

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 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, August 14, 2018. 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, Melissa Cottle, Treasurer, Don Schwartz, Director, Planning Commission, David Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services, Harry Corley, Emergency Services, Charwin Reichelderfer, Sheriff, county residents and the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of July 31, 2018, were approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

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

Payroll	\$255,214.58	CK#:183301-183309
General	\$1,667,340.74	
Commissary	\$947.64	
LEPC	\$4,378.19	

Commissioner Dallara reported on the following large expenditures from the General Account: Ballistic Deterrents at \$18,150.; 911 at \$33,732.71; Bond A & B at \$1,451,431.28; Water and Sewage at \$10,171.10; and the UFSS Grant at \$30,711.91. 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 Bedford County Juvenile Probation Office and the following, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This is based upon the recommendation of Lisa Cairo, Administrator, Bedford County Children and Youth Services. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Professional Family Care Services
2. KidsPeace National Centers, Inc. – Schnecksville, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the hire of the following as full-time Correctional Officers at the Bedford County Correctional Facility, effective August 15, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of Troy Nelson, Warden. The motion was approved as presented. A question was asked as to who reviews the applicants? Commissioner Lang responded that applicants are reviewed by the Warden. The discussion continued with questions about one of the applicants and her prior history of employment; the Commissioners responded appropriately to the questions. Another question was asked regarding Correction Officers and Lieutenants? Commissioner Lang responded that additional officers and lieutenants are being hired to meet the requirements for the facility and that a meeting was held with Warden Nelson regarding the turnover. Commissioner Dallara stated with current salaries it is difficult to find staffing for correctional facilities. Commissioner Crooks stated that currently the BCCF has 38 Correctional Officers, three short of what is needed for the facility.

1. Abby Kissler, Everett, PA
2. Laura Miller, Saxton, PA
3. Cynthia Mercer, Everett, PA – August 27, 2018

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 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 county has gained back the losses from last month.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the hire of the following as Telecommunicator Trainee's at the Bedford County Department of Emergency Services, effective August 27, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of David Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services. The motion was approved as presented.

1. Travis Yarnell, Duncansville, PA
2. Christopher Tirpak, Bedford, PA

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the hire of Tonya Mearkle as part-time Clerk-Typist I for the office of the Everett Magisterial District Judge, effective August 20, 2018. This is based upon the recommendation of President Judge Thomas S. Ling. The motion was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve the Resolution to create the Bedford Fulton Joint Recreation Authority (BFJRA) for the abandoned old PA Turnpike Trail. This is based upon the recommendation of the Bedford County Board of Commissioners. The resolution was read by Craig Bachik, Senior Landscape Architect at Navarro and Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc. Commissioner Lang stated that the county solicitor is reviewing the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation and they will be available for approval at the next meeting and Commissioner Dallara noted term limits needed to be corrected as well. Commissioner Lang thanked Mr. Bachik and all those who participated in making this trail possible for the county. Mr. Schwartz also thanked Mr. Bachik and all involved in the efforts of making this trail possible and the importance of the plan for the county and community. The masterplan will be presented for review at the next meeting. The motion was approved as presented.

RESOLUTION No. 08-14-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BEDFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE BEDFORD FULTON JOINT RECREATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Bedford County have approved the creation of the Bedford Fulton Joint Recreation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Bedford Fulton Joint Recreation Authority is to support economic development through recreation initiatives, programming and the preservation and enhancement of the 8.5 +/- miles of the Abandoned Pennsylvania Turnpike known as The Old Pennsylvania Pike (TOPP) Trail, from its location near PA Route 30 in Breezewood and continuing eastward to the former Cove Plaza site and intersecting with Pump Station Road in Fulton County; and to maintain the natural resources and intrinsic qualities along the trail; maintain and manage the property, and educate residents and visitors about the history and culture of Bedford and Fulton Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Commissioners support and authorize the filing of formal Authority documents consistent with the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act, which authorizes the creation of joint municipal authorities by two or more local governments to have the ability to apply for and receive grants, and operate revenue-generating programs; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford Fulton Joint Recreation Authority will be managed by a six (6) member board, comprised of three (3) board members appointed by the Bedford County Commissioners and three (3) members appointed by the Fulton County Commissioners, which will include all future new appointments of Board members by each county, and

WHEREAS, tourism is now the second largest industry in the state of Pennsylvania and eco-tourism is the fastest growing sector of Pennsylvania tourism (according to the Center for Rural Pennsylvania) and provides excellent economic opportunities for rural Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the development of the TOPP Trail would not only highlight and feature the historical attributes of the former PA Turnpike and the outdoor recreational resources along the trail, but would also make the TOPP trail eligible for funds to enhance various locations along the trail for the education, enjoyment, safety of visitors and residents, as well as encourage the preservation of Bedford and Fulton County's natural and historical resources for their posterity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Bedford County, and it is hereby resolved, that the Bedford County Commissioners support and approve the creation of the Bedford Fulton Joint Recreation Authority and its appointed members.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Bedford, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 14th day of August 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crooks and seconded by Commissioner Dallara to approve the Proclamations for the 2018 Citizens of the Year. The proclamation for Bob Walls was read by David Cubbison, Director of Emergency Services and the proclamation for Gillian Leach was read by Commissioner Crooks. The motions were approved as presented.

Bedford Rotary and Bedford Elks Clubs' 2018 Citizen of the Year Bob Walls

WHEREAS, The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" and Elks concept of "Elks Care, Elks Share" has been exemplified by Bob Walls and he is being honored at a banquet at the Bedford Elks on Monday, August 20, 2018 for providing countless hours of service towards improving the quality of life in Bedford County; and

WHEREAS, Bob Walls has been an integral part of the Emergency management system in Hyndman Borough for many years. He has served as the Borough's Management Coordinator for eight (8) years and has been an Emergency Medical Technician with the Hyndman Rescue Squad for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, On August 2, 2017 there was a CSX train derailment in the Hyndman Borough/Londonderry Township area and Bob Walls immediately responded and began putting into action the emergency action plan he and others had developed in case an event like this would occur; and

WHEREAS, Bob Walls coordinated the evacuation of over 1, 100 residents of the Borough and Londonderry Township and personally drove the bus that took people to safety and out of danger. He also coordinated with the arriving County and State Emergency Management Agencies the procurement of water, food and other necessary items to sustain the evacuation effort and all of this was done without the use of cellular technology in the area; and

WHEREAS, Bob Walls, without hesitation, continued to coordinate evacuation efforts and physically operate in the blast zone, transporting residents away from the site and then himself returning to rescue additional neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Bob Walls is a resident of Bedford County and he resides in Hyndman with his wife, Samantha and their three (3) children; Alexis, Aliviah and Collin; and

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY do hereby congratulate **Bob Walls** on receiving the much deserved award of **2018 Citizen of the Year** and declare Monday, August 20, 2018 as **Bob Walls DAY** in Bedford County.

Bedford Rotary and Bedford Elks Clubs' 2018 Citizen of the Year Gillian Leach

WHEREAS, The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" and Elks concept of "Elks Care, Elks Share" has been exemplified by Gillian Leach and she is being honored at a banquet at the Bedford Elks on Monday, August 20, 2018 for providing countless hours of service towards improving the quality of life in Bedford County; and

WHEREAS, Gillian Leach is the Executive Director of the Bedford County Historical Society and has dedicated the last 40 years of her life to bring Bedford history alive to the people of our County; and

WHEREAS, Gillian Leach has focused on local history and imparting the knowledge of this history to the citizens, students and organizations of Bedford County; and

WHEREAS, Gillian Leach has created special exhibits covering Bedford County from the French and Indian War through modern times and the role of our citizens in preserving and growing this nation. Under her leadership the Historical Society has created a special exhibit of the Bedford individuals in World War I; and

WHEREAS, Gillian Leach has acquired guest speakers and authors who have explained the County's role in the growth of our country including the Underground Railroad in Bedford, the Korean War and Bedford's casualties in the conflict, Bedford's role in the French and Indian War and the impact of the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, Gillian Leach has published monthly newsletters, a five volume set of local genealogy covering eight generations of Bedfordians, displayed letters and objects from Bedford servicemen from World War II and gifted materials from churches and other organizations that no longer exist; and

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BEDFORD COUNTY do hereby congratulate *Gillian Leach* on receiving the much deserved award of *2018 Citizen of the Year* and declare Monday, August 20, 2018 as **Gillian Leach DAY** in Bedford County.

COMMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Crooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dallara seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

The next meeting will be held August 28, 2018 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections

S. Paul Crooks, Secretary