

# BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 11, 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, April 11, 2017. Commissioner Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Lang 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, Melissa Cottle, Treasurer, Lisa Cairo, Administrator, Children & Youth Services, Don Schwartz, Director of the Planning Commission, Dave Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services, Cathy Fetter, Prothonotary, Diane Nelson, Deputy Sheriff, Children and Youth Caseworkers: Bonnie Bisbing, Clarissa Hartman, Danielle Smith, Bobbi Howsare, Andrew Ferguson, Valene Kinsey, Ashley Black, Natasha Crissey and Darlene Smith, county residents, and the public and press.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of March 14, 2017, were approved as presented.

## **EXPENDITURES:**

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

Payroll	\$254,714.74	CK#:182978-182984
Payroll	\$247,145.42	CK#: 182985-182990
General	\$1,085,313.03	
General	\$347,743.48	
General	\$203,287.13	
Commissary	\$5,373.62	
Commissary	\$3,323.30	
LEPC	\$195.54	
LEPC	\$68.91	
LEPC	\$22.67	
CDBG	\$176.71	
CDBG	\$55.20	

Commissioner Crooks reported on the following large expenditures from the General accounts: Cell phone 911 upgrades at \$861,725.00, Prime Care at \$32,511.72, Tyler Technology at 13,730.52, Prime Care pass thru at \$88,000.00; Area on Aging at \$30,000.00 and PCOMP at \$27,792.00. The motion was approved as presented.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the following to the Citizens' Advisory Board of Bedford County Children and Youth Services, to fill current vacancies for the term of 2017-2020. This is based upon the recommendation of Stan Howes, Chairperson of the Advisory Board Support Committee. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Tisia Maxwell, Bedford, PA
2. Pam Foor, Everett, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the promotion of the following from part-time Correctional Officer to full time Correctional Officer effective April 12, 2017 due to a current vacancy. This is based upon the request of Troy Nelson, Warden at the Bedford County Correctional Facility. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Kane Robertson
2. Jackson Leydig

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the new hire of Deborah K. Winesickle, of Bedford, PA as a part-time Clerk Typist I, effective April 11, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Cathy Fetter, Prothonotary. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the purchase of two, County Budgeted, 2017 Ford Focus's for Bedford County Children and Youth Services at the purchase price of \$17,030.00 each from Tri Star Motors. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Director of Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the promotion of Sandy Smith to Head of Housekeeping effective April 10, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Dale Gates, Maintenance Director. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Sexual Assault Proclamation for April 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Mark Klinger, Education Specialist at Your Safe Haven. Mr. Klinger read the Proclamation. The motion was approved as presented.

**Bedford County Board of Commissioners**  
**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**  
*April 2017*

**WHEREAS**, Your Safe Haven, Inc. wishes to commemorate this month and promote public awareness of the incidences and consequences of sexual violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Sexual assault is a common occurrence, every 98 seconds an American is sexually assaulted; and

**WHEREAS**, only sixteen percent of rapes are ever reported to the police; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have identified sexual assault as a significant and costly health issue; and

**WHEREAS**, It is imperative to our youth we stop sexual assault as younger people are at the highest risk of sexual violence as ages 12-34 are the highest risk years for rape and sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation as a whole pays an additional economic toll in the form of medical costs and lost productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, allied professionals and victim services; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month's campaign is, "Engaging New Voices." The campaign calls on new partners and community members to help expand sexual assault prevention efforts and ensure the next generation fosters attitudes which promote healthy relationships, equality and respect; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that our individual and collective efforts in Bedford County reflect our dream for a nation where no sexual assault victim goes unserved, or ever feels there is no path to comfort or justice; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we, the Commissioners of Bedford County, recognize the dedication of Your Safe Haven, Inc. in working towards the elimination of sexual violence in our community.

**NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY**, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as *Sexual Assault Awareness Month* in Bedford County, Pennsylvania and urge the citizens of Bedford County to recognize the full value of the dedication of Your Safe Haven, Inc. in working towards the elimination of sexual violence in our community.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Historian of the Year Proclamation for Barbara (Sponsler) Miller. This is based upon the recommendation of The Bedford County Historical Society. Commissioner Dallara read the proclamation. The motion was approved as presented.

**Bedford County Board of Commissioners**  
**Bedford County Historical Society**  
*Barbara (Sponsler) Miller*  
*April 2016*

**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, *Barbara (Sponsler) Miller* co-produced the book, "Postcard Views of Charles P. Ott"; and

**WHEREAS**, during the writing of the book, *Barbara (Sponsler) Miller* is to be commended for her dedication to preserving and sharing the history of Everett through exhibits, books, school presentations, personal stories and accounts, and guided tours of the Everett Cemetery and so much more; and

**WHEREAS**, *Barbara (Sponsler) Miller* was instrumental in getting the west end bridge in Everett named to honor Robert Hartsock, one of Everett's two Medal of Honor recipients and to have former resident of Everett Joe Stine's name added to the Viet Nam memorial; and

**WHEREAS**, *Barbara (Sponsler) Miller* is continuing her work at the Everett Train Station and at the Bloody Run Historical Society; and

**NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY** does hereby take great pleasure in recognizing *Barbara (Sponsler) Miller* 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 heritage of Bedford County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between Bedford County Children and Youth Services and Bedford County Juvenile Probation Office and Appalachian Youth Service effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Change of Assessment Notice Report for the month of March 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 Cecelia Croop of Schellsburg, PA as chairperson of the Advisory Board Support Committee of the Citizens' Advisory Board of Bedford County Children and Youth Services, to fill a current vacancy for the term of 2017-2020. This is based upon the recommendation of Stan Howes, Chairperson of the Citizens' Advisory Board of Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Eagle Scout Commendation proclamation in recognition of David Adam Kravets. Commissioner Dallara read the Proclamation. The motion was approved as presented.

**Bedford County Board of Commissioners**  
***Eagle Scout Commendation***  
***David Adam Kravets***

**WHEREAS**, The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Their motto is "Be prepared"; and

**WHEREAS**, David Adam Kravets, a member of Boy Scout Troop 4481, sponsored by the Bedford United Methodist Church of Bedford, Pennsylvania passed his Eagle Board of Review on October 5, 2016, with the Laurel Highland's Council Boy Scouts of America and will celebrate an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 6:30; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eagle Scout rank is the highest award attainable in Boy Scouts, with only two percent of Scouts achieving this rank. David has served in the leadership positions of Bugler, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, a twice time Senior Patrol Leader, and currently he is the Junior Assistant Scout Master; and

**WHEREAS**, toward earning the Boy Scout's highest honor of Eagle Scout, David chose, as his Eagle Service Project, a thorough music score evaluation, documentation and organization of the music library at the Bedford High School. He organized and logged the status of music on the school computer. It will allow the band director, student leaders and music librarians to more readily utilize the music. The project recorded 170 hours of service.

**WHEREAS**, David is the son of Adam and Tina Kravets;

**NOW THEREFORE**, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, on this 11th day of April 2017 do hereby join with the Boy Scouts of America and the citizens of Bedford County, Pennsylvania in congratulating **David Adam Kravets** on receiving, through years of dedication and hard work, the highest rank in scouting, that of Eagle Scout.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Lions Peace Poster Contest Proclamation in recognition of Brooke Yarnell. The proclamation was read by Mrs. Yarnell. The motion was approved as presented.

***Lions Peace Poster Contest***  
***Brooke Yarnell***

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Lions Club is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs; and

**WHEREAS**, the vision statement is to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lions Club was established in 1917 and almost 100 years later, Lions Clubs International became the world's largest service club organization, with 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs action on the same simple idea: let's improve our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1920 the Lions Club went International, since 1925 have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired; in 1945 supported the work of the United Nations, in 1957 began organizing Youth Programs and in 1968 established a foundation that assists Lions with global and large-scale local humanitarian projects and in 1990 the Lions launched SightFirst and have raised more than \$346 million for this initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, for the last 30 years Lions Clubs around the world have proudly sponsored the "Lions International Peace Poster Contest" in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages your people worldwide to express their visions of peace; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2017, *Brooke Yarnell* was the second place winner for the state of Pennsylvania for the Peace Poster Contest in the year 2016, with the theme "A Celebration of Life"; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2017, the Bedford Lions District 14 L, honored *Brooke Yarnell* at a dinner in Bedford for her accomplishment.

**WHEREAS**, Brooke is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Yarnell;

**NOW THEREFORE**, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, on this 11th day of April 2017 do hereby join with the Bedford Lions District 14 L and the citizens of Bedford County, Pennsylvania in congratulating *Brooke Yarnell* on receiving, through hard work, dedication and perservice, the award as 2016 Peace Poster Contest winner.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Director of Children and Youth Services. Lisa Cairo, Director of Children and Youth Services read the proclamation. The motion was approved as presented.

***Child Abuse Prevention Month  
April 2017***

**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, 4,203 reports of child abuse were substantiated in 2015; 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, Governor Tom Wolf proclaimed April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Pennsylvania.

**NOW THEREFORE**, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 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.

Lisa Cairo recognized the caseworkers in her office for their job performances and outstanding commitment for what they do on a daily basis. She read a letter from the state commending caseworker's state wide. The Commissioners all commented on a great job and for the service they provide for the county. Blue Ribbons for child abuse were presented to the caseworkers that were present and to the other people in the room.

Commissioner Crooks opened the sealed bid for the chain linked fence. This is based upon the recommendation of Dale Gates, Director of Maintenance. The bid was awarded to Mr. Bill May in the amount of \$53.77 and approved as presented.

**COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:**

Don Schwartz gave a brief update on the requirements for the Regional Comprehensive Plan. He stated a survey will also be sent out, he requested that everyone respond to it. There will also be an open house in late May, the date has not been determined yet, but he hopes that everyone will attend.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be on April 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 303 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

**ATTEST:**

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Debra Brown, Chief Clerk

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S. Paul Crooks, Secretary

