

COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMISSIONERS BILL 2013-49
SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY
REQUESTED DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2013
ORDINANCE 2013 - NO.

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR UNANTICIPATED
BUDGET VARIANCES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CEDARBROOK AND THE
OFFICE OF THE CORONER

WHEREAS, as a result of unforeseen caseload increases within the Office of the Coroner, the funds in the Coroner's post mortem expense budget for 2013 have been exhausted; and

WHEREAS, as a result of a declining resident census at Cedarbrook Nursing Homes, revenues have fallen well below the 2013 budgeted amounts; and

WHEREAS, neither the Coroner's nor Cedarbrook's budget has funds sufficient to cover the remainder of the 2013 budgeted expenses; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested the authority to transfer funds from other departments to cover the budgeted costs for the remainder of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the County Fiscal Officer will be required to identify numerous budget line items across all the departments to provide the amounts required for the transfers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 706 of the Lehigh County Home Rule Charter, transfers during the fiscal year between departments under the administration of the Executive Branch must be proposed by the County Executive and approved by Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LEHIGH,
PENNSYLVANIA, THAT:

1. The above purpose clauses are hereby incorporated as part of this Ordinance by reference.
2. The County Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to transfer funds from various department budget lines within the County of Lehigh's budget, which he identifies as having available funds to cover the transfers required.
3. The amount of \$200,000.00 shall be transferred from line items selected by the County Fiscal Officer to line item 010300.000.46852 - Post Mortem Expense.
4. The amount of \$3,600,000.00 shall be transferred from line items selected by the County Fiscal Officer to line item 030200.000.61112 – Transfer to Cedarbrook Fund.
5. The proper officers and other personnel of Lehigh County are hereby authorized and empowered to take all such further action, including any necessary transfers of funds, and execute additional documents as they may deem appropriate to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.
6. The County Executive shall distribute copies of this Ordinance to the proper officers and other personnel of Lehigh County whose further action is required to achieve the purpose of this Ordinance.
7. Any Ordinance or part of any Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

8. This Ordinance shall become effective in ten (10) days after enactment.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2013 by the

following vote:

Commissioners

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NAY

Thomas C. Creighton, III
Percy H. Dougherty
David S. Jones, Sr.
Daniel K. McCarthy
Vic Mazziotti
Brad Osborne
Scott Ott
Lisa Scheller
Michael P. Schware

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Matthew T. Croslis
County Executive

ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2013.