

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of February 28, 2017, were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

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

Payroll	\$268,183.35	CK#:182969-182975
General	\$299,325.96	
Commissary	\$1,713.69	
CDBG	\$4,068.67	

Commissioner Dallara reported on the following large expenditures from the General account: Jeep Lease for Children and Youth Services at \$1,320.47; Independent Family Fund at \$12,092.25; L & L Roofing first installment at \$44,072.50; PCOMP -3rd installment at \$27,794.00 and to United for the doors at the Bedford County Correctional Facility at \$33,000.00. The motion was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Force Account Agreement between the Bedford County Board of Commissioners and the Broad Top Township Supervisors for completion of the Broad Top Township On-lot Septic Systems project funded under FFYs 2014 and 2015 Community Development Block Grant. This is based upon the recommendation of Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator. The motion was approved as presented. Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator gave an update on the process of the agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Change of Assessment Notice Control Report for the month of February 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the reappointment of Mr. Robert Mitchell to serve a five year term as Board member of the Bedford County Housing Authority. This is based upon the recommendation of Robert Harbaugh, Executive Director of the Housing Authority for the County of Bedford. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the hire of Rachel Papuga, from Hopewell, PA to fill the full time GIS position in the Planning Department, effective April 3, 2017. This is a replacement hire and is based upon the recommendation of Don Schwartz, Director of the Planning Commission. The motion was approved as presented. Don Schwartz, Director of Planning stated that there were 30 applications for the position; 4 candidates were interviewed. She was the one they felt most qualified and is also a resident of Bedford County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the following to a one-year term to serve on the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging Housing Authority Advisory Council. This is based upon the recommendation of Connie Brode, Executive Director of the HBF Area Agency on Aging.

1. Ned Zimmerman, Hopewell, PA
2. Kenneth Shoup, Bedford, PA
3. Dr. Thomas W. Cypher, Saxton, PA
4. Donald Steele, Hopewell, PA
5. Prudence Harclerode, New Paris, PA
6. Jeannie Zimmerman, Everett, PA

The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between the Bedford County Children and Youth Services & Bedford County Juvenile Probation for the following beginning February 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator of the Bedford County Children and Youth Services.

1. Tyler Rowles, Esquire
2. Law Office of Scott A. Walker, Esquire

The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to authorize submission of a "3-Year Project Activity Completion Extension Request" to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, for the Community Development Block Grant, FFY 2013, Defiance Water Meters activity. The request would extend the activity from April 6, 2017, to July 31, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator. The motion was approved as presented. Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator, explained the process of the allocation of funds and noted that there are still 4 meters that need installed to complete the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the 2017 Pennsylvania Equal Pay Day Proclamation on behalf of the Bedford Business & Professional Women. The Proclamation was read by Elle McElwee, President of the Bedford Chapter of Bedford Business & Professional Women.

2017 PENNSYLVANIA EQUAL PAY DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 50 years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act, women, especially minority women, continue to suffer the consequences of unequal pay; and,

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was signed into law, which gives back to employees their day in court to challenge a pay gap; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics released in 2015 by the U.S. Census Bureau, year-round, full-time working women in 2014 earned a real median income of \$39,621 and full-time, year-round working men earned a real median income of \$50,383 and, the U.S. Census Bureau's 2014 Current Population Survey found progress in closing the wage gap so slim as to be "statistically insignificant;" and,

WHEREAS, according to the National Committee on Pay Equity, over a working lifetime, wage disparities cost the average American woman and her family \$700,000 to \$2 million in lost wages, impacting Social Security benefits and pensions; and,

WHEREAS, nearly four in ten mothers are primary breadwinners in their households and nearly two-thirds are primary or significant earners, making pay equity critical to families' economic security; and,

WHEREAS, a lifetime of lower pay means women have less income to save for retirement and less income counted in a Social Security or pension benefit formula; and,

WHEREAS, fair pay equity policies can be implemented simply and without undue costs or hardship in both public and private sectors and, fair pay strengthens the security of families today and eases future retirement costs, while enhancing the American economy; and

WHEREAS, April 4, 2017 symbolizes the time in the new year in which the wages paid to American women catch up to the wages paid to men from the previous year,

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Bedford County Commissioners do hereby proclaim Tuesday April 4, 2017.

EQUAL PAY DAY

In *Bedford, Bedford County*, we urge the citizens of *Bedford, Bedford County*, to recognize the full value of women's skills and significant contributions to the labor force, and further encourage businesses to conduct an internal pay evaluation to ensure women are being paid fairly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of *Bedford, Bedford County*, to be affixed.

The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the 2017 proclamation for the following; the Declaration was read by Dave Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services.

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY 3-14-15-2017

WHEREAS, on or about March 14-15, 2017 a Winter Storm Stella has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Bedford County, Pa.; and

WHEREAS, the Winter Storm Stella has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Bedford County, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Bedford County may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Bedford County:

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Commissioners of Bedford County, pursuant to the provisions of Title 35, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in Bedford County; and

FURTHER, we direct the Bedford County Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency, and

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Bedford County to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the

performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc. to update the 2006 Pike 2 Bike Master Plan. This is based upon the recommendation of the Pike 2 Bike Steering Committee. The motion was approved as presented.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

The Bedford County Free Press asked the Commissioners questions about an alleged incident regarding an elected official; whereas, the reply was met with continued “no response” to his questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be on April 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary