

## **BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM**

**Thursday, October 2, 2003**

### **Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at Warwick Township, on October 2, 2003. The following individuals were present:

Vivian Bell, Warrington Township  
Carol Bigham, New Britain Township  
Eileen Bradley, Wrightstown Township  
John Cornelius, Perkasie Borough  
Dana Cozza, Buckingham Township  
David Drye, Chalfont Borough  
Frank Farry, Middletown Township  
Bruce Fosselman, Governor's Center  
Kathleen Goldhahn, Northampton Township  
Tom Harwood, Newtown Township  
Rick Lee, DVIT  
Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township  
Bill McCauley, Bensalem Township  
Rich O'Brien, Keystone Municipal  
Bob Pellegrino, Newtown Township  
Richard Sabol, Upper Southampton Township  
Tom Scott, Warwick Township  
Stephen Sechriest, Richland Township  
Bruce Townsend, Northampton Township  
Robin Trymbiski, New Britain Borough  
Gail Weniger, Warwick Township  
Paul Williams, Dublin Borough

### **Preliminary Remarks**

John Cornelius called the meeting to order and announced the morning's agenda.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Paul Williams, and seconded by Stephanie Mason, to approve the *Minutes of 4 September 2003*. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for September 2003 was presented. Upon a motion by Bruce Townsend, seconded by Frank Farry, the Treasurer's report of September 2003 was unanimously approved.

## **Presentation: “Municipal Phone Systems”**

John Cornelius introduced Alex Smith, and other representatives of telephone company ET & T. The company gave a presentation on municipal phone systems. Included in the presentation were the products and services offered: remote maintenance, available phones and systems (“inter-tel”), executive keysets, voice mail, system additions, call accounting, conversation recording, voice-overs, IP networking, cordless headsets, integrated technologies, etc. ET & T has a number of school and municipal clients, and its products are offered on state contract. Several members stated that they have had a favorable experience using ET & T.

## **Legislative Updates**

Bruce Fosselman, John Cornelius, and Bruce Townsend introduced discussion on HB 298 and SB 321 which protects private industry from government competition by limiting the number of services provided by government. Examples of municipal services that could be impacted include insurance pools, golf courses, etc. PSATS, PSAB, the Montgomery County Consortium, and other municipal organizations are closely monitoring this legislation. Discussion included the recommendation that municipalities encourage elected officials not to support this legislation.

Rick Lee described the legal opinions on HB 298 received by the Delaware Valley Insurance Trust.

## **Other Business**

The next Bucks County Consortium meeting will be a roundtable, like the pension roundtable held last year. The executive committee reported that it is interested in topic ideas. Some ideas include roadway management, e-government, etc.

John Cornelius reported that Frank Farry of Middletown Township will be on a television program aired on TLC.

Bill McCauley reported on the success of the recent ICMA conference.

Kathleen Goldhahn reported on the activities and meeting schedule of the Central Bucks Cable Committee.

Gail Weniger invited members to attend a meeting on medical benefits at Warwick Township to be held on October 9, 2003, at 10:00AM. Carol Bigham reported on 2004 medical cost increases for New Britain Township.

Tom Harwood announced that Mary Flagg has accepted the position of East Vincent Township Manager.

## **Adjourn**

John Cornelius thanked Warwick Township for hosting the meeting. The meeting adjourned without motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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