

MINUTES OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY MAY 9, 2024

PRESENT: Daryl Miller, Doug McLinko and Zachary Gates

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

CALL TO ORDER

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 28, 2024, to correct the start date of Olivia Corbin from May 18, 2024, to May 13, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve the Minutes of April 25, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to proclaiming the Month of May 2024 as Drug Court Awareness 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

PROCLAMATION

DRUG COURT MONTH


- WHEREAS** treatment courts have been restoring lives and families for more than three decades; and
- WHEREAS** there are now nearly 4000 treatment courts nationwide; and
- WHEREAS** treatment courts have served 1.5 million individuals; and
- WHEREAS** they are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation’s history; and
- WHEREAS** they save an average of \$6000 for every individual they serve; and
- WHEREAS** treatment court significantly improves substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and
- WHEREAS** treatment courts improve education, employment, housing and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug free; and
- WHEREAS** treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals; and
- WHEREAS** treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise.


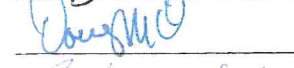
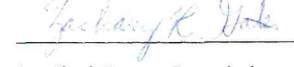
A CONTINUATION OF THE MINUTES THURSDAY MAY 9, 2024

THEREFORE, we, the Bradford County Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the Constitution and laws of Pennsylvania do hereby proclaim May 2024 as “**Drug Court Awareness Month**”.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and cause the seal of Bradford to be affixed this 9th day of May 2024.

Attest:


Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk




Bradford County Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to proclaiming May 14, 2024, as Apraxia Awareness Day in Bradford County.

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



Michelle Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor

Bradford County Commissioners Office

A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, May 14, 2024, marks Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day during which awareness will be raised throughout Pennsylvania about childhood apraxia of speech, an extremely challenging speech disorder that affects 1-in-1,000 children.

WHEREAS, Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children.

WHEREAS, the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia require early, appropriate, and intensive speech therapy, often for many years to learn to speak.

WHEREAS, without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills, but are also placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school related skills. **WHEREAS** that such primary and secondary impacts diminish future independence and employment opportunities and challenge the ability to become productive, contributing citizens if not resolved or improved.

WHEREAS, public awareness about Childhood Apraxia of Speech in Pennsylvania is essential for families of children with this neurological disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice.

WHEREAS, our highest respect goes to these children, as well as their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

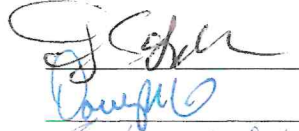
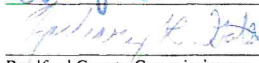
NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Bradford County Commissioners hereby proclaim May 14, 2024, as “Apraxia Awareness Day” in Bradford County and encourage citizens to work within their communities to increase awareness and understanding of Childhood Apraxia of Speech.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of Bradford County to be affixed this 9th day of May 2024.

ATTEST:


Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk



Bradford County Commissioners

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A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve a letter of support to the Monroeton Public Library for their application for an Endless Mountains Heritage Region Mini-Grant for the brick repointing project.

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



Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor

Bradford County Commissioners Office

May 3, 2024

Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Inc.
602 Main Street, Suite 7
Towanda, PA 18848

Re: Monroeton Public Library Brick Repointing Project

To the Mini Grant Review Committee

The Bradford County Commissioners supports Monroe Borough and its application for an Endless Mountains Heritage Region Mini Grant. Monroe Borough seeks to repoint the brick on the exterior of the Monroeton Public Library located at 149 Dalpiaz Drive, Monroe, PA. Repointing the brick will not only enhance the library's structural integrity, but also contribute to its aesthetic appeal, making it a more welcoming and attractive place for residents and visitors alike.

The Monroeton Public Library has been a cornerstone of the community for many years, offering a wide range of resources, educational programs, and services that benefit residents of all ages. The library plays a crucial role in promoting literacy, fostering a love for reading, and providing access to information that enriches the lives of our citizens. Moreover, maintaining the Monroeton Public Library aligns with our shared commitment to promoting the educational and cultural well-being of our community. A structurally sound and aesthetically pleasing library will continue to serve as a hub for learning, research, community gatherings, and cultural enrichment. I endorse this application and encourage the granting agency to support this important endeavor. Your commitment, along with EMHR's support, assures the success of this project and the preservation of our community's assets.

Sincerely,

Zachary R. Gates

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A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve Resolution 2024-17 certifying the provision of local match for state operating financial assistance to Endless Mountains Transportation Authority in the amount of \$60,719.17 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

RESOLUTION BY MUNICIPALITY CERTIFYING PROVISION OF LOCAL MATCH FOR STATE OPERATING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Board of Commissioners of Bradford County resolves and certifies that it will provide Endless Mountains Transportation Authority local funds in the amount of \$ 60,719.17 to match state funds provided pursuant to 74 Pa. C.S. Section 1513 in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Further, the Board of Commissioners resolves and certifies that the required amount of local matching funds will be provided no later than the end of the State Fiscal Year, June 30, 2025. The following schedule indicates dates and payments of eligible local matching funds:

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
<u>January 30, 2025</u>	\$ <u>30,359.58</u>
<u>March 30, 2025</u>	\$ <u>30,359.58</u>

I, Daryl Miller, Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners

of Bradford County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy

of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Bradford County Commissioners
(Name of Governing Body)

held the 9 day of May, 2024.

By: [Signature]
(Signature) (Date)

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the renewal of a subgrant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for financial support for the Bradford County Treatment Court.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve a 5-year subsurface mineral (oil and gas) lease agreement between Bradford County and Chesapeake Appalachia LLC for 40 acres in Orwell Township.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve Resolution 2024-18 for Bradford County to support and participate in the feasibility study to designate a National Heritage Area for the Endless Mountains Heritage Region.

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



Michelle L Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor

**Bradford County Commissioners Office
Resolution 2024-18**

**A Resolution of the Board of Bradford County Commissioners
Supporting the Endless Mountains Heritage Region’s Pursuit of a National Heritage
Area Designation**

WHEREAS, the Endless Mountains form a unique and diverse region in northeastern Pennsylvania and encompasses a patchwork of cultures and history, as well as spectacular natural, scenic and recreational resources that reflect a unique contribution to the collective American identity; and

WHEREAS, the Endless Mountains region is distinguished by rural pastoral landscapes shaped by centuries of agriculture and timbering, Native American lineage, and rolling hills overlooking the Susquehanna River North Branch that meanders through the 2,850 square mile region; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has the authority to designate National Heritage Areas that encompass a region where natural, cultural, historic, and recreational resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape shaped by geography and cultural traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Endless Mountains National Heritage Area Feasibility Study was authorized by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the Endless Mountains Heritage Region’s (EMHR) board of directors,

WHEREAS, EMHR hired Point Heritage Development Consulting to evaluate the natural, historic, cultural, educational, and recreational resources and work with the EMHR to develop the feasibility study of the Endless Mountains; and

WHEREAS, the following counties are to be considered as part of the National Heritage Area feasibility study: Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Bradford County is within the Endless Mountains region and possesses a plethora of natural, cultural, historic, agricultural, and recreational resources pertinent to the feasibility study; and

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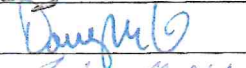
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WHEREAS, the Endless Mountains Heritage Region, founded in 1998, has worked tirelessly with the counties, various regional organizations, municipal governments, regional schools, and state agencies to preserve our cultural and historic assets and enhance outdoor recreational opportunities in the area, and has the desire and will act as the coordinating entity to pursue a National Heritage Area designation under the National Park Service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bradford County Board of Commissioners supports and agrees to participate in the feasibility study to designate a National Heritage Area for the Endless Mountains Heritage Region and strongly encourages all other Endless Mountains counties including Wyoming, Sullivan, and Susquehanna to engage in the feasibility study of the proposed Endless Mountains National Heritage Area.

ATTEST:


Michelle Shedden, Chief Clerk



Nicholas P. Gates
Bradford County Commissioners

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Consider approving the purchase of a service agreement between Bradford County Children and Youth Services and Crossroads Group Home and Services, Inc. effective April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, to increase group home services available to Children and Youth.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve an amendment to the agreement for professional services between Bradford County Children and Youth Services and Adelphoi Village Inc. effective February 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, to include stipends to kids attending Independent Living Group programs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the transfer of Stacy Cotter from full-time 911 Quality Assurance Supervisor to part-time casual Dispatcher III, per the recommendation of Robert Repasky, 911 Director, effective June 6, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the transfer of Derrick Strait from full-time Correctional Officer to part-time Correctional Officer, per the recommendation of Pete Quattrini, Warden, effective April 24, 2024.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the hire of Gregory Jelliff as Public Safety Training Coordinator, per the recommendation of Matthew Williams, Public Safety Director, effective May 13, 2024.

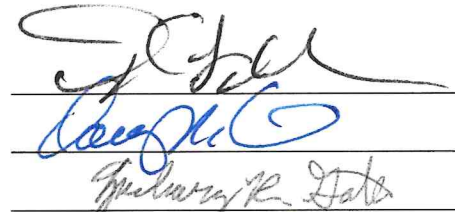
A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the hire of Carmille McRoberts as part-time casual Conservation Summer Buffer Steward Intern, per the recommendation of Cathy Yeakel, Conservation District Director, effective May 13, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the hire of Sheena Barnes as full-time Human Resource Manager, per the recommendation of the Commissioners, effective June 3, 2024.

OTHER

Run With A View at Mt. Pisgah County Park will take place on June 2, 2024; registration opens at 12:00 pm and race starts at 1:00 pm. Visit Run Bradford County Facebook page or the county website under events for updates and online registration.

Pursuant to 65 Pa.C.S. 708(a)(1), an executive session was held on May 2, 2024, from 2:10 to 2:45 p.m., to discuss matters involving the employment of specific prospective employees, the termination of employment of a specific current employee, and the terms and conditions of employment of a specific public officer and specific current employees.



Bradford County Commissioners

SALARY BOARD

THURSDAY May 9, 2024

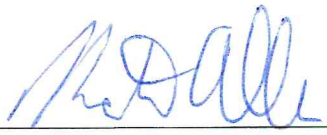
PRESENT: Daryl Miller, Doug McLinko, Zachary Gates and Matt Allen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS


NEW BUSINESS


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

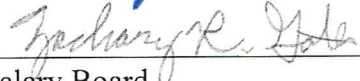
Stacy Cotter, PTC Dispatcher III Effective June 6, 2024	PSCG20 \$27.31
Derrick Strait, PT CO Effective April 24, 2024	\$14.00
Gregory Jelliff, Public Safety Training Coordinator Effective May 13, 2024	PSCG23 \$26.45
Carmille McRoberts, PTC Conservation Summer Buffer Steward Intern Effective May 13, 2024	G11 \$15.00
Sheena Barnes, FT HR Manager Effective June 3, 2024	G25 \$28.85



Treasurer







Salary Board

VISITOR REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to adjourn at 10:41 a.m.