

BEDFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WEEKLY MEETING

June 07, 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, June 07, 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; Don Schwartz, Planning Commission Director; Dave Cubbison, Emergency Management Director; Aaron Craig, Lehman Engineers; Stacey Tice, Center for Community Action; Ruth Williams, St. John’s Adult Choir; and members of the public and press.

The Minutes of May 31, 2016 Special Meeting were approved as presented.

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

Payroll	\$257,827.41	CK# 182825-182831
General-Juror’s	\$ 2,149.85	CK# 147437
General	\$434,152.37	CK# 147438-147601
Commissary	\$ 1,265.71	

The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion regarding old business was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to amend the approval of items A through G from the Special Commissioners’ Meeting held May 31, 2016 to *exclude* the approval of item B, as an award to Site & Stream LLC for Stainless Steel Mesh Screen in the amount of \$720.00. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve Resolution No. 06 07 2016 on behalf of the Center for Community Action. The motion passed unanimously. The Resolution was read by Commissioner Crooks.

No. 06 07 2016

**Resolution of the County of Bedford on Behalf of
Fulton County, Huntingdon County and Center For Community Action
Authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the Department of Community of
Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.**

WHEREAS, the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH) enacted into law on May 20 2009, authorized the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has received ESG program funds and is making these funds available to units of local governments for eligible emergency shelter activities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bedford on behalf of Fulton County, Huntingdon County and Center For Community Action desires to submit an application to DCED for ESG Program funds on behalf of homeless shelter housing and service providers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the County of Bedford on behalf of Fulton County, Huntingdon County and Center For Community Action that:

1. The proposed projects: Rapid Re-Housing, Homeless Prevention HMIS to be funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania ESG Program and hereby eligible and approved.
2. The County of Bedford on behalf of Fulton County, Huntingdon County and Center For Community Action is authorized and directed to execute an ESG Program application in the amount of \$176,000 to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.
3. The County of Bedford on behalf of Fulton County, Huntingdon County and Center For Community Action will assume the responsibility for securing the required matching amount of project funds.
4. The County of Bedford will reimburse the Commonwealth for any expenditure found to be ineligible.
5. The County of Bedford on behalf of Fulton County, Huntingdon County and Center For Community Action is authorized to provide such assurances, certificates, and supplemental data or revised data that DCED may request in connection with the application.

Adopted the 7th day of June, 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the employment of Jessica Thomas of Somerset, PA to the position of Part-time Corrections Officer at the Bedford County Correctional Facility effective June 20, 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 the April 2016 and May 2016 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 recommended revision to the federal functional classification designation and addition to the National Highway System of U.S. Route 30 from U.S. Route 220 in Bedford Township to I-70 in East Providence Township. This and other proposed revisions were part of a cooperative effort between Bedford County, the Southern Alleghenies RPO, the Altoona MPO, the Johnstown MPO, and PennDOT District 9-0. The motion passed unanimously. Don Schwartz spoke regarding Rt. 30 on behalf of Rick Suder indicating this to be a correction from an error made years ago and will allow for the option of additional federal funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to Award Materials Agreements as follows, for the 2014 CDBG Defiance Water Association Springs Improvements Project, as recommended by the staff of the Planning Commission:

1. Guyer Brothers, Inc., for Stainless Steel Mesh Screen in the amount of Seven hundred thirty-two dollars and no cents (\$732.00).
2. New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., for Rock Gabion Fill in the amount of Nine hundred sixty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$962.50).
3. Lane Enterprises, Inc., for Wire Gabion Baskets in an amount up to One thousand three hundred ninety-five dollars and twelve cents (\$1,395.12).

The motion passed unanimously. Don Schwartz spoke on behalf of Terry Stacey regarding the CDBG project to be completed by the end of June.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to commit \$50,000 as a match to \$30,000 in proposed funding from the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, in support of the Pike 2 Bike Trail Network Master Plan and Adaptive Re-Use Study Update project. The source of the county match will be the Act 13 Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund. This motion is based upon the recommendation of the Pike 2 Bike Master Plan Update Steering Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Dallara indicated that no tax dollars will be used to do the update. Don Schwartz spoke regarding the GTRP grant due June 30, and indicate that the match had to be in place for that. He also indicated that there should be a decision regarding the \$30,000 grant award in September.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and approved by Commissioner Dallara to approve Resolution No. 06 07 2016(b). The motion passed unanimously. The Resolution was read by Don Schwartz.

Resolution No 06 07 2016(b)

Be it RESOLVED, that the Bedford County Commissioners of Bedford County, PA, hereby request a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of \$30,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for an update to the "Pike2Bike Trail Network Master Plan and Adaptive Re-Use Study" (2006).

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Josh Lang, Chairman and Barry Dallara, Vice-Chairman as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Bedford County Commissioners and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Adopted this 7th day of June, 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the employment of the following individuals to the position of Part-time Corrections Officers at the Bedford County Correctional Facility effective June 8, 2016. Both are replacement hires and are based on the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden.

1. Patricia Fleck of New Enterprise, PA, and
2. Tim Keel of New Enterprise, PA.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the promotion of Joyce Hillegass to the position of Director of Tax Claims Bureau and Tax Assessment with the Bedford County Tax Assessment Office effective July 1, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to the Proclamation in recognition of the PA Hero Walk, June 12, 2016 through June 25, 2016. The motion passed unanimously. The Proclamation was read by Ruth Williams, St. John's Adult Choir. Commissioner Dallara mentioned the program to be held June 21 at St. John's church and Commissioner Lang also indicated the time to be 6:00 PM and encouraged attendance at the event.

PA Hero Walk

June 12, 2016 through June 25, 2016

WHEREAS, the PA Hero Walk was founded in 2009 by Al Pulice, a western PA native, after being inspired by Blairsville native, Jeremy Feldbush (who was blinded while fighting in Iraq in 2003) to walk across Pennsylvania to raise money and awareness for the PA Wounded Heroes; raising just over \$600,000.00 since the walk's inception; and

WHEREAS, the PA Hero Walk team has decided, after listening to feedback from their supporters across the state, to keep all funds raised exclusively for PA veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the eighth year for the 320-mile journey as the PA Hero Walk follows Forbes Road along Rt. 30, beginning on June 12 at the Philadelphia Art Museum and completing the journey on June 25 in Lower Burrell; and

WHEREAS, being the fifth year St. John's Adult Choir has sponsored the program in addition to fund raising, a team of walkers comprised of friends and members of St. John's Choir, will participate in a portion of the walk slated to pass through Bedford County on June 21, 2016; and

NOW THEREFORE, The Commissioners of Bedford County do hereby recognize the significance of the PA Hero Walk and its impact as it passes through Bedford County on Tuesday, June 21, 2016;

FURTHERMORE, The Commissioners of Bedford County urge the citizens of Bedford County to recognize the full value of the PA Hero Walk and further urge citizen to join with the members and friends of St. John's Choir in support of PA veterans and their families.

Commissioner Lang made note of the next regularly scheduled meeting for June 21, at 10:00 AM and the Town Hall meeting scheduled for June 23 in Hyndman at 6:00 PM. He also thanked the Bedford Council members for passing a proposal for a parking space with the Purple Heart Trail, to be painted purple, for any Purple Heart recipient to park at Fort Bedford.

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 10:23 AM and moved to Salary Board.

ATTEST:

Jill R. Gordon, Chief Clerk

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary