

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2017

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, February 14, 2017. Commissioner Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Dallara 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: Melissa Cottle, County Treasurer, Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections, Don Schwartz, Planning Commission, Lisa Cairo, Administrator, Children & Youth Services, Dave Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services, and county residents, the public and press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of January 31, 2017, were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

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

Payroll	\$247,510.36	CK#:182955-182961
General	\$685,376.69	
Commissary	\$2,947.03	
CDBG	\$3,603.63	
LEPC	\$89.51	

Commissioner Crooks reported on the following large expenditures from the General account: Wilmington Trust at \$305,100.02, Bedford County Library at \$30,000.00, Bedford County Area on Aging at \$8,103.50, BCDA at \$30,000.00, Bedford MH/MR at \$30,750.00, PCOMP at \$27,794.00, Bedford Municipal Authority at \$8,649.00, Hazard Mitigation Plan at \$13,305.00, College Bond Interest at \$7,700.00, Wilmington Trust at \$23,706.26, and Hart at \$15,495.00. There was also a change in the General Account for \$9,888.49 for a lease for a Ford Explorer. The motion was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve Jeffrey Imler, Hollidaysburg, PA to the position of full time Deputy Sheriff. This is a replacement hire and based upon the recommendation of Charwin Reichelderfer, Sheriff. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Change of Assessment Notice Report for the month of January 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment. The motion was approved as presented. Commissioner Crooks gave a brief update on the process of changes and splits on properties thus resulting in a one million deduction in taxable value.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve a \$15,000 in Act 13 greenway funds that has been requested from Broad Top Township for improvements and extending the H&BT Rail Trail. The motion was approved as presented. Mr. Don Hedge of Broad Top Township thanked the Commissioners for approving the funds. He went on to explain how fortunate the township has been to receive

various grants to allow them to further the progress of the trail; stating that in the near future they hope to extend the trail to Warriors Park and on into Huntingdon County. Mr. Hedge also state that DCNR has committed funds for the 35 mile trail. Commissioner Dallara remarked that the trail begins at Tenley Park in Everett and that it is a pristine trail and very navigable. The Commissioners wished them much success on their continued endeavor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the following to the position of Caseworker I, effective February 15, 2017. They are both replacement hires and not a new caseworker position. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County and Youth Services:

1. Breann Ford, Everett, PA
2. Annette Socie, Everett, PA

The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the resolution that should be executed to allow Fulton to issue the PO to West for the Text to 9-1-1 service. This is based upon the recommendation of Dave Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services and he will read the resolution.

**JOINT RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTIES OF
BEDFORD, BLAIR, FULTON AND HUNTINGDON**

WHEREAS, the County of Bedford (“Bedford”), the County of Blair (“Blair”), the County of Fulton (“Fulton”), and the County of Huntingdon (“Huntingdon”) (hereinafter collectively “Counties”) are parties to an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement (the “Agreement”) dated February 17, 2015.

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Agreement contemplates that the Counties may seek grants and funding to support their efforts under and pursuant to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Counties determined that it was in their best interests to seek a grant from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (“PEMA”), which entity according to Act 12 of 2015 is the designated state agency to receive and distribute 9-1-1 surcharges that are collected throughout the state, in the amount of \$10,028,577.43 to support their joint efforts as described in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement contemplates that one of the Counties shall act as applicant for the grant; and

WHEREAS, Fulton agreed to act as the applicant for the PEMA grant; and

WHEREAS, PEMA approved the grant but for only \$3,030,952.43, and

WHEREAS, \$ 68,250 of said grant is designated for regional text to 9-1-1 service and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTIES HEREBY RESOLVE THAT:

1. Each of the Counties approves and agrees that West/Intrado will be the service provider for the regional text to 9-1-1 service for a period of five (5) years.
2. Each of the Counties approves Fulton to approve West/Intrado quote (Exhibit A) and issue a purchase order to West/Intrado in the amount the grant award amount of \$ 68,250 for regional text to 9-1-1 service. Blair County will issue an additional purchase order in the amount of \$ 30,500 for additional

services that they alone wish to receive at this time, the amount will be payable monthly for the five (5) year period.

3. Fulton shall provide administration of the West contract without charge to the Counties pursuant to the Grant Cooperation Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Bedford County represents that this Joint Resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Bedford County at a duly called and convened public meeting of the Board of Commissioners on February 14, 2017. The motion was approved as presented. Mr. Cubbison stated that texting capabilities for the 9-1-1 will begin later in 2017. By year 2018 everyone will be able to text 9-1-1 and/or call 9-1-1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the agreement between CGI Communications, Inc. and the County of Bedford effective February 6, 2017 through February 6, 2020. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented. Commissioner Lang stated this is free to the county and there are no costs associated with the video.

VII: COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Lang did a brief presentation on the CGI Communications Inc. and how it will benefit everyone in the county.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be on February 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Lang also reported that the next Town Hall Meeting will be held in Saxton on February 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary

