

MINUTES OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY MARCH 28, 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 Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to amending the minutes of March 14, 2024 to correct the following:

Consider approving the hire of Penny Thoman County Caseworker 1, per the recommendation of Mayme Carter, Human Services Director, effective March 18, 2024.

Tyler Brown, FT CO
Effective March 18, 2024 \$17.00

Penny Thoman, County Caseworker 1
Effective March 18, 2024 G22
\$18.66

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to proclaim April 2024 as Safe Digging Month in Bradford County.

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

Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor



**Bradford County Commissioners Office
Safe Digging Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the month of April 2024 recognized as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”, and the initiative sponsored by Pennsylvania 811, a utility notification information center with 52 years of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania 811 received a million excavation notifications in 2023, over 3,000 construction projects in Coordinate PA, and transmitted approximately 6 million notifications to their member facility owners and operators allowing essential utility and construction crews to provide vital underground services and repair of critical infrastructure to communities throughout Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, when contacting 811, at least three business days before digging, a homeowner or a contractor is connected to a unique service that notifies the appropriate underground utility operators in the municipality in which the work will be performed, and

WHEREAS, by notifying 811 of their intent to dig, the homeowner or contractor is knowingly helping to protect the underground utilities, themselves, the work crew, and their neighbors from any unsafe digging practices within their community, and

WHEREAS, upon receiving the notification from Pennsylvania 811, the facility owners and operators disperse to the said work site to mark the approximate location of their underground utility lines with flags, paint, or both, to establish an eighteen-inch tolerance zone of the outside wall or edge of their line or facility, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bradford County Commissioners, in support of the Pennsylvania Underground Utility Line Protection Law, PA Act 287 of 1974, as amended, we do hereby proclaim April 2024 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”, and encourage all Pennsylvanians to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at www.paonecall.org for information about digging safely.

Attest:

Michelle L. Shedden
Michelle Shedden, Chief Clerk

[Signature]
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Bradford County Commissioners

A CONTINUATION OF THE MINUTES THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to proclaim April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Bradford County with the reading of the proclamation on the front steps of the courthouse on April 5, 2024 at 11:00am.

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

Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor



**Bradford County Commissioners Office
Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone;

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the Bradford County and beyond;

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse;

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families;

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families;



WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment;

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bradford County Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2024 as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Bradford County and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Attest:


Michelle Shedden, Chief Clerk



Bradford County Commissioners

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A CONTINUATION OF THE MINUTES THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve a letter of support to the Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency for the PA Route 6 Alliance’s application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership Grant Round 30.

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

Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor



Bradford County Commissioners Office

March 28, 2024

PA Route 6 Alliance
Candace Hillyard, Executive Director
P.O. Box 180
Galeton, PA 16922

Dear Ms. Hillyard:

The Bradford County Board of Commissioners/Bradford County TPA fully supports the PA Route 6 Alliance’s application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership (C2P2) Grant Round 30.

PA Route 6 offers travelers, including a growing number of bicyclists, over 400 miles of history, scenery, small towns, and outdoor excursions. PA Route 6 is designated at both a state and U.S. Bike Route and, combined with gravel loops that allow bicycle travelers to explore the entire corridor, PA Route 6 is developing into a unique cycling destination. Businesses throughout the region stand to benefit from increased customers.

The use of grant dollars to place bike racks, repair stations, and signage in Bradford County at strategic locations from trailheads to downtown communities will be beneficial to those who travel in our area.

Bradford County is committed to providing up to 20% matching fund for this project in either cash, volunteer or a combination of both.

Sincerely,

Bradford County Commissioners

A CONTINUATION OF THE MINUTES THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve a letter of support for Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital’s letter to Senator Fetterman and Senator Casey requesting funding for the replacement of a linear accelerator, a key piece of equipment for cancer care.

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



Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor

Bradford County Commissioners Office

March 28, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to offer our strong endorsement for Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital’s funding request to assist with replacing the linear accelerator in their Oncology Department. As County Commissioners deeply committed to the well-being of our rural community, we recognize the pivotal role that access to advanced healthcare services plays in ensuring the health and vitality of our residents in Bradford County, Pa.

The linear accelerator is a cornerstone of modern cancer care, providing essential radiation therapy treatments to individuals battling cancer. For patients residing in rural areas like ours, having access to this critical technology close to home can mean the difference between timely, effective treatment and undue hardship. By upgrading this equipment, Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital will not only enhance the quality of care available to our residents but also alleviate the burden placed on families who would otherwise have to endure lengthy and costly journeys to receive treatment elsewhere.

Furthermore, investing in the replacement of the linear accelerator at Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital aligns with our county’s commitment to fostering a robust and resilient healthcare infrastructure. By ensuring that our local hospital remains equipped with state-of-the-art technology, we demonstrate our dedication to providing comprehensive healthcare services that meet the needs of our community members, now and in the future.

We urge you to give careful consideration to Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital’s application and to prioritize funding for this critical project. Your support will directly impact the lives of individuals and families in our county, reaffirming our shared commitment to promoting health and well-being for all.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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A CONTINUATION OF THE MINUTES THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve a letter of support for the Bradford County Department of Public Safety’s application to become an NREMT (National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians) testing site for Bradford County and surrounding areas.

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

Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor



Bradford County Commissioners Office

March 26, 2024

To whom it may concern,

The Bradford County Commissioners are happy to give our support to the Bradford County Public Safety, related to becoming an approved location for NREMT testing in Bradford County.

We believe with having this location it will increase the number of students becoming certified providers, in return benefiting Bradford County and surrounding areas.

We, the Bradford County Commissioners, would like to confirm our support for the Bradford County Public Safety Center to become a testing location for NREMT, and we hope that collaborative efforts will lead to the betterment of the residents in Bradford County and surrounding counties.

Sincerely,

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A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve a One Call Agreement for Emergency Air Medical Services between Bradford County and Air Methods Corporation to provide centralized and coordinated communications services to obtain air ambulance services for scene-based emergencies within Bradford County, authorize the Chairman to sign.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve a donation to the Sayre Police Department Association for the 2024 Police Unity Tour in the amount of \$1,000.00. (Funding to come from the Commissioners’ previously budgeted community outreach funds.)

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve an Amended Unit of Service Funding Contract between Bradford/Sullivan County Mental Health Program and Allied Services effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for a range of services designated to help disabled individuals with supported housing and rehabilitation.

A CONTINUATION OF THE MINUTES THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the fee agreement between Bradford County Children and Youth Services and the Law Firm of Protasio and Jasper, P.C effective March 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024., for contracted legal representation provided to Children and Youth Services in dependency cases in which CYS's solicitor has a conflict,

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve a purchase of services agreement between Bradford County Children and Youth Services and Centre County Youth Service Bureau effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, to provide Shelter and Group care for females ages 12-18 and Independent Living for youth ages 17-21.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Codie Sauers as a part-time regular Assistant Instructor, per the recommendation of Sarah Fowler, Literacy Director, effective April 8, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the transfer of Jonathan Mizener from full-time Dispatcher to full-time Dispatcher 2, per the recommendation of Rob Repasky, 911 Director, effective March 10, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Francis Musengia for full-time Custodian/Maintenance, per the recommendation of Garron Kreger, Maintenance Director, effective April 1, 2024.

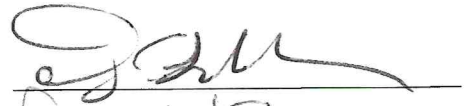
A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Olivia Corbin for Summer Intern - Public Safety, per the recommendation of Matt Williams, Public Safety Director, effective May 18, 2024.

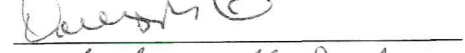
A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Emily Matushin as full-time probationary County Caseworker 1, Mental Health, per the recommendation of Mayme Carter, Human Services Director, effective April 29, 2024.


A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the transfer of Stacy Powers from County Caseworker 2 to full-time Prevention Specialist, Drug & Alcohol, per the recommendation of Mayme Carter, Human Services Director, effective April 1, 2024.

OTHER

Cody Wibirt has been appointed in response to a court order by the Court of Common Pleas to the position of Law Clerk Summer Intern for the Court of Common Pleas of Bradford County effective May 13, 2024.







Bradford County Commissioners

SALARY BOARD

THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024

PRESENT: Daryl Miller, Doug McLinko, Zachary Gates and Matt Allen

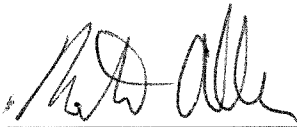
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

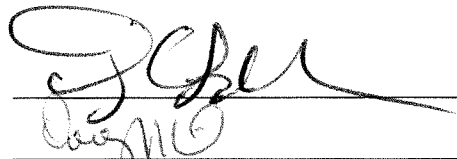
A motion was made by Treasurer Matt Allen, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the following salaries:

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Codie Sauers, PTR Assistant Instructor Effective April 8, 2024	G20 \$17.59
Jonathan Mizener Effective March 10, 2024	GPSB20 \$19.09
Francis Musengia, FT Custodian/Maintenance Effective April 1, 2024	G14 \$15.15
Emily Matushin, FT Probationary County Caseworker 1 Effective April 29, 2024	G22 \$20.57
Oliva Corbin, Summer Intern-Public Safety Effective May 18, 2024	\$12.85
Cody Wibirt, Summer Intern-Law Clerk Effective May 13, 2024	\$14.00



Treasurer



Salary Board

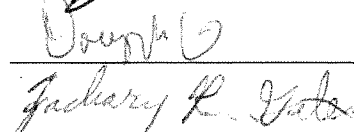
ASSESSMENT BOARD
THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024
PRESENT: Daryl Miller, Doug McLinko, Zachary Gates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

Ava Rauch
150 Hummingbird Lane
Sayre, PA 18840
Veteran Exemption – NEW
Parcel # 09-006.00-011-004-000



Assessment Board

VISITOR REMARKS

Cynthia Brown – Fireworks
Walt Woods – Sunshine Act
Jame Lowenstien – Questions concerning the agenda

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to adjourn at 10:56 a.m.

