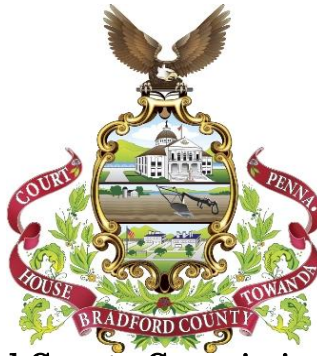


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Gas Lease Payment Investment Policy

Being good stewards of taxpayer money for not only the short term but the long term as well is an important responsibility of any public servant. With the gas lease payment of \$2.46 million the taxpayers of this county have the opportunity to provide long range fiscal planning for capital expenditures and alleviate the burden of large capital expenditures currently funded by taxpayers. The following policy outlines how we will accomplish long term savings for Bradford County taxpayers by utilizing the gas lease payment for these purposes.

Bradford County Treasurer Becky Clark will invest \$1,964,000 million in Certificate of Deposits or C.D.'s at an interest rate of 3.31%. The \$1.96 million, the maximum amount we can invest in these CD's, will earn \$32,594 over the course of a six month maturity. We will reinvest the money every 6 months and repeat the process and therefore repeat the earnings indefinitely.

The earnings from each year will be used to put into our capital projects fund. This will reduce the amount that taxpayers contribute to the capital projects fund by the \$65,188. In the past the yearly contribution that the taxpayers made to the capitol projects fund was \$100,000.

Interest rates are low at this point. We stand to earn more and decrease the taxpayer contribution even further in the future. Over the course of the rest of this term of these Commissioners we will earn an estimated \$195,500 or more depending on interest rates.

Of the \$536,240 remaining, \$200,000 has been used to aid the 2009 budget by supplementing our fund balance for capital projects which has eliminated the taxpayer's contribution this year.

Of the \$336,240 remaining \$252,000 will be reserved pending an issue with a mineral rights ownership issue with the state of Pennsylvania on 98 acres of County land. That will leave \$84,240 that will also be allocated into the capital projects fund.

This policy sets forth a specific plan on how that money will be used for the long term benefit of our county. By investing smart, for our future and our children's future, we as taxpayers can reap the rewards for years to come and do absolutely nothing for it but collect interest off the gas lease payment.

By following this policy we can incur minimal costs to the taxpayers for large capital projects for years to come.

The Bradford County Commissioners' Office would like to thank Treasurer Becky Clark for her assistance in developing this investment plan.