

## BEDFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WEEKLY MEETING

April 19, 2016

The Bedford County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting in Room 303 of the Bedford County Government Building, 200 S. Juliana Street, Bedford, PA on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. Commissioner Josh Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and 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 A. Cottle, Treasurer; David Cubbison, Emergency Services Director; Lisa Cairo, Children and Youth Administrator; Stacie Gordon, Clerk Typist I with DA Higgins' Office; Danielle Smith, Children and Youth Services; Aaron Craig, Lehman Engineers; and members of the public and press.

The Minutes of April 12, 2016 were approved as presented.

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

Payroll	\$297,346.54	CK# 182804-182811 (voided 181804)
General	\$802,545.99	CK# 146637-146885
LEPC	\$ 104.41	
Commissary	\$ 4,399.30	
CDBG	\$ 206.40	CK# 1283-1284
Liquid Fuels	\$ 1,841.52	CK# 5808-5810

The motion passed unanimously.

There was no old business to discuss.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Proclamation in recognition of the 2016 Young at Heart Games, May 2, 2016 through May 26, 2016. The motion passed unanimously. The Proclamation was ready by Commissioner Paul Crooks.

### **Young at Heart Weeks**

#### **May 2nd through May 26th, 2016**

WHEREAS, Bedford County Young at Heart Games, Inc., (Senior Olympics) will be celebrating their 14th year of competition May 2nd through May 26th, 2016. The opening ceremonies of the games will be held on Monday, May 2nd at 9:00 AM at the Bedford Elks Country Club.

WHEREAS the game's past thirteen years have been very successful as the games and the participation grow tremendously. This year, we look forward to fun and fellowship among the participants with a patriotic theme and salute to our veterans.

WHEREAS, Bedford County's 'young at heart' citizens have made extraordinary contributions to their communities and continue to share their remarkable energy and motivation in such a positive way to improve the quality of life for citizens of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Young At Heart Games celebrates the ongoing celebration of successful aging and helps demonstrate the positive rewards of wellness and being active; and

WHEREAS, the Young at Heart Games will be held in Bedford County the weeks of May 2nd through May 26th with the award banquet and medal presentation scheduled for Thursday, May 26th, 2016 at 5:00 PM at the Bedford Elks County Club.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY do hereby proclaim the weeks of May 2nd through May 26th, 2016 as Young at Heart Weeks and encourage all Bedford County Citizens to pay tribute to their elders who continue to contribute their vitality, energy and special spirit of life. Furthermore, if you are fortunate to be of the right age, join in the festivities, after all; you are never too old to play!

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Proclamation in recognition of the 2016 Historians of the Year on behalf of the Bedford County Historical Society. The motion passed unanimously. The Proclamations were read by Commissioner Dallara.

### **Historian of the Year 2016**

#### **MS. KATHY WILLIAMS**

WHEREAS, the qualifications to be Historian or Historians of the Year are that a nominee (s) should have been involved in the past year with the history of Bedford County...past, present, or future; the project or work needs to have been finished, accomplished, or completed in the past year or an ongoing process; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, MS. Kathy Williams co-created "A Collection of Obituaries and Family Data for the Hershberger Cemetery and the Hershberger Story"; and

WHEREAS, during the writing of the booklet, MS. KATHY WILLIAMS and MS. DORIS DIBERT surveyed and recorded information on each gravestone at the Hershberger Cemetery and matched them with their obituaries, plotted maps to document the cemetery layout, and took

pictures of the cemetery using a drone, so they could label each gravestone to benefit readers who want to locate an ancestors gravestone; and  
WHEREAS, MS. KATHY WILLIAMS and MS. DORIS DIBERTS' booklet provides background information on individuals buried in the Hershberger Cemetery in Snake Spring Valley and the Hershberger family farm, which has been in the family since the mid 1790's; and  
WHEREAS, MS. KATHY WILLIAMS is currently working on another booklet for the Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Mattie in East Providence Township; and  
NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY do hereby take great pleasure in recognizing MS. KATHY WILLIAMS and join with the citizens of Bedford County in congratulating her and thanking her for her dedication and service to the preservation and protection of the history of the Snyder descendants and the heritage of Bedford County.

#### **Historian of the Year 2016**

##### **MS. DORIS DIBERT**

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WHEREAS, in 2016, MS. DORIS DIBERT co-created "A Collection of Obituaries and Family Data for the Hershberger Cemetery and the Hershberger Story"; and

WHEREAS, during the writing of the booklet, MS. DORIS DIBERT and MS. KATHY WILLIAMS surveyed and recorded information on each gravestone at the Hershberger Cemetery and matched them with their obituaries, plotted maps to document the cemetery layout, and took pictures of the cemetery using a drone, so they could label each gravestone to benefit readers who want to locate an ancestors gravestone; and

WHEREAS, MS. DORIS DIBERT and MS. KATHY WILLIAMS' booklet provides background information on individuals buried in the Hershberger Cemetery in Snake Spring Valley and the Hershberger family farm, which has been in the family since the mid 1790's; and

WHEREAS, MS. DORIS DIBERT also created a video slideshow of Snake Spring Valley homesteads telling of the former owners of various properties; and

WHEREAS, MS. DORIS DIBERT wrote several articles pertaining to the history of Snake Spring Valley and continues to document her ancestry; and

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY do hereby take great pleasure in recognizing MS. DORIS DIBERT and join with the citizens of Bedford County in congratulating her and thanking her for her dedication and service to the preservation and protection of the history of the Snyder descendants and the heritage of Bedford County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Proclamation in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2016, in Bedford County; as was proclaimed under hand and seal of Governor Tom Wolf on March 9, 2016. The motion passed unanimously. The Proclamation was read by Lisa Cairo, Children and Youth Administrator.

#### **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

##### **April 2016**

WHEREAS, every child in the Commonwealth deserves to be cared for by adults who provide love, protection, and a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, protected and unharmed childhoods produce self-assured and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, children who are abused and neglected can become permanently disabled and psychologically distressed adults - experiencing problems with substance abuse, crime or domestic violence against others, including their own children; and

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, 3,340 reports of child abuse were substantiated in 2014; and

WHEREAS, child abuse includes physical and psychological wounds inflicted upon a child, and abuse survivors wear physical and emotional scars for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, protecting children against abuse and neglect requires the involvement of everyone—a combined effort is imperative to help families break the chains of abuse; and

WHEREAS, many dedicated organizations continue to work in cooperation with federal and state governments to increase public awareness and promote individual and community action as they strive to eradicate this devastating form of violence, protect children, and help build healthy families and communities where children can reach their potential.

WHEREAS, under hand and seal of the Governor on the 9th day of March, 2016, Governor Tom Wolf proclaimed April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Pennsylvania.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Bedford County, Pennsylvania and encourage all citizens to cherish our children and join in protecting them from all forms of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between Bedford County Children & Youth Services and Bedford

County Juvenile Probation Office and NHS Pennsylvania for a term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the promotion of Joyce Hillegass from the position of Mapping Supervisor to the position of Assistant Chief Assessor with the Bedford County Tax Assessment Office effective April 19, 2016. This is based on the recommendation of Melissa Border, Chief Assessor. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lang announced and summarized the notification of the newly revised scheduled for the Board of Commissioners meetings, more fully set forth below, and gave reference to a Press Release set for release today:

The Bedford County Board of Commissioners will hold their Board meetings during the 2016 calendar year according to the following revised schedule beginning at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners' Board Room, Room 101, located at 200 S. Juliana Street, Bedford, PA:  
May 10, May 24, June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, August 2, August 16, August 30,  
September 13, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 15, November 29,  
December 6, December 20, December 27.

Salary Board will continue to meet, as necessary, during the 2016 calendar year immediately following the Commissioners' regular Board Meeting according to the above schedule.

Planning Sessions for the Bedford County Board of Commissioners will be held, if necessary, every Tuesday at 1:30 PM and every Thursday at 9:30 AM during the 2016 calendar year. Public notice will be posted on the 3rd floor of the Bedford County Courthouse in the event such Planning Session is needed.

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