

MINUTES OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

PRESENT: Daryl Miller, Doug McLinko via phone, 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 McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted "aye" to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2024

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Miller, voted "aye" and Commissioner Gates "opposed" to proclaim the month of October as Right to Life month in Bradford County.

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



Michelle L Sheddin, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor

**Bradford County Commissioners Office
Recognize October as Right to Life Month in Bradford County**

Whereas, 2024 is the (20th) year Right to Life has been formally recognized in Bradford County on an annual basis.

And Whereas, The Preamble to the Declaration of Independence states that "We hold these truths to be self — evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness", and

Whereas, The fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution states, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of Life, Liberty, or Property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law", and

Whereas, As citizens of the United States, we recognize that without Life, there is no Liberty, without Liberty, there is no freedom in which the individual may pursue Happiness. So we must always defend human life at all stages, and

Whereas, without a respect for and protection of Life there are no other rights for citizens, and

Whereas, We must stand firmly united as a county that shows respect and love for the dignity and worth of every person at every stage of life — the unborn, the aged, the disabled, the mentally ill, and all of our most vulnerable neighbors, and

We now therefore proclaim October as Right to Life month in Bradford County.

ATTEST:

Michelle L Sheddin
Michelle L. Sheddin, Chief Clerk

Bradford County Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to proclaim the week of September 8-14, 2024 as Direct Support Professional Week 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
Direct Support Professionals Week

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are integral to the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of all individuals with intellectual, developmental, and other disabilities, regardless of their age; and

WHEREAS, a direct support professional assists an individual with disabilities daily with the most intimate needs and provides a broad range of support, from preparing meals and medications, to personal care, to transporting clients to school, work, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the assistance that direct support professionals provide allows individuals with disabilities to help maintain connections with their friends, family, and community while enabling them to lead fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with the individuals they serve; and

WHEREAS, the participation of direct support professionals in medical care planning is critical to the successful management of medical events, post-acute care, and long-term support and services; and

WHEREAS, the direct support professionals community encapsulates a multitude of professions, including but not limited to direct care workers, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals, all of which share an equal role in providing longterm support and services for millions of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals have worked tirelessly to support individuals with disabilities, and their dedication will continue to make the Commonwealth an inclusive and safe place for all.

THEREFORE, WE, THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, do hereby proclaim September 8-14, 2024, as DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and we encourage all Bradford County citizens to recognize and appreciate the dedication and contributions that these providers make to enhance the lives of their clients.

ATTEST:

Michelle L. Shedden
Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk

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Bradford County Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve resolution 2024-24 to allocate a donation for Volunteer Emergency Responders.

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



Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor

Bradford County Commissioners Office

**A RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE A DONATION FOR
VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS
2024-24**

WHEREAS, the Bradford County Commissioners recognize that the development of natural gas has created dramatic changes for our emergency responders. Our volunteers are presented with constantly increasing call volumes, the purchase of new equipment, and more training and yet their resources continue to be strained; and

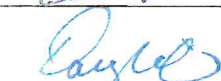
WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2314(g) of Act 13, money can be distributed for emergency preparedness and public safety services.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Commissioners of Bradford County, Pennsylvania do hereby resolve that effective this 26th day of September 2024, a donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 will be distributed to all volunteer fire departments and EMA’s that currently service Bradford County to be used only for the purposes allowed under Act 13 as stated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hand and seal this 26th day of September 2024.

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 Resolution 2024-25 supporting Trehab’s application to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency for 2023 PHARE funds in the amount of \$439,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve Resolution 2024-26 authorizing an application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program for a grant to assist in updating the Open Space, Greenways, and Outdoor Recreation plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve a Cooperation agreement between Bradford County and Trehab for the Bradford County Home Buyer/Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance and Home Renovation Assistance Program.

A CONTINUATION OF THE MINUTES THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve a letter of support for Trehab and Bradford County Housing Program to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency for 2024 PHARE applications.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLinko, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to authorize the Chief Clerk to legally advertise a Request for Proposals for a consultant to develop and complete a commodity flow study in accordance with best practices and standards found in the Hazardous Materials Cooperative Research Program Report 3.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve an amendment to the agreement with Larson Design Group for Bridge 15 structure on T-623 (Neily Road) over Cold Creek. and authorize the Chairman to sign.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the Medical Assistance Transportation Program's initial allocation for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 of \$1,627,552.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve Corporate Security and Investigations, LLC.’s proposal for secure transportation effective September 26, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to accepting It Takes a Village, Inc.’s proposal for a County Review Team Coordinator effective September 26, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to accepting The Main Link’s proposal for the Bridge Housing Program effective September 26, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Bradford County Housing and The Main Link, effective October 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, or until all PHARE Grant Year 2021-2022 funds have been spent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the submission of a RASA/VOJO grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for \$47,071 to be used by Bradford County Victim Services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the purchase of service agreement between Bradford County Children and Youth Services and Centre County Youth Service Bureau effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, inclusive.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the hire of Jessica Gerow as a part-time correctional officer, per the recommendation of Pete Quattrini, Warden, effective September 16, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the hire of Connor Lyon as full-time Custodian, per the recommendation of Garron Kreger, Maintenance Director, effective September 30, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the transfer of Kevin Prickitt Prevention Specialist Trainee to Prevention Specialist, per the recommendation of Mayme Carter, Human Services Director, effective September 24, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the transfer of Dustin Snell County Caseworker Supervisor Probationary to regular status, per the recommendation of Mayme Carter, Human Services Director, effective September 28, 2024.

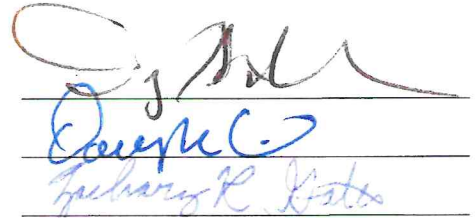
A CONTINUATION OF THE MINUTES THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner McLinko, all voted “aye” to approve the transfer of Penney Geiss County Caseworker Manager 1 Probationary to regular status, per the recommendation of Mayme Carter, Human Services Director, effective September 10, 2024.

OTHER

Zachary Lantz has been appointed in response to a court order by the Court of Common Pleas to the position of Intern to the Court of Common Pleas in the Office of Domestic Relations effective September 16, 2024.

Executive Session was held on September 16, 2024, from 11:12 to 11:23 to discuss personnel issues.



Bradford County Commissioners

SALARY BOARD

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

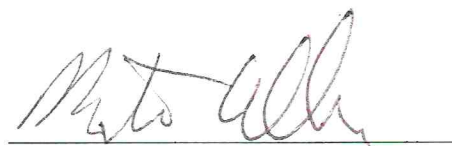
PRESENT: Daryl Miller, Doug McLinko, Zachary Gates, and Matt Allen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

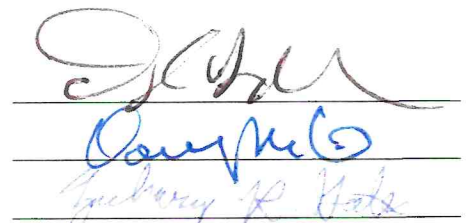
NEW BUSINESS

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

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| Zachary Lantz, Intern DRO Effective September 16, 2024 | G11 \$12.48 |
| Jessica Gerow, PT CO Effective September 16, 2024 | \$14.00 |
| Connor Lyon, FT Custodian Effective September 30, 2024 | G12 \$14.56 |
| Kevin Prickitt, Prevention Specialist D&A Effective September 24, 2024 | HSG25 \$28.72 |
| Dustin Snell, County CASEWORKER Supervisor Effective September 28, 2024 | HSG26 \$23.13 |
| Penney Geiss, County Case Worker Manager 1 Effective September 10, 2024 | HSG28 \$38.42 |



Treasurer



Salary Board

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ASSESSMENT BOARD

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

PRESENT: Daryl Miller, Doug McLinko, and Zachary Gates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

Joseph Schneider
2087 Snyder Rd
Ulster, PA 18852
Veteran Exemption – NEW
Parcel# 38-047.00-046-004-000

Sheryl Walters
70 Wilawanna Rd
Sayre, PA 18840
Veteran Exemption – NEW
Parcel# 38-005.00-117-000-000

Robert Shannon
218 N Elmer Ave
Sayre, PA 18840
Veteran Exemption – NEW
Parcel# 34-007.12-452-000-000

Augustine Baerga
11121 Route 6
Troy, PA 16947
Veteran Exemption – NEW
Parcel# 53-082.00-005-002-000

ELECTION BOARD


THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

PRESENT: Daryl Miller, Doug McLinko, and 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 logic and accuracy testing for the upcoming November 5, 2024, General Election.



Zachary R. Gates

Election Board

VISITORS REMARKS

Hugh Austin – Bradford County Library
Cynthia Brown – Voting/Ballots
Walt Woods – Items concerning the agenda
Phil O’Dell, Media – Items concerning the agenda
James Lowenstein, Media – Items concerning the agenda

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Gates, all voted “aye” to adjourn at 10:42 am.