

**BEDFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WEEKLY MEETING**

January 26, 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 26, 2016. Commissioner Josh Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and Commissioner Barry L. Dallara 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; David Cubbison, Emergency Services Director; William Wright, Sheriff's Deputy; Troy Nelson, Warden; Rocky Bernazzoli, Deputy Warden; and members of the public and press.

The Minutes of January 19, 2016 were approved as presented.

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

Payroll	\$286,924.37	CK# 182762-182768
General	\$456,065.92	CK# 14552-14762
Liquid Fuels	\$ 115.41	CK# 5795-5796
LEPC	\$ 805.20	
CDBG	\$ 14,148.07	CK# 1266-1269
Commissary	\$ 568.50	

The motion passed unanimously.

There was no old business to discuss.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Application for County Aid, Project Number: 16-05-207-01CA, submitted by East St. Clair Township in the amount of \$610.99 for the 2015 Safety Inspections of Bridges No. 2 and 6. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the promotions of Lisa Conklin, Rodney Bridges and Annette Calhoun to the newly created position of Second Lieutenant at the Bedford County Correctional Facility effective February 1, 2016. This position is in lieu of the OIC positions, now dissolved; and is based on the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden. The motion passed unanimously. The question was raised by a member from the floor confirming there would be no longer Officers In Charge to which Warden Nelson affirmed. Warden Nelson went on to comment about reverting to the old structure with six Lieutenants with the notion of having more stability and structure. The member from the floor asked if there would then be a Lieutenant on duty 24/7 and Warden Nelson affirmed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the hire of Stephen Carroll of Claysburg, PA to the position of Part-time Corrections Officer at the Bedford County Correctional Facility, effective February 1, 2016. This is a replacement hire and is based on the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve Resolution 01 26 16 recognizing the commitment of the service providers and the community foundations who supported Bedford County this difficult time, and expressing their appreciation to agencies and foundations that ensured county residents continued to receive critical services despite the challenges of the state budget impasse. The motion passed unanimously. The Resolution was read aloud by Commissioner Crooks.

**Resolution No 01 26 16**

**Whereas**, the Commonwealth lost its authority to spend funds on July 1, 2015, when the Legislature and Governor were unable to reach agreement on a state budget for the upcoming fiscal year, halting payments to counties and others for programs and services; and

**Whereas**, the cessation of funding lasted through the Governor's qualified signature of a general fund spending plan on December 29, 2015; and

**Whereas**, the affected programs included critical social needs such as child welfare and protective, mental health, intellectual disabilities, substance abuse treatment, homeless assistance, meal programs, lottery funded transportation, and others; and

**Whereas**, most counties rely on human services provider agencies to provide some or all of these services on behalf of their clients; and

**Whereas**, clients would have been harmed had programs and services provided through counties, paid for by federal, state, and county dollars been halted while payments were withheld; and

**Whereas**, many counties found that cash flow prevented them from making ongoing payments to providers; and  
**Whereas**, as a result of these circumstances, providers across the state were forced to make difficult decisions about remaining open and meeting clients' needs; and  
**Whereas**, many service providers protected clients by tapping savings accounts, borrowing funds, reducing or suspending payments to vendors or subcontractors, limiting staff travel, laying off or reducing hours of employees, or reducing hours of operation in their efforts to assure that clients felt no harm; and  
**Whereas**, community foundations across Bedford County stepped up to help by offering low or no interest bridge funding to providers during this crisis; and  
**Whereas**, Bedford County and providers have maintained their focus on service delivery despite the extreme and egregious difficulties created by the impasse.  
**Now therefore** be it resolved that this 26th day of January, 2016 the Bedford County Board of Commissioners extends its sincere thanks and grateful appreciation to those providers and foundations, recognizing them as unsung heroes who have exhibited an exemplary commitment and selfless sacrifice in maintaining service to those residents of Bedford County whose needs transcend the political landscape of budget adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the procurement of the necessary hardware for the New World CAD system from PCWorks in the amount of \$51,298.75 with funding to come from the 9-1-1 surcharge account. This is based on the recommendation of David Cubbison, Director of the Bedford County Department of Emergency Services. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Proclamation in recognition of community support during the State of Emergency declared by Governor Wolf, January 21, 2016. The motion passed unanimously. The Proclamation was ready by David Cubbison. Commissioner Lang thanked David Cubbison for his leadership and expressed his heartfelt thanks to the community. David Cubbison spoke highly of those who "stepped up to the plate" and went on to comment on his experience saying he is proud to be a part of this community. Commissioner Crooks noted the positive letters to the editor that have already begun to be printed in the Gazette.

***A Proclamation to Recognize  
Community Support: During State of Emergency  
January 2016***

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf Declared a State of Emergency on January 21, 2016 ahead of a winter storm for Pennsylvania; and  
**WHEREAS**, Bedford County experienced extreme weather conditions on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 which resulted in portions of the county receiving up to 31 inches of snow in a 24 hour period; and  
**WHEREAS**, Hundreds of motorists, truck drivers, and tour bus passengers became stranded on the Pennsylvania Turnpike between Bedford and Breezewood; and  
**WHEREAS**, Bedford County Businesses, Fire Companies, law enforcement personnel, EMS personnel, National Guard soldiers, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Salvation Army, 9/11 personnel, the American Red Cross, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation personnel, tow truck drivers, Turnpike personnel, schools, churches, and volunteers had a yielding desire to assist those in need by providing assistance, food, water, supplies, shelter and support.  
**NOW THEREFORE**, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, do hereby proclaim the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 as a day we thank members of the Bedford County community who came together to assist and support individuals stranded on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and those who prayed for the safety of everyone involved. We urge the citizens of Bedford County to recognize the resolve and selfless service of those in our community and ask you to join us in thanking them for all of their efforts.  
Given under our hand and seal of the County of Bedford this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2016.

A member from the floor asked a question regarding intercoms in RHU at the jail to which Warden Nelson recoiled that there are intercoms. When asked then if the intercoms are active, he replied that they are active by a control board. Some question/answer continued on the issue.

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:

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Jill R. Gordon, Chief Clerk

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S. Paul Crooks, Secretary