

# BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2018

The Bedford County Board of Commissioners held a meeting in Room 303 of the Bedford County Government Building, 200 South Juliana Street, Bedford, PA on Tuesday, September 18, 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, Troy Nelson, Warden, the public and the press.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) A motion was made by Commissioner Dallara and seconded by Commissioner Crooks to approve Hyndman Area Health Center to provide inmate healthcare services for the Bedford County Correctional Facility, effective October 1, 2018 pending final review of the contract by the county solicitor. This is based upon the recommendation of Bedford County Commissioners. The motion was approved as presented.

Commissioner Dallara stated that discussions with healthcare services with the current provider regarding the contract showed an increase of \$150,000 a year. This would exceed the budget. The new contract with Hyndman Area Health Center is less in cost and the money will be spent in the county providing better individual healthcare.

Commissioner Lang commented that the increase from Prime Care was a significant, with Hyndman Health Care there will be an increase in provisions for mental health and help transition inmates out of the facility at a lower cost. In the contract there will be no overages and no additional costs, and supplies will be purchased locally.

George Barton, CEO of Hyndman Health Center is excited about the contract, for the vote of confidence in making Bedford a better county and working with the staff and inmates being transitioned into the community.

Commissioner Crooks noted that there was an attempt in 2011 to change healthcare providers and that did not happen. He feels with Hyndman Area Health Center, as a local facility in the county, that the county is making the right decision to move forward with them as the provider. He feels there will be an improvement in care and in addressing the mental issues of the inmates.

Troy Nelson, Warden, noted he originally discussed the cost with Prime Care and they were \$150,000 more than 2018 costs in medical services. He stated Hyndman Area Health Care offers more services, more mental health care and he fully supports the move back to local health care in Bedford.

## **COMMENTS:**

There were no comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The next meeting will be held September 25, 2018 in Room 101 unless called sooner by the Board of Commissioners.

## **ATTEST:**

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Debra Brown, Chief Clerk/Director of Elections

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S. Paul Crooks, Secretary

