

MINUTES OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2024

PRESENT: Daryl Miller, Doug McLinko, Zachary Gates

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Bradford County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Daryl Miller at 10:00 am.

VISITOR REMARKS CONCERNING AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to open the RFP for the Hazard Mitigation Consultant

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2024

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to proclaim the month of March 2024 as Intellectual Disability Awareness Month in Bradford County.

Daryl L. Miller, Chairman
Doug McLinko, Vice Chairman
Zachary R. Gates, Commissioner

Michelle Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor



Bradford County Commissioners Office

PROCLAMATION

**Intellectual Disability Awareness Month
March 2024**

WHEREAS; those with intellectual disabilities are valued members of our communities; and

WHEREAS; intellectual disability is characterized by significant limitations both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior that originate before age 22; and

WHEREAS; people with an intellectual disability are of all racial, ethnic, educational, social and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS; early intervention, education, employment and home and community-based services continue to be vital to enabling citizens with an intellectual disability to function and thrive.

THEREFORE, we, the Bradford County Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the Constitution and laws of Pennsylvania do hereby proclaim March 2024 as “**INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH IN BRADFORD COUNTY**” and are proud to recognize the many accomplishments and contributions of people with an intellectual disability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and cause the seal of Bradford to be affixed this 22nd day of February 2024

Attest:

Michelle L. Shedden
Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk

[Signatures of Doug McLinko and Zachary R. Gates]
Bradford County Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve Resolution 2024-11 adopting the PA ABLE Savings Program for people with disabilities, providing a way for individuals to save tax-free for disability-related expenses without impacting eligibility for important benefits.

Daryl L. Miller, Chairman
Doug McLinko, Vice Chairman
Zachary R. Gates, Commissioner



Michelle Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor

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**PA ABLE: FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
RESOLUTION 2024-11**

WHEREAS, Bradford County Commissioners are committed to the belief that people with disabilities are an essential part of the workforce and should be treated with equality, dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, Employers have a responsibility to ensure they are supporting employees with disabilities by implementing new policies and reviewing and updating existing ones; and

WHEREAS, People with disabilities bring invaluable perspective and experience to many organizations throughout Pennsylvania, making our workplaces stronger; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Treasury Department administers the PA ABLE Savings Program for people with disabilities, providing a way for individuals to save tax-free for disability-related expenses without impacting eligibility for important benefits; and

WHEREAS, At no cost, employers can help empower employees with disabilities by providing awareness of PA ABLE and facilitating automatic payroll deductions to employees' PA ABLE accounts; now therefore be it


RESOLVED that the Bradford County Board of Commissioners is partnering with the Pennsylvania Treasury Department to increase financial independence among people with disabilities in our county, and their families, and will:

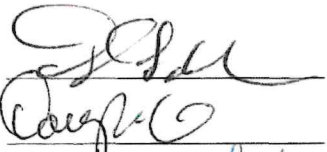
1. Make the PA ABLE program known to all county employees and offer each the ability to contribute to PA ABLE accounts via payroll deductions; and
2. Set precedent for other employers in Bradford County, thus encouraging them to follow this example by offering the same consideration to their employees.

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ADOPTED this 22 day of February Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

Attest:


Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk


Zachary R. Galen
Bradford County Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to proclaim the month of March 2024 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in Bradford County.

Daryl L. Miller, Chairman
Doug McLinko, Vice Chairman
Zachary R. Gates, Commissioner



Michelle Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor

Bradford County Commissioners Office

PROCLAMATION

Declaration of March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month

WHEREAS, we, The Bradford County Commissioners, are proud to commemorate March 2024 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in Bradford County; and

WHEREAS, this designation will formalize and expand upon the federal designation 30 years ago of March 1986 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" and in 2016 when the entirety of the bleeding disorders community came together to encompass all bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, the federal Department of Health and Human Services designated March 2016 as National Bleeding Disorders Month; and

WHEREAS, These bleeding disorders, which share the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and Hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

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WHEREAS, this Awareness Month in will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von_Willebrand Disease and rare bleeding disorders; which affect millions of individuals around the world; and

WHEREAS, this Awareness Month will bring light to the great scientific achievements in the treatment of bleeding disorders, for which there is no cure, and the greater pursuit of advanced therapies and cures to these disorders.

WHEREAS, the bleeding disorders community's relationships with policymakers have fostered numerous medical and policy advancements beneficial to all those affected by bleeding disorders and their loved ones; and


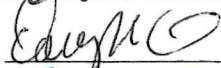
WHEREAS, this Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with an inheritable bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, this Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond our community to the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability; now

THEREFORE, we, The Bradford County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024, as: **BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH** in Bradford County.

Attest:


Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk



Zachary R. Gates
Bradford County Commissioners

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A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve the fee agreement for professional services between Bradford County Children and Youth Services and The Law Firm of Brann, Williams, Caldwell & Blaney effective January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve the agreement for professional services between Bradford County Children and Youth Services and the following providers effective January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024:

- Concern Professional Services for Children, Youth & Families
- George Junior Preventative Aftercare

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve an amended agreement between Bradford County Children and Youth Services and Adelphoi Village Inc. effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the agreement for professional services between Bradford County Children and Youth Services and George Junior Republic effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve an agreement between Bradford County and Benjamin McClure for licensed constable services for Domestic Relations effective February 8, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve a grant agreement between Bradford County and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$432,566.00 of 2023 9-1-1 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the Medical Assistance Transportation Program final allocation amount for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$1,414,833 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the Bradford County Parks Rates, Rules, and Regulations for 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve an insurance proposal for environmental liability between Bradford County and Assurance Brokers, LTD authorize the Chairman to sign.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Danielle Johnson as a part-time casual Correctional Officer, per the recommendation of Pete Quattrini, Warden, effective February 5, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Ian Burnett as full-time Sewer Plant backup Operator, per the recommendation of Brent Parks, Waste Water Treatment Plant Director, effective February 29, 2024.

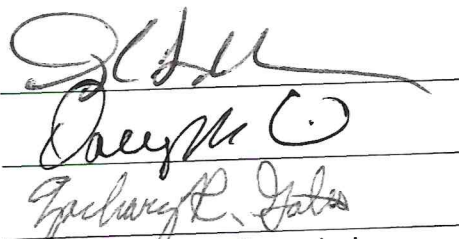
A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the transfer of Penney Geiss from full-time Caseworker Supervisor to Caseworker Manager 1, per the recommendation of Mayme Carter, Human Services Director, effective February 12, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Glenn Bell as full-time Ag Resource Specialist, per the recommendation of Cathy Yeakel, Conservation District Director, effective March 25, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Ashley White as a temporary part-time Data Clerk in the Election office, per the recommendation of Renee Smithkors, Election Director, effective February 26, 2024.

OTHER

Charlotte Parks has been appointed in response to a court order by the Court of Common Pleas to fill the office of County Auditor effective February 26, 2024, for the unexpired term to December 31, 2027.



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SALARY BOARD

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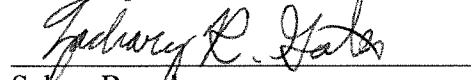
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the following salaries:

Danielle Johnson, PTC Correctional Officer Effective February 5, 2024	\$14.00
Ian Burnett, FT Sewer Plant Backup Operator Effective February 29, 2024	G19 \$16.76
Penney Geiss, FT Caseworker Manager 1 Effective February 12, 2024	HSG 28 \$38.42
Glenn Bell, FT Ag Resource Specialist Effective March 25, 2024	G15 \$18.27
Ashley White, Temporary PT Data Clerk Effective February 26, 2024	G11 \$15.00




 Salary Board

ASSESSMENT BOARD

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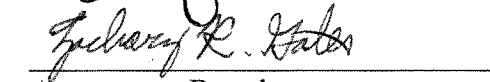
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A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the following for tax exemption:

Shane Miller
 12926 Rt 6
 Troy, PA 16947
 Veteran Exemption – NEW
 Parcel # 13-083.00-115-000-000, 13-083.00-057-000-000, 13-083.00-019-001-000




 Assessment Board

VISITOR REMARKS

Questions from the News Media

Walt Woods – Sunshine Law

Pete Miller – Revealing of the American Red Cross sign

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to adjourn at 10:42 a.m.