

MINUTES OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY JUNE 13, 2024

PRESENT: Daryl Miller, Doug McLinko, and 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 approve an assessment appeal settlement agreement with Pizza Partners.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to take from the table the assessment appeal settlement for Cabinetworks.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve the Minutes of May 23, 2024.

Consider awarding the bid for drilling a water well at Sunfish Pond to Frey Well Drilling the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$81,610.00.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to proclaiming the week of June 3rd – 7th, 2024 as Bradford County Child Welfare Appreciation Week.

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



Michelle L Sheddin, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor

Bradford County Commissioners Office
Proclamation
Bradford County Child Welfare Appreciation Week
June 3 - 7, 2024

WHEREAS, every day in Bradford County, children are at risk of child abuse and neglect or have been removed from their homes due to such abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Bradford County recognizes the risks and the need to protect the children of the County; and

WHEREAS, the challenging task of investigating child abuse, providing services to families, assessing safety, and providing services to ensure that Bradford County’s children are provided with nurturance, family connections, support as they transition into adulthood, and services that allow a child to remain safely in their home or return home as expeditiously as possible falls to the child welfare professionals of the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, the work of child welfare professionals may require them to enter into situations in which their personal safety may be put at risk; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals work in difficult and emotional situations with children who have been victimized by physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and other forms of maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals must develop great skill in working with families who are in crisis situations, struggling with mental health challenges, suffering from drug and alcohol afflictions, poverty, and other difficult issues; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals must develop substantial knowledge and skills surrounding the rights of families, the laws surrounding child welfare, how to develop culturally sensitive services, and the legal processes governing the system; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals selflessly undertake the endeavor to protect Bradford County’s children, often with low pay, long hours, tremendous demands, little appreciation, great criticism, and with dramatic impacts to their personal life; and

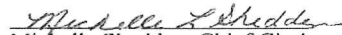
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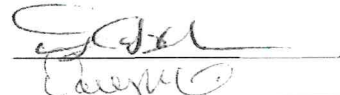
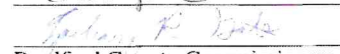
WHEREAS, every year, child welfare professionals are injured or killed in their pursuit to protect children across the United States; and

WHEREAS, workforce challenges have created tremendous challenges in the field of child welfare; and

WHEREAS, innumerable injuries and deaths of children have been averted due to the efforts of child welfare professionals; therefore, in special recognition of the efforts of the Child Welfare Professionals serving the children of Bradford County, we, the Commissioners of Bradford County, do hereby proclaim June 3-7, 2024 as BRADFORD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE APPRECIATION WEEK.

ATTEST:


Michelle 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 authorize the Chief Clerk to legally advertise Request for Proposals for Family Finding, Family Group Decision Making, Blended Perspective Meeting, and Crisis Rapid Response Services for Bradford County Children and Youth Services.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve an agreement between Bradford County and BLaST Intermediate Unit 17 for technology services and authorize the Chairman to sign.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve the third quarter report for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve a solicitor agreement between Bradford County and Chris Jones, Esq, serving as the solicitor for the Bradford County Domestic Relations, effective June 1st, 2024 – September 30th, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve a space available agreement between Bradford County and Central County Youth Center.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve Resolution 2024-21 to approve the transfer of 3 million dollars to the Bradford County Pension Fund to reimburse the fund for payouts to Manor employees from the sale of the facility.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve Resolution 2024-22 to approve the distribution of Act 13 funds for the Fire Department Equipment Grants in the amount of \$613,160.75.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve Resolution 2024-23 to approve the distribution of Act 13 funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Alparon Community Park, Inc. for improvements at the Troy Community Pool.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the sale of Parcel #09-020.18-049-013-001 at a repository sale as outlined in Section 627 of the PA Real Estate Tax Sale Law Act 542 of 1947 to James Bender for \$150.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the sale of Parcel # 57-001.00-023-004-001 at a repository sale as outlined in Section 627 of the PA Real Estate Tax Sale Law Act 542 of 1947 to James Bender for \$150.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the appointment of Margaret Boritz to the Bradford County Library Advisory Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Mary Beth Voda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the appointment of Ashley Walker to the Bradford County Library Advisory Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Wendy Carr.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve a contract with Susquehanna Valley Construction Corporation, the lowest qualified bidder, to complete the Bridge #38 (Wells Township - Farm View Rd) replacement project per the recommendation of Aaron Crist, Local Projects Coordinator, PennDOT District 3-0 at a cost of \$1,356,144.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the State Food Purchase Program plan of operation for fiscal year 2024-2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve a renewal of a contract between Bradford County and RapidSOS for GIS module for 911 at a fee of \$10,800.00 effective June 13, 2024, through June 13, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the DuPont Assessment Appeal Settlement Agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve a contract between Bradford-Sullivan Counties Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program and Jessica Pepper effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve a contract between Bradford-Sullivan Counties Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program and Amy Geiser effective May 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

Consider approving the assessment appeal settlement for Cabinetworks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Michelle Wilson as full-time Administrative Clerk II, per the recommendation of Tammy Hart, Prothonotary, effective June 3, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Jack Beaves as a part-time casual Correctional Officer, per the recommendation of Pete Quattrini, Warden, effective May 29, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Nancy Orischak as full-time custodial, per the recommendation of Garron Kreger, Maintenance Director, effective June 17, 2024.


A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Rhonda Seamon as a part-time regular assistant instructor for the Bradford County Literacy Program as per the recommendation of Sarah Fowler, Literacy Coordinator, effective June 13, 2024.

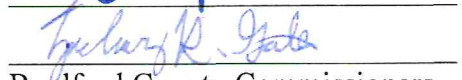
OTHER

Samantha Bohart has been appointed in response to a court order by the Court of Common Pleas to the position of MDJ Administrative Clerk III for the Court of Common Pleas in the offices of Magisterial District Judge Johnathan Wilcox, 42-3-01 effective June 24, 2024.

David Smith has been appointed in response to a court order by the Court of Common Pleas for the position of Summer Intern for the Court of Common Pleas in the Domestic Relations office, effective June 3, 2024.

Executive sessions were held on June 4, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and June 10, 2024, from 10:30 to 11:15 to discuss legal and personnel issues.





Bradford County Commissioners

SALARY BOARD

THURSDAY JUNE 13, 2024

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS


NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the reclassification of CYS Caseworker 1 grade HS22 to grade HS24 effective January 1, 2023.

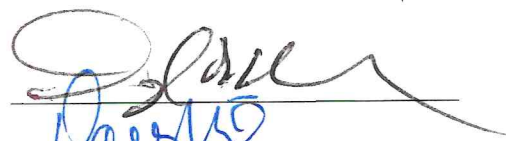
A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the reclassification of CYS Caseworker 2 grade HS24 to grade HS26 effective January 1, 2023.

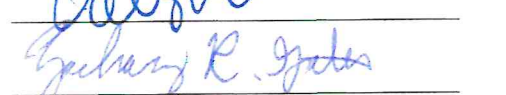
A motion was made by Treasurer Matt Allen, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the following salaries:

Samantha Bohart, MDJ Administrative Clerk III Effective June 24, 2024	Grade 15 \$15.45
David Smith, Summer Intern Effective June 3, 2024	Grade 11 \$12.48
Michelle Wilson, FT Administrative Clerk II Effective June 3, 2024	Grade 14 \$15.15
Jack Beavers, PTC CO Effective May 29, 2024	\$14.00
Nancy Orischak, Custodial Effective June 17, 2024	Grade 12 \$14.56
Rhonda Seamon PTR Assistant Instructor	Grade 20 \$18.00



Treasurer





Salary Board

ASSESSMENT BOARD

THURSDAY JUNE 13, 2024

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NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the replacement of the Clean and Green application with the Department of Agriculture form AAO-82 with an application fee increase from \$35.00 to \$50.00 effective immediately.

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

Gary L Brown
529 E Canton Rd
Canton, PA 17724
Tax Exemption – RENEW
Parcel# 16-106.00-151-000-000

Carson L Turner
187 Main St.
New Albany, PA 18833
Tax Exemption – NEW

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve real estate refund of taxes due to Veteran exemption reinstated for the following:

Ava Rauch
150 Hummingbird Lane
Sayre, PA 18840
Parcel# 09-006.00-011-004-000
Refund Amount \$169.68



Assessment Board

VISITOR REMARKS

Walter Woods – Handling of documents

Ben Miller – Pride events

Sue Wheeler – Pride events

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to adjourn at 11:10am.

