

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2017

The Bedford County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting in Room 303 of the Bedford County Government Building, 200 South Juliana Street, Bedford, PA on Tuesday, August 15, 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, Melissa Cottle, Treasurer, David Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services, Harry Corley, 911 Services, Troy Nelson, Warden, Bedford County Correctional Facility, Jason Moore, Deputy Warden, Bedford County Correctional Facility, county residents and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of August 1, 2017, were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

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

Payroll	\$242,470.20	CK#:183059-183068
General	\$43,796.10	
General	\$1,362,995.52	
Commissary	\$978.25	
CDBG	\$4,386.87	

Commissioner Dallara reported on the following large expenditures from the General accounts: Prime Care at \$20,350.32; Center for Community Action at \$18,870.11; Long term bond 15A at \$1,065,100.02, Long term bond 15B at \$88,706.26. The motion was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between Bedford County Children & Youth Services and the following, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Comprehensive Health Care Services Agreement Renewal with Prime Care Medical, Inc. for Bedford County Correctional Facility from August 31, 2017 thru August 31, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden, at the Bedford County Correctional Facility. 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 Control Report changes for the month of July 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment. The motion was approved as presented. Commissioner Crooks commented a lot of entrants for Clean and Green and that new housing went up. Commissioner Dallara noted that 53% of Bedford County enrolled in Clean and Green.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the hire of the following as a part time Correctional Officers effective August 16, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden at the Bedford County Correctional Facility. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Tierra McFarland, Breezewood, PA
2. Jadyr Ulrich, Osterburg, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve Stacie Schreiber as the Multi-Disciplinary Team Coordinator for the office of District Attorney effective August 15, 2017. This is based upon the recommendation of District Attorney Bill Higgins, Jr. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the following declaration. This is based upon the recommendation of David Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services. He read the declaration. The motion was approved as presented.

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about August 2, 2017, a derailment of a CSX freight train has caused or threatened to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Hyndman Borough and Londonderry Township; and

WHEREAS, the train derailment has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Hyndman Borough and Londonderry Township, Bedford County and threatens to create problems greater in scope than 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.

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.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Hyndman Borough, Londonderry Township and Bedford County EMA 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 Declaration shall take effect immediately.

Dave Cubbison also noted that it was wonderful to have all three of the Commissioners there during the train derailment and providing support to the Hyndman area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the following proclamation. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The proclamation was read by Newton Huffman, Hyndman Mayor. The motion was approved as presented.

A Proclamation to Recognize

Community Support: Hyndman Borough, Londonderry Township
August 2017

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2017, a CSX freight train derailed and caught fire in and about the Borough of Hyndman Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hyndman and a portion of Londonderry Township residents were evacuated and were relocated to an emergency shelter and other locations; and

WHEREAS, Bedford County Businesses, Bedford County EMA, Hyndman Borough, Allegany County Emergency Services, Southern Alleghenies EMS Council, Hyndman EMA, all Fire Companies, all law enforcement personnel, all EMS personnel, Trooper 5 Maryland State Police Aviation, Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Instant Management Team, the Salvation Army Western PA Division, Centre County CART, Tri-State Ministry Center, 9/11 personnel, Hazmat teams, rescue squads, ambulance services, PEMA, Bedford United Methodist Church, Department of Environmental Protection, the American Red Cross PA Mountains Chapter, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation personnel, bus drivers, Hope for Hyndman Charter school, churches, and volunteers had a yielding desire to assist those in need by providing assistance, food, water, supplies, shelter and support.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, do hereby proclaim the 2nd day of August, 2017, as a day we thank members of the Bedford County and surrounding communities who came together to assist and support individuals evacuated from Hyndman Borough, Londonderry Township, and those who prayed for the safety of everyone involved. We urge the citizens of Bedford County to recognize the resolve and selfless service of those in our community and ask you to join us in thanking them for all of their efforts.

Given under our hand and seal of the County of Bedford this 15th Day of August, 2017.

Commissioner Lang stated that he was impressed with the number of groups and individuals that were there for community support in time of need.

Commissioner Dallara asked that Mr. Cubbison give a briefing on the status of Hyndman and any critical needs at this time.

Mr. Cubbison thanked the Boro, Emergency services, Mayor Huffman, Londonderry Township, and just the overall professionalism during the event. He stated there were 2 homes destroyed and 1 one damaged, 1000 people displaced, due to the immediate evacuation to shelters. He noted that the command center also had to be moved about one mile away to Tri State Ministry for a number of days. The hazmat operation has one more sulfur car to move to the salvage area (alongside of the rail or adjacent to the yard). Things are running smoothly. He gave accolades to the regional news on how the citizens demonstrated what it is to be community.

Mr. Bob Walls also thanked Allegheny Director, Mr. DeVore for their assistance. He stated there is a problem with the storm drain, parallel with the rail road. A contractor has been contacted to assess the damages. The 2 homes are being inspected by Mellott Construction, they have paperwork to complete. Three other homes are being assessed as well. Getting the cars cut up or moved with take approximately 2 weeks. They are also continuing to look at the infrastructure of the town, streets and so forth. Commissioner Lang noted that CSX had another derailment 2 days later and the growing need for cell phones in the area. Mr. Walls followed with the need for cell phones as well, stating that it hindered the service that day and what a need there is for service in the area. Equipment was brought in to help and still on location at this time. There are also continued crossing track issues with the break downs of the train, some lasting hours and causing concern for responding to the community needs in an emergency. There is continued interest in getting this community the proper communication and access to other routes during emergencies such as this.

Commissioner Crooks stated that he was impressed with how people acted, the communication was excellent. Everyone worked together and he thanked everyone for what they did during this event.

Mayor Newton Huffman thanked the Mr. Cubbison and Mr. Walls for their excellent training skills and that they did an outstanding job.

Mr. Lloyd Roach asked if there would be an after action report; Commissioner Lang said that would be forthcoming.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

There were none to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10: 29 a.m.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be on August 29, 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