

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2018

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 10, 2018. 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: Debra Brown, Chief Clerk, Melissa Cottle, Treasurer, Lisa Cairo, Administrator, Bedford County Children and Youth Services and Children and Youth Staff, Donald Schwartz, Planning Commission, Rick Suder Planning Commission, David Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services, Dwight Winck, Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds, Barb Himmler, Prothonotary Office, two sheriff deputies, county residents and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of March 27, 2018, were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

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

Payroll	\$272,861.78	CK#:183218-183226
General	\$217,236.06	
Commissary	\$2,896.18	
CDBG	\$21,945.53	
LEPC	\$84.62	

Commissioner Crooks reported on the following large expenditures from the General Account: Employee retirement at \$27,500; Natural Gas for Bedford County Correctional Facility at \$11,026.06; PCOMP final premium at \$36,077; and Penelec at \$10,592.36. The motion was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Sexual Assault Proclamation for April 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Beth Hickey, Executive Director at Your Safe Haven. The motion was approved as presented. Beth Hickey read the proclamation.

**Bedford County Board of Commissioners
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 2018**

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 only 5% of college age persons report to police

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 ages 12-34 are at the highest risk of sexual violence including 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, "Embrace Your Voice." 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 2018 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 Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the hire of Melissa Black, Bedford, PA as a part-time Correctional Officer at the Bedford County Correctional Facility effective April 16, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden, at Bedford County Correctional Facility. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the promotion of Glenn Melius from part-time to full-time Correctional Officer at the Bedford County Correctional Facility effective April 11, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden at 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 hire of Linda Mitchell, Schellsburg, PA as a Clerk Typist I, in Children and Youth Services effective April 9, 2018. 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 promotion of Janice Diehl, Manns Choice, PA from a Clerk Typist II, to a Clerk Typist III/Supervisor of Clerical & Transporter Staff in Children and Youth Services effective April 9, 2018. 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 Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the appointment of the following as Adult/Juvenile Probation Officers for Bedford County Probation Office effective April 16, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Thomas S. Ling, President Judge. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Rachel A. Rose
2. Ty D. Dively

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the following for Liquid Fuels to cover bridge inspections, effective April 10, 2018. This is based on the recommendation of the Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Southampton Township - \$1,380.98

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 March 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Joyce Hillegass, Director of Tax Assessment. The motion was approved as presented. Commissioner Crooks noted that the total tax value shows as a positive increase with some new houses, poll buildings, and some residential demolitions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the lease with Tri-Star Leasing for a 2018 Dodge Durango at \$32,961.21 for the Sheriff's Department effective April 11, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Charwin Reichelderfer, Sheriff of Bedford County. This was approved as part of the Budget and it is a replacement vehicle. The motion was approved as presented.

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

Child Abuse Prevention Month ***April 2018***

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, 4,597 reports of child abuse were substantiated in 2016; 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 9th day of March, 2016, Governor Tom Wolf proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Pennsylvania.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2018 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.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Lang introduced Aaron Craig, Lehman Engineers. Commissioner Crooks opened the following bids for Bridge #31 Rehab project for Bedford County:

1. George S. Hann & Sons, Inc. - \$447,147.25
2. Gordon L. DeLozier, Inc. - \$406,120.00
3. BCS Construction, Inc. – \$300,064.00
4. Clearwater Construction - \$488,000.00

Commissioner Lang stated that the Commissioners will be meeting with Lehman Engineers, Inc. and a contractor will be selected at the next meeting on April 24, 2018. They noted that the bridge is located out by the Omni Bedford Springs.

A question was asked regarding the temporary leave of the staff in the District Attorney’s office and whose idea it was for a secretary from the Sheriff’s office to be working in there? The Commissioners responded appropriately to the question. A statement was handed out by Commissioner Lang. He read the statement to the viewers and answered any questions at that time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Crooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dallara seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be on April 24, 2018 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