

BEDFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WEEKLY MEETING

January 12, 2016

The Bedford County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting in Room 101 of the Bedford County Government Building, 200 S. Juliana Street, Bedford, PA on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Commissioner Josh Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and Commissioner S. Paul Crooks gave the prayer of invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Josh Lang, Commissioner Barry L. Dallara and Commissioner S. Paul Crooks were present. Others present were Jill Gordon, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections; Melissa Cottle, Treasurer; Don Schwartz, Planning Commission; Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator; David Cubbison, Emergency Services Director; Lisa Cairo, Children and Youth Services Administrator; William Wright, Sheriff's Deputy; Marjorie Berkey, Children and Youth Services Department Retiree; various employees of the Children and Youth Services Department; Tammie Hess, Representative Jesse Topper's Office; Marjorie Berkey family members; Aaron Craig, Lehman Engineers; and members of the public and press.

The Minutes of January 05, 2016 were approved as presented.

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

Payroll	\$255,553.78	CK# 182755-182761
Commissary	\$ 876.24	
CDBG	\$ 9,475.72	CK# 1263-1265
General	\$381,380.45	CK# 145216-145339

The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Dallara reported from the Finance Department that approximately 97% of past invoices should be paid by the end of the month.

There was no old business to discuss.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the December 2015 changes of assessed values based on the recommendation of Melissa Border, Chief Assessor. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Program, Certification of County Funds for 2016 Program Year, regarding the county appropriation for purchase of agriculture conservation easements for calendar year 2016 in the total amount of \$1,076.00 which includes \$1,000.00 County match funds from County Revenues and \$76.00 total interest collected in 2015 from County Clean and Green. The motion passed unanimously. Don Schwartz noted the easement purchase program where the County can choose to contribute funds as well as the interest from the prior year's Clean and Green program such as this. He also mentioned the current project of purchasing the Cook Farm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve Resolution No 01-12-2016 appointing the Environmental Review Certifying Officer for Bedford County Federal Programs. The motion passed unanimously. The Resolution was read by Commissioner Crooks.

Resolution No 01-12-2016

A Resolution of the County of Bedford, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appointing the Environmental Review Certifying Officer for Bedford County Federal Programs.
WHEREAS, in accordance with Federal Programs and the National Environmental Policy Act, it is necessary for the County of Bedford to designate a Certifying Officer to serve as the "responsible" official to oversee the County's environmental requirements; and
WHEREAS, the Certifying Officer will represent the County in environmental matters as they relate to these Programs, and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal courts in the case of environmental litigation; and
WHEREAS, the Certifying Officer will attest that all environmental, procedural, and record requirements are fully and properly satisfied; and
WHEREAS, the Certifying Officer will oversee all necessary functions required for environmental reviews, including consultations with all appropriate agencies directly concerned with environmental issues or having environmental responsibilities associated with the County of Bedford's projects, and the public comment process.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Bedford hereby appoints Josh Lang, Chairman, Bedford County Board of Commissioners, as the Certifying Officer.
Adopted by the Bedford County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting of January 12, 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the License Agreement/Product License between the County of Bedford and Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. ("Ersi") in the amount of \$49,022.00 on behalf of the Bedford County Planning

Commission GIS hardware, software and licensure. The motion passed unanimously. Don Schwartz spoke to the agreements noting the addition of two work stations, one for the newly filled GIS position and the other in tax assessment. Commissioner Lang noted Bedford County to be one of the few Sixth Class counties to have GIS and added the long-term outlook, concurred by Don Schwartz, to aid with economic development.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the appointment of Gisele College of Bedford, PA to fill a vacancy on the Bedford County Library Board for a three-year term effective January 2016. This is based on the recommendation of Marion Beatty, Board President. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the hire of the following Part-time Corrections Officers at the Bedford County Correctional Facility effective January 19, 2016, both are replacement hires and are based on the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden:

- i. Richard Kidd of Woodbury, PA; and
- ii. Lisa Miller of New Paris, PA.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the appointment of Mary Ann Martz for a second term to the Bedford County Library Board effective January 2016. This is a 3-year term and is based on the recommendation of Matthew Godissart, Bedford County Library Director. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lang noted, by default of Code, that Commissioners Dallara, Crooks and himself will make up the County Board of Elections, as it is a year in which they are not running for election.

Commissioner Lang introduced Tammie Hess of Representative Jesse Topper's Office to make presentation of a certificate on behalf of Representative Topper. Ms. Hess presented a certificate to Marjorie Berkey for her 44 years of service to Bedford County and a recent retiree from the Children and Youth Services department. The certificate was read aloud upon presentation. Lisa Cairo thanked Marjorie for her years of service, having worked with her the past 14 years. She went on to thank Marjorie's husband, parents and sister; also in attendance. Marjorie spoke saying it has been a good 44-years but she is ready for retirement.

There was no further business to discuss.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to adjourn the Commissioners' Meeting at 10:16 AM and moved to Salary Board.

ATTEST:

Jill R. Gordon, Chief Clerk

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary