

MINUTES OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY AUGUST 22, 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 2:00 pm.

VISITOR REMARKS CONCERNING AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of a certificate of Recognition to Kannon Parker for his heroic efforts to save his grandfather after an ATV accident.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to proclaim the month of September as Suicide Awareness and Prevention 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

**Bradford County Proclamation  
National Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month**

**WHEREAS;**

With September being recognized as "Suicide Awareness Month," the National Suicide Prevention & Action Month Proclamation was created to raise the visibility of mental health and proactive suicide prevention resources in our community. We also want to start the conversation, destigmatize it, and help connect people with the appropriate support services; and

**WHEREAS;**

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (A.F.S.P.), suicide is the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages 10 and 34 with more than 48,000 people dying by suicide annually in the United States; and

**WHEREAS;**

According to Hope For The Day (H.F.T.D.), with an average of 132 suicides completed daily and each one directly impacting 100 additional people, including friends, service members, family, social media connections, and neighbors we can safely assume everyone has been impacted by suicide;

**WHEREAS;**

Bradford County fully supports those who work in the field of mental health, education, and law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS;**

Global organizations like Hope for The Day and our local mental health partner The Main Link, serve on the front lines of a war that many refuse to discuss due to stigma and

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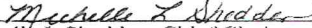
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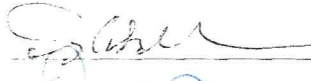
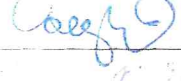
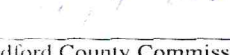
We encourage all residents to take time to understand mental health through education and recognize that we need to take care of our mental health while we take care of each other.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

be it resolved that we, Bradford County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of September 2024 as National Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month in Bradford County.

ATTEST:

  
Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk

  
  
  
Bradford County Commissioners

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A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve a letter of support to apply for the Rapid Rehousing Grant for \$180,000 through the Eastern PA Continuum of Care, COC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to table approving a contract with Tyler Scott Calkins, Esq. to provide legal assistance to the Public Defender’s office effective August 23, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to table approving a contract with Bernard J Brown, Esq. to represent Rhonda Parker, charged with capital murder, as co-counsel with Patrick L Beirne, Public Defender, effective August 23, 2024 not to exceed 300 hours.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve a contract with Brann, Williams and Caldwell to provide legal assistance to the Public Defender’s office for a period of up to three months, effective August 23, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Bradford County and Canton Area School District to provide a School Resource Officer and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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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 for proposals from experienced and professional security firms to provide safe, prompt, and compassionate transportation of youth to/from placements for the Bradford County Children and Youth Services.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the purchase of service agreement between Bradford/Sullivan Mental Health Program and Kelly Carrubba, Esquire, of Carrubba Law, P.C., effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the Letter of Agreement between Bradford County Human Services and SAMP Towanda, LLC. d.b.a. Rodeway Inn, effective from September 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve a memorandum of understanding between Bradford County Human Services and the collaborative applicant: the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (PADCED), for Continuum of Care Matching Requirements, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and authorize the Chairman to sign.


A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve a Purchase of Service Agreement between Bradford County Children and Youth Services and Adoption Connection, PA, Inc. effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve an amendment to the Consultant Agreement with Dawood Engineering, Inc. for the Land Bank study.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the hire of Kaitlyn J Coleman, Mental Health Caseworker 2, probationary appointment per the recommendation of Mayme Carter, Human Services Director, effective July 22, 2024.

OTHER

Executive Sessions were held on August 9, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and August 12, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:25 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

  
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Zachary R. Gates  
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Bradford County Commissioners

SALARY BOARD

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

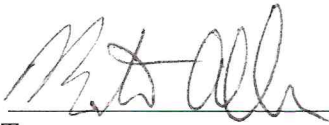
A motion was made by Treasurer Matt Allen, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted "aye" to approve the following salaries:



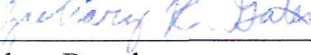


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Kaitlyn Coleman, MH Caseworker 2  
Effective July 22, 2024

Grade 25  
\$21.59 per hour

  
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Treasurer

  
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Salary Board

VISITORS REMARKS

Hugh Austin – Bradford County Library

Leroy McCracken – Valley Walk Against Suicide

Walt Woods – Agenda Items and Bradford County Library

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to adjourn at 2:36 pm.