

AGENDA
BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 7, 2019

I: CALL TO ORDER

Those Present:

II: ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

___ Josh Lang, Commissioner Chair
___ Barry L. Dallara, Commissioner Vice-Chair
___ S. Paul Crooks, Commissioner Secretary

III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 23, 2019

IV: EXPENDITURES

Payroll	\$294,598.78	Check #:183453-183459
General	\$702,218.16	
Commissary	\$5,610.32	
CDBG	\$38,395.69	

V: OLD BUSINESS

VI: NEW BUSINESS

- a) A motion to approve the Resolution in opposition of the changes to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP). This is based upon the recommendation of Makayla Bollman, Director of Resource Development at the Center for Community Action.

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE CHANGES TO THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (MATP)**
05-07-19

WHEREAS, the Americans with disabilities Act of 1990 mandates that in any area where fixed-bus route service is offered, door-to-door service to the elderly, the disabled, and other people who cannot use or access the regular bus service must also be offered; and

WHEREAS, most counties in Pennsylvania are responsible for the coordination of these paratransit services, Bedford County provides MATP services through Center for Community Action; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 390 has been introduced in the Pennsylvania legislature to delay moving the MATP to a brokerage model until a more detailed review can be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Bedford County Commissioners supports Senate Bill 390, as the Board believes that the proposed changes to MATP will seriously and detrimentally affect the most vulnerable citizens of rural communities of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a full-risk broker system was the promise of additional federal funding for DHS in the amount of \$15 million statewide. However, additional analyses now demonstrate that the estimated cost to the Commonwealth will be significantly higher, resulting in a zero savings and a significant additional financial burden placed on Pennsylvania taxpayers through other funding mechanisms that are already oversubscribed, and adding additional layers to the deliver of MATP services; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has been recognized by the Transportation Research Board, as the third-lowest costing state implementing MATP. Pennsylvania currently operates under a coordinated system, which demonstrates a national model of efficiency; and

WHEREAS, MATP provides needed transportation to the most vulnerable members of our society, free of charge, to increase self-sufficiency, mobility, and access to direly needed healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Center for Community Action conducts an average of 34,642 trips a year, assisting an average of 688 unduplicated clients who are low-income, disabled, seniors, and children in dire need of medical care; and

WHEREAS, Center for Community Action manages the provision of MATP services through paratransit trips (door-to-door services) and mileage reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, Center for Community Action supports small-business and local organizations with funds from MATP, in an average yearly amount of \$318,712.25; and

WHEREAS, with the transition to a full-risk broker system the contribution to local organizations and small business would be lost.

WHEREAS, Center for Community Action ensures that the local needs of the most vulnerable members of our community are met in a friendly, professional, and compassionate manner; and

WHEREAS, the move to a brokered MATP service would take away local management over MATP and transfer jobs and funding to agencies outside of the county where the services are being provided thereby potentially turning the funding over to large statewide or even international corporations which have little or no interest in local concerns and assisting those in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bedford County Board of Commissioners do hereby oppose the changes being made to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) involving a transition to a statewide or regional full-risk brokerage system by the State Legislature and the Department of Human Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bedford County Board of Commissioners will submit this resolution to the regional legislative Representatives, State Senators, The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, and the Governor's Office, to respectfully request the administration and General Assembly to take steps to suspend the award of the RFA and consider taking action to study this issue further before initiating any changes.

ADOPTED this 7th day of May 2019.

- b) A motion to approve Amendment #3 to the March 24, 2017, Force Account Agreement with the Broad Top Township Supervisors, for FFYs 2014 and 2015 Community Development Block Grant, extending the Agreement to May 31, 2019, and adding \$4,551.84 in FFY 2014 CDBG funds to the Agreement. This is based upon the recommendation of Terry Stacey, CDBG Administrator.
- c) A motion to approve the hire of Ronald Lavender, Manns Choice, PA as a full-time Correctional Officer and Madison Suder, Bedford, PA as a part-time Correctional Officer at the Bedford County Correctional Facility, effective May 9, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden.
- d) A motion to approve Reine Akers from full-time Front Desk/Receptionist to a part-time Tax Claim/Field Inspector, effective April 1, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment.
- e) A motion to approve the Change of Assessment Notice Control Report changes for the month of April 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment.
- f) A motion to approve \$600.00 for the security deposit for the rental of an apartment for Bedford County Children and Youth Services Family Preservation Program for the lease as of July 1, 2019.

This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator of Bedford County Children and Youth Services.

g) A motion to approve the appointment of the following to the Bedford County Library board, effective May 1, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Matthew Godissart, Director of the Bedford County Library.

1. Rick Smith – 3 year term
2. Mary Rabine Heller – 3 year term

h) A motion to approve resolution for the director to sign all related documents for Area Agency on Aging. This is based upon the recommendation of Connie Brode, Director.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND TRANSPORTATION
RESOLUTION 05-07-19**

WHEREAS, the Counties of Huntingdon, Bedford and Fulton have entered into various agreements with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including the Departments of Aging and Transportation to provide a wide range of community-based services for older persons, including MA Waiver, Guardianship, Protective Service, Care Management, Shared Ride Transportation and, also, to receive capital assistance funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Huntingdon, Bedford and Fulton Counties have appointed Connie Brode to the position of Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging with authority to assume all duties and responsibilities for administration of this program, as well as serving as Trustee of the Agency's retirement plan and court appointed guardian; and,

WHEREAS, the Joint Board of County Commissioners recognizes the need for the Agency's Executive Director to be empowered to bind the Agency to various funding agreements, any amended budgets, financial and banking documents, signing funding agreements, service contracts, retirement plan documents, health insurance policy, sale of used vehicles, tax exemptions, all guardianship/PoA/Rep Payee related matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Bedford County Commissioners, as members of the governing body of the Area Agency on Aging, by adoption of this resolution, do grant to Connie Brode, Executive Director of the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging, such required authorization for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

ADOPTED, this 7th day of May 2019.

VII: COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

VIII: ADJOURN

The next meeting will be held May 28, 2019 in Room 303 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

Rules of Procedure for Weekly Meetings of the Bedford County Commissioners

I. AGENDA

- A. The Chief Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman shall prepare an Agenda for the weekly meetings of the Board of Commissioners.
- B. Any requests for matters to be placed on the Agenda shall be submitted in writing by noon on Monday for that week's meeting. If Monday is a legal holiday or if a meeting is scheduled for a day other than Tuesday, the deadline for requests to be placed on the Agenda shall be noon on the previous working day.
- C. The Agenda will be finalized by the Chief Clerk at 3:00 PM on the Monday of the week of the meeting. If Monday is a legal holiday, or if a meeting is scheduled for a day other than Tuesday, the deadline for finalizing the Agenda shall be at 3:00 PM on the previous work day.
- D. Anyone requesting that items be placed on the Agenda shall provide the topic of the item and sufficient information and detail so as to provide a reasonable notice of the nature and purpose of the Agenda item.
- E. Those wishing to speak in the public comment portion of the Agenda shall provide their name and the topic of their comment. Topics shall be limited to matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the County Commissioners.
- F. The Board of Commissioners shall have the right to make additions to or deletions from the Agenda or change the order of the Agenda after it is finalized as they deem necessary or appropriate.

II. MEETINGS

- A. Public Notice of the meetings shall be advertised and posted by the Chief Clerk as required by law.
- B. The Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners shall direct the meeting. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall direct the meeting and shall have all powers and duties of the Chairman.
- C. The Modern Rules of Order shall be used to conduct the meeting unless otherwise modified by these Rules or waived by the Board of Commissioners.
- D. Residents and/or taxpayers may use audio or stenographic recorders to record all or any portion of the meeting. Said recorders shall be operated from the area set aside for the general public seating and may not be placed on the Board of Commissioners table without prior consent of the Chairman.
- E. Video recorders may be used to record all or any portion of a public meeting. The operator of the recorder shall remain seated in the area set aside for the general public or stand in the rear or to the side of the general public seating area so as to not interfere in any way with the activities of the Board of Commissioners or the ability of the general public to observe the Board.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Residents and taxpayers of Bedford County shall have the right to speak in the meetings during the Public Comment portion of the Agenda. In order to conduct meetings in an orderly and productive manner the following rules and regulations shall govern such speakers:

- A. A speaker shall request to be placed on the Agenda as provided in Section I of these Rules.
- B. Comment shall be received only after the speaker is recognized by the Chairman.
- C. The speaker shall announce his or her name and address prior to addressing the Board of Commissioners.
- D. The Chairman may request that the speaker use a microphone or step forward when addressing the Board of Directors.
- E. The Chairman may rule out-of-order scandalous, impertinent, irrelevant and redundant comments, or comments the discernible purpose or effect of which is to disrupt or needlessly protract the proceedings of the meeting.
- F. The Chairman may request any individual to leave the meeting and may contact security to that end when that individual does not observe reasonable decorum. Further, the Chairman may request the assistance of law enforcement officers to remove a disorderly person when his/her conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting.
- G. The Chairman may call a recess or adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- H. The Chairman may allocate available time among individuals wishing to comment.
- I. Time allocated for the public comment period at each meeting shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes to present his or her topic. Said time limitations may be altered or waived at the Chairman's direction.
- J. At the discretion of the Chairman conducting the meeting, a group of citizens registered to address the Board on the same issue may be required to designate a spokesperson.