

# **BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

December 18, 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, December 18, 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, Don Schwartz, Director of Planning, Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County Children and Youth Services, Catty Fetter, Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts, county residents, guests, and the press.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of December 11, 2018 were approved as presented.

## **EXPENDITURES:**

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

General	\$159,074.38
General	\$1,500,000.00 Tax Anticipation Note
General	\$69,996.01
General	\$46,223.77 Debit Cards
Commissary	\$3,226.18
LEPC	\$94.18
CDBG	\$4,997.00
Liquid Fuels	\$24,771.17

Commissioner Dallara reported on the following large expenditures from the General Account: Pass thru for Center for Community Action in the amount of \$16,770.28, and \$58,359.89; Bedford Township Municipal Authority Jail Water and Sewage in the amount of \$13,361.78 and air condition units for the 9-1-1 Aschom Tower in the amount of \$14,300.00.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was nothing to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to adopt The Old PA Pike Trail Master Plan Update dated December 2018; this is based upon recommendation of the Bedford County Master Plan Update Committee, the Bedford Fulton Joint Recreation Authority, and the Bedford County Planning Commission. The motion was approved as presented. Mr. Craig Bachik thanked the Commissioners, Don Schwartz and the committee along with the Fulton County Commissioners for their work and participation on the Master Plan. He stated changes will continue and updates will be provided moving forward with the trail. Mr. Jim Edwards also extended his thanks, noting the committee has held two meetings and will continue to meet weekly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the 2019 Bedford County Budget, effective January 2, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the following re-appointment of Mark Bollman for a 3-year term and a new appointment for Robbie Weaver for a 3-year term

to the Bedford County Development Association of Pennsylvania, effective January 1, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Bette Slayton, Director. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve a change in the start date for Caitlin Flowers, Ridgeley, WV, from December 17, 2018 to December 26, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Director of Children and Youth Services of Bedford County. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the hire of Wanda K. Ickes, Alum Bank, PA to the position of Caseworker I, effective December 26, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Director of Children and Youth Services of Bedford County. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the following Tax Levy and Appropriations Resolution effective January 2, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. Commissioner Dallara read the Resolution. The motion was approved as presented.

**TAX LEVY AND APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION**  
**December 18, 2018**

**A Resolution of the County of Bedford, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**, fixing the tax rate for the Year 2019 and appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the County Government hereinafter set forth, during the fiscal year.

**Be it Resolved and Enacted**, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of the County Commissioners of the County of Bedford, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

**Section 1.** That a tax is set and the same is hereby levied on all real property within the said County subject to taxation for County purposes for the fiscal year 2019, as follows:

Tax rate for general County purposes,  
The sum of 2.428 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation:

For debt purposes, the sum of .609 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation,  
Total millage for all purposes 3.037.

**Section 2.** That a per capita tax on persons is set and the same is hereby levied on all persons subject to taxation for County purposes for fiscal year 2019, at the rate of five and no/100 (\$5.00) Dollars.

**Section 3.** That for the expenses of the County for the Fiscal Year 2019 the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the revenues available for the fiscal year for the specific purposes set forth, which amounts are more fully itemized in the County Budget Form on file in the office of the County Commissioners.

**Section 4.** That any resolution, or part of resolution, conflicting with this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this resolution.

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners this 18th day of December 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the following resolution with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented; Commissioner

Lang abstained from the vote. Commissioner Crooks commented that PennDot would be doing the work on the three bridges. Commissioner Lang commented that a federal grant was received to do the bridge repairs.

**COUNTY/AUTHORITY RESOLUTION  
12-18-18**

BE IT RESOLVED by authority of the Bedford County Commissioners

of Bedford County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that Josh Lang, Commissioner Chair of said County/Authority be authorized and directed to sign the attached Agreement on its behalf and that Debra Brown, Chief Clerk be authorized and directed to attest the same.

ATTEST: Bedford County

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(Signature and Title)

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and Title)

I, Debra Brown, Chief Clerk, of the Bedford County Commissioners, do hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted December 18, 2018 at a regular meeting of the Bedford County Commissioners held the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the repairs on the following bridges, effective December 18, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Bruce Schweitzer, Project Manager, PennDot. The motion was approved as presented. Mr. Schweitzer commented that the bridge projects will begin in the spring of 2020 and public meetings will be held to keep the public apprised of traffic detours and the time frame for closing of bridges. There was a brief discussion about the type of decking that was used for the bridges.

1. Bloomfield Township – Bridge #1
2. Colerain Township – Bridge #21
3. Monroe Township – Bridge #20

**COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS**

No comments.

**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 January 2, 2019 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

**ATTEST:**

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Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections

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S. Paul Crooks, Secretary