

MINUTES OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2024

PRESENT: Daryl Miller, Doug McLinko via phone, 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

Open proposals for the Library Consultant.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to amend the minutes of March 28, 2024, to correct the following omission:

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| Stacy Powers, FT Prevention Specialist, D&A | GHS 25 |
| Effective April 1, 2024 | \$23.48 |

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve proclaim April 7, 2024 – April 13, 2024, as National Library Week in Bradford County.

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



Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor

Bradford County Commissioners Office

Proclamation

National Library Week 2024 Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries offer the opportunity for everyone to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue their passions, no matter where they are on life’s journey;

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, striving to ensure equitable access to information and services for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, developing and expanding collections, programs, and services that are as diverse as the populations they serve;

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals;

WHEREAS, libraries play a pivotal role in economic development by providing resources and support for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, thus contributing to local prosperity and growth;

WHEREAS, libraries make choices that are good for the environment and make sense economically, creating thriving communities for a better tomorrow;

WHEREAS, libraries are treasured institutions that preserve our collective heritage and knowledge, safeguarding both physical and digital resources for present and future generations;


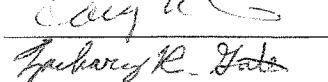
WHEREAS, libraries are an essential public good and fundamental institutions in democratic societies, working to improve society, protect the right to education and literacy, and promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all;

A CONTINUATION OF THE MINUTES THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2024

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we the Bradford County Commissioners proclaim National Library Week, April 7-13, 2024. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library and celebrate the adventures and opportunities they unlock for us every day. Ready, Set, Library!


Michelle Shedden Chief Clerk



Bradford County Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to proclaim April 14, 2024 – April 20, 2024, as Telecommunicator's Week in Bradford County.

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

Michelle Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor



Bradford County Commissioners Office

**PROCLAMATION
Telecommunicator's Week
April 14th-20th, 2024**

WHEREAS; emergencies can occur at anytime requiring police, fire, or emergency medical services;

WHEREAS; when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, and EMS providers is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property;

WHEREAS; the safety of our police officers, firefighters, and EMS personnel is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Bradford County Communications Center;

WHEREAS; Public Safety Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services;

WHEREAS; Public Safety Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety;

WHEREAS; Public Safety Dispatchers of Bradford County have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients;

WHEREAS; each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Commissioners of Bradford County declare the week of April 14th through 20th, 2024 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Bradford County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and citizens safe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and cause the seal of Bradford to be affixed this 11th day of April, 2024.

Attest:

Michelle L. Shedden
Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk

Zachary R. Foster
Zachary R. Foster
Bradford County Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve a letter of support for Bradford County Conservation District grant application for Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Funds.

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



Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor

Bradford County Commissioners Office

Jake Reilly
Program Director
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund
113 15th Street NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005-2710

RE: Bradford County Accelerated WIP Planning (PA)

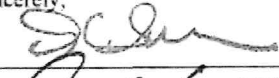

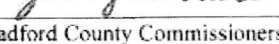
Dear Mr. Reilly,

This letter is being submitted in support of Bradford County Conservation District’s (BCCD) grant proposal titled “Bradford County Accelerated WIP Planning”. The Bradford County Commissioners realize the importance of sound planning and design and the critical role technical support plays in developing plans that are both worth-while to the landowner and address critical resource needs.

With Pennsylvania being required to address environmental concerns related to sediment and nutrient reductions reaching our waterways and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay, we feel this proposal will assist Bradford County in addressing those concerns. In addition, if successful, this proposal positions BCCD and Bradford County to be prepared to expedite forth coming local goals and set an example for the entire state. The Bradford County Commissioners fully support the watershed improvements of BCCD and over the past three years have made significant financial contributions to their work related to stream rehabilitation and riparian plantings. Again, this planning, if funded, allows for expedited, on-the-ground implementation.

With an experienced staff accustomed to working in cooperation with producers, landowners, municipalities, and partnering agencies, BCCD is positioned to complete the proposed goals and objectives in a timely manner while balancing both environmental and landowner needs.

Sincerely,




Bradford County Commissioners

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A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve a retainer agreement between Bradford County and Larson Design to provide professional services for the Bradford County Waste Water Treatment Plant and authorize the Chairman to sign.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve the renewal of an agreement between Bradford County and Larry Acla as Park Supervisor for Sunfish Pond County Park for the 2024 park season.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the renewal of an agreement between Bradford County and Lydia Keeney as Park Supervisor for Hornbrook County Park for the 2024 park season.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the appointment of Central Bradford Progress Authority as the Municipal Broadband Point of Contact for the Broadband Ready Grant program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to strike Consider approving a proposal from Shedden’s Lawncare for landscaping services at county properties and bridge landscaping maintenance at a fee of \$21,025.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to add and approve a proposal from Shedden’s Lawncare for landscaping services at county properties at a fee of \$6025.00.

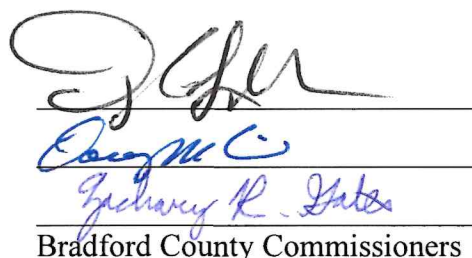
A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to add and approve a proposal from Shedden’s Lawncare for landscaping services at bridge landscaping maintenance at a fee of \$15,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve the Amended Unit of Service Funding Contract between Bradford/Sullivan County Mental Health Program and Merakey Pennsylvania, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for an increased contract maximum for Liaison services.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve the Amended Unit of Service Funding Contract between Bradford/Sullivan County Mental Health Program and Northern Tier Counseling, effective January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, for MST program start-up costs.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve the transfer of Katherine Watkins, Case Management Specialist, from probationary to regular status, per the recommendation of Mayme Carter, Human Services Director, effective March 3, 2024.

OTHER



Bradford County Commissioners

SALARY BOARD

THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2024

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

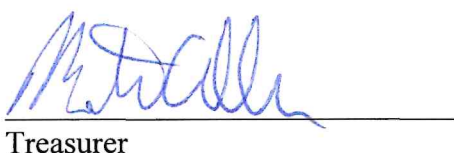
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

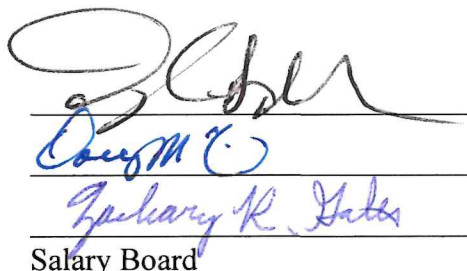
A motion was made by Treasurer Matt Allen, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the following salaries:

Katherine Watkins, FT Case Management Specialist
Effective March 3, 2024

GHS 25
\$21.59



Treasurer



Salary Board

ELECTION BOARD

THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2024

PRESENT: Daryl Miller, Doug McLinko via phone, Zachary Gates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS


A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to authorize the Chief Clerk to legally advertise the date and time of the pre-election day testing.

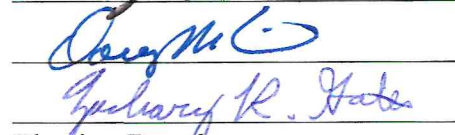
A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to authorize the Chief Clerk to legally advertise the date and time of the Bradford County Return Board and the Bradford County Election Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to authorize the Chief Clerk to legally advertise the polling locations and times for the Primary Election on April 23, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve authorize the Chief Clerk to legally advertise the primary election candidates and offices to be elected.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the Election Day schedule for April 23, 2024.





Zachary R. Gates
Election Board

VISITOR REMARKS

Henry Farley – PA 250

Basil Bacorn – Community Events

Walt Woods – Right To Know and agenda items

James Lowenstein – Questions concerning the agenda

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to adjourn at 10:47 a.m.