

5. Barry Scatton, Esquire, General Legal Counsel & Consultant
6. Mark Zearfaus, Esquire, General Legal Counsel & Consultant
7. John A. Adams, Esquire, General Legal Counsel & Consultant
8. Karen Hickey, Esquire, General Legal Counsel & Consultant
9. Rene Chamberlain (Incredible Years Program Lead Facilitator)
10. Jennifer O. (Co-Parenting Program – Females)
11. Sign Language Specialists (Certified American Sign Language Interpreting Services)
12. Terressa George, Esquire
13. Law Office of Lucas A. Kelleher, Esquire, Guardian ad Litem to the Children and General Legal Counsel and Consultant
14. Dean Crabtree, Esquire
15. Attorney Carolann A. Young, General Legal Counsel and Consultant And Guardian ad Litem to the children
16. Carol Ann Rose, Esquire
17. Grabill and Seelye, P.L.L.C. Attorneys at Law

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the following for Liquid Fuels to cover bridge inspections, effective June 16, 2020. This is based on the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Napier Township - \$443.16
2. West St. Clair Township – \$3,558.44
3. Colerain Township - \$1,020.61

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the contract agreement between Bedford County and Centre County for Legal Representation for Mental Health Hearings, effective May 11, 2020. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between Bedford County Children & Youth Services and Bedford County Juvenile Probation Office for Children’s Center for Treatment and Education d/b/a Beacon Light Behavioral Health System, for a period of July 1, 2019 and ending 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 Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between Bedford County Children & Youth Services and Bedford County Juvenile Probation Office for the Children’s Aid Home Programs of Somerset County, Inc., for a period of July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. 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 Baughman to approve the professional services agreement between Bedford County and Three + One, effective June 16, 2020. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. Mr. Roach asked who is this company? Commissioner Lang gave an overview about the company and what services they will be providing to the county. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Technology Arrangement Partnership with Children and Youth Services. 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 Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the agreement between the Bedford County Commissioners and Susquehanna Accounting & Consulting Solutions Inc., effective May 29, 2020. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Dallara gave an overview of the company and how they will streamline revenues for the county. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara apply for FFY 2020 Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds for the following, as and if deemed eligible and fundable under CDBG-CV: Rent, mortgage and/or utility assistance for qualifying families; case management including budget counseling; and the purchase of materials and supplies related to prevention of the spread of COVID-19. Commissioner Lang gave an overview regarding the grant. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the agreement between Bedford County and Sorensen, Wilder, and Associates for the purpose of conducting a courthouse security vulnerability assessment, effective June 15, 2020. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. Commissioner Dallara gave an overview regarding the agreement. Commissioner Lang also commented about training and security recommendations recommended by the agency. Commissioner Baughman commented the company has 20 years of experience and expertise. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve Bedford County assume ownership of the Saxton 9-1-1 Communications tower from In the Stix Broadband, LLC of Cresson, PA. This is based upon the recommendation of David E. Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services. Mr. Roach asked why is this necessary: Commissioner Lang responded about the capabilities that will be enhanced through broadband. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the Cooperation Agreement between the County of Bedford and PP&L Sustainable Energy Fund (SEF), effective June 16, 2020. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Resolution No. 6-16-2020. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. Commissioner Lang gave a brief overview of the C-PACE Program and that through this program the Tax Assessment office will be handling the billing. He introduced Holly Edinger with the C-PACE company and she stated she will be working will the Tax Assessment office. The motion was approved as presented.

COUNTY OF BEDFORD, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 6-16-2020

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD AND TAKING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Title 12 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, 12 P.S. §4301, *et seq.*, as amended, authorizes counties and municipalities to establish a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy program (“Program”); and

WHEREAS, Section 4303 of Title 12 authorizes a county to establish the Program by adopting a resolution establishing the Program, defining an area or group of real properties designated for the purpose of establishing the Program (the “District”) and provide other operational standards and guidelines; and

WHEREAS, The Bedford County Commissioners have been exploring the feasibility and benefits of establishing a Program with the Sustainable Energy Fund; and

WHEREAS, the PP&L Sustainable Energy Fund Inc. hereinafter “Sustainable Energy Fund” is a Pennsylvania 501c3 not for profit entity with a mission to promote, research, and invest in clean and renewable energy technologies, energy conservation, energy efficiency and sustainable energy enterprises that provide opportunities and benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Energy Fund has been a leader in developing program guidelines that can be used statewide in establishing a program; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Energy Fund can perform the role of Program Administrator for an established Program; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Commissioners heard a presentation by Sustainable Energy Fund on the nature and benefits of establishing a Program in Bedford County; and

WHEREAS, The Bedford County Commissioners desire the County to establish the Program; and

WHEREAS, The Bedford County Commissioners desire the County to enter into the Cooperation Agreement with Sustainable Energy Fund for the administration of the Program; and

WHEREAS, The Bedford County Commissioners have provided notice to every municipality within the County that the County Commissioners intend to establish the Program throughout the entire County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the county commissioners of Bedford county, Pennsylvania that:

A property assessed clean energy program shall be established in the County and shall be known as the “Bedford County C-PACE Program”.

The Bedford County Commissioners designate the entire County as the District as defined in Section 4302 of Title 12 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, 12 P.S. §4302.

The Sustainable Energy Fund shall be authorized to administer the Bedford County C-PACE Program in accordance with the Cooperation Agreement.

The County and the Sustainable Energy Fund shall negotiate the terms of the Cooperation Agreement.

The Bedford County Commissioners authorizes the Bedford County Commissioner Chairman to execute the Cooperation Agreement.

The Bedford County Commissioners authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners or designee to execute any and all other necessary documents as may be required to facilitate the successful implementation of the Bedford County C-PACE Program.

Any reference in this Resolution to any officer of the County or any officer or member of the Bedford County Commissioners shall be deemed to refer to his or her duly qualified successor in office, if applicable.

The County approves, ratifies and confirms all action heretofore taken by its officers, its designated representative or representatives, and other persons on its behalf in connection with the undertakings herein contemplated, to the extent not inconsistent with this Resolution.

In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution, it being the intent of the Bedford County Commissioners that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

All prior resolutions or parts of prior resolutions that are inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon it having been recorded in the minutes of the Bedford County Commissioners, and the Bedford County Commissioners hereby directs that this Resolution be recorded immediately following its adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of June, by the County Commissioners of the County of Bedford, Pennsylvania in lawful session duly assembled.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the following personnel based upon the recommendation of their respective department heads. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Jessica A. Diehl, Bedford, PA - Telecommunicator Trainee - May 18, 2020
2. Lacey Fleck, New Enterprise, PA – full-time Correctional Officer – May 25, 2020.
3. Makayla Bollman, Everett, PA— Director of Human Resources —July 13, 2020.
4. Dakota Kelso, Schellsburg, PA – Caseworker I – June 8, 2020
5. Christopher Tirpak – Deputy Sheriff – full-time to part-time – May 15, 2020
6. Kaleb Mickle – Summer Maintenance employee/Liquid Fuels – May 26, 2020
7. Victor Faupel-Persons – Summer Maintenance/Liquid Fuels – May 26, 2020

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS/BID OPENINGS/COUNTY UPDATES:

Mr. Roach asked Commissioner Dallara if the county could not reduce expenses would they be borrowing more money in the future. Commissioner Dallara stated that the county employs an accounting firm to make recommendations to the commissioners on these issues. He is not sure what reimbursements will be provided to the counties from COVID-19. He stated that raising taxes would be the last resort, that during this pandemic the county has repurposed people in various departments.

Commissioner Baughman commented on the election for June 2, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Dallara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Baughman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next meeting will be held July 14, 2020 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk

Deb Baughman, Secretary