

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 7, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held this day at 10:00 am, at the Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 55 E. Court Street, Doylestown, Pennsylvania. In attendance were Commissioner Robert G. Loughery, Chairman; Commissioner Charles H. Martin, Vice Chairman; and Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia. Chairman Loughery opened the meeting with a moment of silence, asking everyone to reflect on today being the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Loughery recognized county row officers who were present: Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts; Michael Gallagher, Controller; Matthew Weintraub, District Attorney; Donald Petrille, Jr., Register of Wills; and Thomas Panzer, Treasurer.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed December 7, 2016 AS “DR. JOSHUA FELDSTEIN DAY,” granting Dr. Feldstein the title as Emeritus to the Bucks County Open Space Program and the Bucks County Agricultural Land Preservation Program. Dr. Feldstein thanked the Commissioners and said he appreciated the opportunity to serve the people of Bucks County as a longtime member of these boards.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes for the regular meeting of November 16, 2016 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Loughery read through the agenda, providing clarification and addressing questions and comments.

Items 4a & b - Commissioner Martin noted that the cost to advertise in The Inquirer is half the amount of advertising in The Intelligencer.

Item 12a - Chairman Loughery gave a shout out to Human Resources Director Travis Monroe and his department for going through and updating the handbook for non-union county employees. Mr. Monroe responded to Commissioner Martin’s question regarding how the changes would be communicated to the affected employees.

Items 12e, f, g & h - Mr. Monroe provided additional information and highlights of these four agreements with Pennsylvania Social Services Union (PSSU), local 668.

Item 12j – Mr. Monroe provided highlights of this agreement for peace officers/security guards.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Bristol Township Senior Citizens Inc. Bristol, PA	Approve contract increase to provide senior center services. 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$2,325** (County 0%)
	b. Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior Citizens Trevose, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide senior center services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$198,171** (County 10%)
	c. Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide gambling and medication education programs. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$21,794 (Revenue)

	d.	Gail Titus Newtown, PA	Approve contract to provide services as Assistant Contract Ombudsman. 12/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$5,300** (County 0%)	
	e.	Patsy H. Long Warrington, PA	Approve contract to provide services as Assistant Contract Ombudsman. 12/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$5,300** (County 0%)	
	f.	Virginia J. Watkins Perkasie, PA	Approve contract to provide services as Assistant Contract Ombudsman. 12/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$5,300** (County 0%)	
	g.	Jane Fox-Laquer Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase and amendment to change title to Primary Contract Ombudsman. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$14,000** (County 0%)	
	h.	Linton's Managed Services Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract to provide dietician services. 1/1/17 – 6/30/17	\$5,000** (County 0%)	
	i.	PurFoods LLC dba Mom's Meals Ankeny, Iowa	Approve contract increase and extension to provide delivery of meals to homebound seniors. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$30,600** (County 14%)	
2.	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	a.	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services Harrisburg, PA	Approve Amendment #10 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$500,000 (Revenue)
		b.	Milliman, Inc. Wayne, PA	Approve contract increase to provide actuarial services with respect to the HealthChoices Behavioral Healthcare Program. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$35,000** (County 0%)
3.	BOARD OF ASSESSMENT	a.	Tyler Technologies, Inc. Moraine, OH	Approve contract renewal for annual software maintenance for iasWorld. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$245,020 (County 100%)
4.	BOARD OF ELECTIONS	a.	The Intelligencer Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide election advertising. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$22,409.05* (County 100%)
		b.	The Philadelphia Inquirer Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide election advertising. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$11,991.87* (County 100%)
5.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a.	Access Services Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide specialized foster care services for children with special needs. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$550,000** (County 13%)
		b.	Bethany Christian Services Elkins Park, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster care services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$62,500** (County 10%)
		c.	Child & Family Focus Valley Forge, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster care services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$35,000** (County 12%)
		d.	Pressley Ridge Pittsburgh, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster care services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$10,000** (County 10%)
		e.	Christ's Home for Children Warminster, PA	Approve contract renewal for group home services, transitional living services, and a mother/baby program. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$1,540,000** (County 15%)
		f.	KinderCare Portland, OR	Approve contract renewal for day care services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$40,000** (County 20%)
		g.	St. Mary Medical Center Langhorne, PA	Approve contract renewal for emergency shelter services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$105,000** (County 20%)

6.	CORONER	a.	Approve out of county travel for Deputy Coroner to attend the Medicolegal Death Investigators Training Course.	\$2,585** (County 0%)	
		b.	Approve out of county travel for Deputy Coroner to attend the Medicolegal Death Investigators Training Course.	\$2,585** (County 0%)	
7.	CORRECTIONS	a.	Brendon Stanton, Inc., d/b/a BSI Electrical Contractors Montgomeryville, PA	Approve contract for the purchase and installation of two diesel generators at Correctional Facility.	\$789,500** (County 100%)
		b.	Honeywell Building Solutions Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract to provide service and maintenance of management and monitoring systems at Correctional Facility and Youth Center. 1/1/17 – 12/31/21	\$2,740,819 (County 90%)
		c.	Paul Kolakowski Churchville, PA	Approve contract renewal to teach adult basic education through computer assisted teaching methods. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$57,150** (County 0%)
8.	FINANCE	a.	Ohio Casualty Insurance Company Fairfield, OH	Approve contract increase and extension for Builders Risk insurance for renovation projects. 12/11/16 – 6/10/17	\$4,949.60 (County 100%)
		b.	Travelers Insurance Company Hartford, CT	Approve contract increase and extension for insurance premium for seven covered bridges. 1/22/17 – 2/1/17	\$1,158 (County 100%)
9.	GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Keith T. Preston Doylestown, PA	Approve rental of county property located at 30 Church Road in Hilltown Township. 12/15/16 – 12/31/17	\$15,600 (Revenue)
		b.	Koch Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Koch 33 Ford Toyota Easton, PA	Approve purchase of a 2016 Ford Transit Work Van.	\$29,772 (County 100%)
		c.	Quinn Construction, Inc. Essington, PA	Approve declaration of emergency and contract for emergency repairs to county parking garage.	\$21,997.06* (County 100%)
10.	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	a.	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve Hazardous Material Response Fund grant. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$44,304 (Revenue)
11.	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a.	Bucks Villa, Inc. New Hope, PA	Approve contract for 2016 CDBG funding for rehabilitation of the Bucks Villa group home. 8/1/16 – 7/31/17	\$80,897 (County 0%)
		b.	Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County Chalfont, PA	Approve mortgage assumption and subordination agreement for the sale of 37 Harrison Avenue in Morrisville Borough.	
12.	HUMAN RESOURCES	a.		Approve revisions to Human Resources Handbook for non-union county employees.	
		b.	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor & Industry Harrisburg, PA	Approve payment of 2016 Administration Fund Assessment for workers' compensation self-insurance.	\$72,187 (County 100%)
		c.	Independence Blue Cross Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide administrative services and claims processing for medical, prescription and vision plans. 1/1/17 – 12/31/19	\$3,653,731.80* (County 100%)
		d.	Independence Blue Cross Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide hospitalization, medical, prescription and vision coverage for 2,295 employees and their dependents. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$30,531,410* (County 100%)

	e. Pennsylvania Social Services Union, (PSSU), Local 668 Conshohocken, PA	Approve renewal of Contract Agreement with PSSU 04 for 207 employees in three departments. 1/1/17 – 12/31/20	
	f. Pennsylvania Social Services Union, (PSSU), Local 668 Conshohocken, PA	Approve renewal of Personnel Policy with PSSU 84 for 53 First Level Supervisors in three departments. 1/1/17 – 12/31/20	
	g. Pennsylvania Social Services Union, (PSSU), Local 668 Conshohocken, PA	Approve renewal of Personnel Policy with PSSU 44-45, for 32 First Level Supervisors in eight departments. 1/1/17 – 12/31/20	
	h. Pennsylvania Social Services Union, (PSSU), Local 668 Conshohocken, PA	Approve renewal of Personnel Policy with PSSU 46 for 82 professional employees in eight departments. 1/1/17 – 12/31/20	
	i. Pennsylvania Social Services Union, (PSSU), Local 668 Conshohocken, PA	Approve and adopt the Children & Youth “Modified Work Schedule” Second Shift Pilot Program. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	
	j. The Bucks County Peace Officers Association – Union Code 08 Philadelphia, PA	Approve renewal of contract agreement for 24 employees. 1/1/17 – 12/31/20	
13. HUMAN SERVICES	a. A Woman’s Place Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide counseling to victims of domestic abuse and violence. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$5,050** (County 4.1%)
	b. Catholic Social Services Levittown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide case management services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$10,000** (County 4.1%)
	c. Libertae, Inc. Bensalem, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide intensive case management services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$26,000** (County 4.1%)
14. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a. Microsoft Licensing, GP via CDW Government, Inc. Vernon Hills, IL	Approve contract amendment for additional subscription licenses and software subscription rights. 1/1/15 – 12/31/17	\$443,101.62* (County 100%)
15. MH/DP	a. BARC Developmental Services, Inc. Holicong, PA	Approve contract amendment to add home and community habilitation services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$9,600** (County 9%)
	b. CareLink Community Support Services Eddystone, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide maximum supervision residential rehabilitation service. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$101,729** (County 4.1%)
	c. Children’s Therapy Services, LLC Coopersburg, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide therapy services for children up to age three. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$188,000** (County 10%)
	d. Horsham Clinic Ambler, PA	Approve contract renewal for hospital inpatient services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$82,000** (County 4.1%)
	e. Indian Creek Foundation, Inc. Souderton, PA	Approve contract amendment to add outpatient consulting services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	
	f. Lenape Valley Foundation Doylestown, PA	Approve contract amendment to add outpatient consulting services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	
	g. Penn Foundation, Inc. Sellersville, PA	Approve contract amendment to add outpatient consulting services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	

	h.	NHS of Bucks County Erdenheim, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide intensive case management, residential, and family based services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$1,629,767** (County 5.5%)
	i.	Penndel Mental Health Center Langhorne, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide housing and mental health services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$2,969,234** (County 4.1%)
	j.	SPIN, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide early intervention therapy services for children up to age three. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$70,000** (County 10%)
	k.	The Melmark Home, Inc. Berwyn, Pa	Approve contract renewal to provide supervised living and adult developmental training services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$131,273** (County 4.1%)
16.		NESHAMINY MANOR	a. SimplexGrinnell, LP Horsham, PA	Approve purchase of three consoles to complete upgrade of the nurse call bell system. \$24,968** (County 0%)
17.		PLANNING COMMISSION	a. Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. Redlands, CA	Approve contract renewal for software licenses and maintenance of the county's Geographic Information System (GIS) program. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17 \$43,016** (County 100%)
18.		PURCHASING	a. Four Seasons Construction Group, Inc. Huntington Valley, PA	Rescind contract for snow removal services. 11/15/16 – 5/14/18 (\$13,400)
			b. Jordan's Enterprise Inc. T/A Cutting Edge Total Lawn Care Plumsteadville, PA	Approve contract increase to provide snow removal services. 11/15/16 – 5/14/18 \$13,400* (County 100%)
			c. Sysco Philadelphia, LLC Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to purchase paper products. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17 \$174,647* (County 100%)
19.		REGISTER OF WILLS	a. IMR Digital West Hazelton, PA	Approve contract amendment to change scope of work for scanning.
			b. Property Info Corporation San Antonio, TX	Approve contract increase for data redaction in the case management system. 8/13/14 – 3/31/20 \$91,000** (County 0%)
20.		OTHER CIVICS	a. Fire Professionals Aiding Children	Approve Payment \$3,200

*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes only.

** Unit Cost/Not to Exceed

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

2017 COUNTY BUDGET, TAX LEVY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Chief Operating Officer Brian Hessenthaler advised that this year's budget was more difficult than usual, but they were prepared for the challenges. He said department heads, division leaders, row officers and the courts all cooperated and worked together with the Finance Department, which he noted was down by one person this year. He commended Finance Director Dave Boscola and his staff for a terrific job by all involved.

Chairman Loughery advised that the budget and total expenditures as presented are just shy of \$415 million. He explained that they have been able to add to the general fund over the past few years and are now able to avoid a tax increase for 2017. The Chairman thanked Chief Operating Officer Brian Hessenthaler, Finance Director David Boscola, the row officers, and court administration for their work in the budget process which, he noted, began in early August.

ADOPTION OF COUNTY BUDGET

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following was approved:

- Adopt the 2017 County Budget as recommended by the Director of Finance and Administration.

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

ADOPTION OF COUNTY TAX LEVY

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following was approved:

- Adopt the 2017 County Tax Levies, Millage Rate and user fee schedules as recommended by the Director of Finance and Administration. (Health, Neshaminy Manor and Tax Claim)

Commissioner Martin noted that the millage rate is the same, at 23.2.

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following was approved:

- Approve the 2017 Appropriations to County agencies and authorities as recommended by the Director of Finance and Administration.

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following Budget Adjustments were adopted:

**2016 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
Agenda Description
December 7, 2016**

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT - Adjust operating budget to cover additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #23	Behavioral Health (Revenue)	(23,557,700)
	Behavioral Health	23,557,700
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Personnel Actions were approved:

APPOINTMENTS

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
1. Lauren A. Chesterman J.R. #2909	Registrar – PD Unit 03	Board of Voter Registration 28.0 hrs/wk	09/03/15	11.50 PH
2. Christopher R. Best J.R. #3310	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	01/09/17	20.86 PH
3. Wisline Etienne J.R. #3347	Nursing Assistant – Pool Unit 30	NM Nursing Pool 14.0 hrs/wk	12/12/16	21.00 PH
4. Kourtney P. Frey J.R. #3267	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	12/12/16	23.43 PH
5. Anthony G. Grossman J.R. #3310	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	01/09/17	20.86 PH
6. Lakeesha A. Haynes J.R. #3347	Nursing Assistant – Pool Unit 30	NM Nursing Pool 14.0 hrs/wk	12/12/16	21.00 PH
7. Cody R. Johnson J.R. #3310	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	01/09/17	20.86 PH

8.	Susan Joseph J.R. #3347	Nursing Assistant – Pool Unit 30	NM Nursing Pool 14.0 hrs/wk	12/12/16	21.00 PH
9.	Nadia Joseph Desenclos J.R. #3313	Nursing Assistant – PT Unit 03	NM Nursing Assistants 24.0 hrs/wk	12/12/16	14.46 PH
10.	Edward C. Krutsick J.R. #3310	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	01/09/17	20.86 PH
11.	Fallon P. Maggio J.R. #3328	Public Health Preparedness Planner Unit 00	Health 40.0 hrs/wk	01/03/17	61,200.00 PA
12.	Nathan S. Rotenberg J.R. #3310	Corrections Officer Unit 01	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk	01/09/17	20.86 PH
13.	Joseph J. Schrantz J.R. #3228	Cook Unit 01	MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk	01/09/17	22.60 PH
14.	Nevada Vaughn J.R. #3307	County Caseworker II Unit 04	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	12/12/16	23.43 PH

REHIRE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
15.	Darlene A. Gasinski J.R. #3240 Sep Date: 04/06/11	LPN Unit 33	NM Licensed Practical Nurses 40.0 hrs/wk	12/12/16	27.08 PH

PER DIEM TO PERM

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
16.	Annie F. Tiers	Human Resources Intern – PD Unit 00 To HR Generalist Unit 00	Human Resources 24.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	12/19/16	9.00 PH To 16.82 PH

POSITION CHANGE

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
17.	Lauren E. DeLucia	HR Generalist Unit 00 To HR Benefits Coordinator Unit 00	Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	12/08/16	17.34 PH To 19.47 PH
18.	Vibha A. Mistry	HR Benefits Administrator Unit 00 To Senior HR Generalist Unit 00	Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	12/08/16	24.70 PH To 24.70 PH
19.	Margaret W. Ratcliffe	Administrative Clerk Unit 03 To Administrative Asst-5 Unit 03	Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk To Board of Assessment 37.5 hrs/wk	12/12/16	21.12 PH To 22.64 PH
20.	Rosemary K. Roehner	Senior HR Generalist Unit 00 To HR Manager Unit 00	Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	12/08/16	24.27 PH To 54,500.00 PA
21.	Maureen W. Short J.R. #3227	Clerk Typist II Unit 04 To Fiscal Technician Unit 04	Area Agency on Aging 37.5 hrs/wk To Area Agency on Aging 37.5 hrs/wk	12/08/16	22.74 PH To 23.43 PH
22.	Dawn Ann Siman	County Social Worker I Unit 04 To County Casework Supervisor Unit 84	Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk To Children & Youth 37.5 hrs/wk	12/08/16	32.91 PH To 33.54 PH
23.	Kelly L. Soehnle	HR Benefits Coordinator Unit 00 To HR Benefits Administrator Unit 00	Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk To Human Resources 40.0 hrs/wk	12/08/16	22.11 PH To 24.70 PH
24.	Marybeth Gentile J.R. #3301	Registered Nurse Unit 06 To RN Supervisor Unit 86	NM Registered Nurses 40.0 hrs/wk To NM Admin 40.0 hrs/wk	12/10/16	33.22 PH To 38.19 PH

TRANSFER

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
25.	Bryan J. Gunderman J.R. #3304	Dispatcher I Unit 03 To Elec Technician I Unit 03	911 Emergency Response 40.0 hrs/wk To Emergency Communications 40.0 hrs/wk	12/10/16	25.69 PH To 25.69 PH
26.	Erik K. Oeschger	Corrections Officer Unit 01 To Corrections Officer Unit 01	Main Jail 40.0 hrs/wk To MCCC 40.0 hrs/wk	12/22/16	26.61 PH To 26.61 PH

CHANGE OF HOURS

	NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE*	REMARKS
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27. Erica P. Desai	LPN – Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing Pool 28.0 hrs/wk	12/08/16	29.13 PH
	To	To		To
	LPN – Pool Unit 31	NM Nursing Pool 14.0 hrs/wk		29.13 PH

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
28. Lesley Petrilli	HR Generalist – PD Unit 00	Human Resources 30.0 hrs/wk	12/08/16	13.50 PH
	To	To		To
	HR Generalist – PD Unit 00	Human Resources 30.0 hrs/wk		15.50 PH

SEPARATIONS

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>DATE*</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
29. Amanda G. Amos	HR Manager	Human Resources	12/02/16	Separation
30. James T. Cunningham	D & A Supervisor	Corrections Administration	12/02/16	Separation
31. Geraldine W. Shaw	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	12/09/16	Separation
32. Linda T. Volm Hiller	LPN – Pool	NM Nursing Pool	11/22/16	Separation

*estimated date **Never Started ***Agreement ****Reinstatement

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

None

OTHER CIVICS

Emergency Services Director Scott Forster responded to Commissioner Martin’s question regarding the Fire PAC program.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Brian Hessenthaler, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following:

Collective Bargaining Agreements – With the four PSSU contracts and the one with the Peace Officers/Security Guards just approved, the county is left with only one collective bargaining agreement that is still being negotiated. It is hoped that the remaining agreement, which is with the county’s largest union, will be under contract in time for approval at one of the next two Commissioner’s meetings. Mr. Hessenthaler commended Travis Monroe and the Human Resources staff for working diligently to secure fair contracts and said the process is long and difficult but was handled professionally.

Overdose Crisis – Beginning next week Bucks County Drug & Alcohol will be offering free doses of Narcan at the Louis Drive location on Mondays and Tuesday, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. This will include education on how to administer it and information on where to obtain help.

Lynn T. Bush, Chief Clerk, reported on the following:

Bucks County Planning Commission – At their meeting later today, and in recognition of their 65th Anniversary, the Planning Commission will be acknowledging some of the changes that have taken place over the years and people who have served on the board since it was formed in 1951. Several things that led to the Commission’s formation will be highlighted, such as the 17,300 houses that were built in Levittown in a very short period of time. Some things have changed and some have stayed the same. A 1953 report questioned what was going to be done about the narrow highways that were established in colonial times. The Bristol Road extension was mentioned in the 1960’s and they are still working on getting it funded. The Open Space and Farmland Preservation programs have always focused on preserving the character the quality of life in Bucks County.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin referenced a recent newspaper article, signed by all three commissioners, advising that they will continue preserving open space in the County, even though a part of the program ends next year.

Commissioner Martin advised that it was a pleasure to finally certify the election results after Judge Finley’s ruling yesterday. He said that Board of Elections Director Deena Dean and her staff did a great job and Sean Corr, assisted by others from the Solicitor’s Office, did a great job presenting information on behalf of the Board of Elections.

Chairman Loughery thanked all those involved with preparing the budget and spoke about the challenges they faced. He explained that looking at the line items and managing the deficit doesn’t tell the whole story, and that there is a human aspect of it as well. He shared a story about a man who had contacted him regarding the extreme financial difficulties he was experiencing as a result of paying for addiction treatments for his son. The Commissioner said that this was not an isolated situation, and it speaks to the direct impact the line items in the budget has on people’s lives, such as the need for case workers for Area Agency on Aging or for Children & Youth.

Also expressing appreciation to those who worked on the budget, Commissioner Marseglia said that this was the ninth time she has been through the budget process but it's the first time she feels like they've done something to make a difference. She said she is thrilled about the potential impact of the Human Services funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph O'Banion, from Solebury Township and on the Board of Agricultural Extension, thanked the Commissioners and spoke briefly about the great impact their support has had on the various extension programs.

Ted Feldstein, son of Dr. Feldstein, thanked the Commissioners for their kindness and support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at the Bucks County Visitor Center in Bensalem.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Loughery adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Approved: December 21, 2016

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert G. Loughery
Chairman

Charles H. Martin
Vice Chairman

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

Lynn T. Bush, *Chief Clerk*