

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

11/16/2022 - 10:30 AM

I. WELCOME / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held today at 10:30 am, in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 55 E. Court Street, Doylestown, Pennsylvania. In attendance were Commissioner Robert J. Harvie, Chair; Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Vice Chair; and Commissioner Gene DiGirolamo, Secretary. Commissioner Harvie welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Staff Appreciation

Deputy Chief Operating Officer Gail Humphrey and Board of Elections Director Tom Freitag expressed thanks to all who assisted with the election. This included employees from other county departments, many of whom were present, as well as volunteer poll workers and others. The Commissioners also voiced their appreciation to all those who continue to help with each election.

B. Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week

The Commissioners proclaimed November 12th through 20th as National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week. They commended the Bucks County Opportunity Council and their partners for their hard work caring for the hungry and unhoused people in our communities and encourage all residents of the county to support them. Erin Lukoss from the Opportunity Council, Julie Dees from Family Service Association, and Jeff Fields, Director of Housing & Community Development accepted the proclamation and provided additional information on food assistance programs and housing resources in the county.

C. Workforce & Economic Development

Billie Barnes, Director of Workforce & Economic Development, presented information on several of their initiatives and programs, including a video update of Pa CareerLink.

D. Small Business Saturday Proclamation

The Commissioners proclaimed November 26, 2022 as "Small Business Saturday" and encouraged residents to support small businesses and merchants on this day and throughout the year.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

The following people commented on agenda items as follows:

- Andy Warren from Middletown Township – items 10a, 14b, and 16e

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham – item 8a
- Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead – Board Appointments, agenda item 7a, and the minutes

Commissioner Harvie, Rich Brahler from the Planning Commission, and Solicitor Joe Khan responded to the various questions raised.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following items on the consent agenda were approved:

A. Approve minutes from the November 2, 2022 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

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| a. | With: | Bristol Township Senior Citizens Center
Bristol, PA |
| | Amount: | \$28,140** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide senior center services.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24 |
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| b. | With: | Eastern Upper Bucks Seniors, Inc.
Ottsville, PA |
| | Amount: | \$35,320.41** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide senior center services.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24 |
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| c. | With: | Falls Township Senior Citizens, Inc.
Fairless Hills, PA |
| | Amount: | \$74,511** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide senior center services.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24 |
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| d. | With: | Lifeline Systems Company
Framingham, MA |

Amount: \$5,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase, extension, and amendments for personal emergency response systems and medication dispensing and monitoring services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/24

2. Children & Youth

- a. With: Tabor Children's Services
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$975,000** (County 14%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide independent living, life skills and other supportive services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- b. With: Tabor Children's Services
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$520,079** (County 7%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide intensive family services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- c. With: Valley Youth House Committee, Inc.
Bethlehem, PA
Amount: \$61,855** (County 15%)
Purpose: Approve contract renewal to provide Supportive Housing to assist in the transition from homelessness.
10/1/22 – 9/30/23

3. Commissioners

- a. With: St. Mary Hospital Authority
c/o Ernest R. Closser, Curtin & Heefner LLP
Yardley, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve Resolution entitled "Approving a Financing Project" for the issuance of bonds by the Michigan Finance Authority on behalf of Trinity Health, solely for the purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

4. Courts

- a. With: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$249,994 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve and authorize acceptance of Justice Assistance Grant to implement the Wellness, Reentry, & Assessment Program (WRAP).
10/1/22 – 9/30/24

5. Finance

- a. With: Wright National Flood Insurance Company
St. Petersburg, FL
Amount: \$2,302 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve annual Flood Insurance Policy for Quakertown Library.
12/3/22 – 12/3/23

6. Hazardous Materials

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$15,500 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant to provide Hazmat training and equipment.
10/1/22 – 10/30/25

7. Health Department

- a. With: Sanofi Pasteur
Chicago, IL
Amount: \$25,978.12* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of influenza vaccine.

8. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$25,000 (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for 2020 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) funding for housing services.
8/26/22 – 6/30/24

- b. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$3,667,739 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve acceptance of the 2022 grant award for CDBG, ESG, and HOME funding.

9. Human Resources

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
Bureau of Workers' Compensation
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$22,655 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve payment of 2022 Supersedeas and
Subsequent Injury Funds Assessment for Self-Insureds.
10/4/22 – 10/4/23

10. Human Services

- a. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve amendment to ARPA funding agreement to
update exhibits C and D.

11. Information Technology

- a. With: Dell Marketing L.P.
Round Rock, TX
Amount: \$700,000* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase
computer hardware for various county departments.
11/11/22 – 11/10/23

- b. With: SHI International
Somerset, NJ

Amount: \$58,013.40* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase backup protection for county network system.
12/1/22 – 11/30/23

12. Juvenile Probation

a. With: Summit School, Inc. d/b/a Summit Academy
Herman, PA
Amount: \$115,000** (County 40%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential care for adolescent males.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

13. Neshaminy Manor

a. With: Delcrest Medical Services
Ivyland, PA
Amount: (\$110,339.03)
Purpose: Approve termination of contract to purchase low to the floor electric beds.
4/1/21 – 3/31/24

b. With: Safety First Ambulance, LLC
Huntington Valley, PA
Amount: \$240.65/one way \$10/mile
(County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide basic life support transportation for residents. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
11/1/22 – 10/31/23

14. Planning Commission

a. With: Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.
Redlands, CA
Amount: \$49,349 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for software licenses and maintenance of the county's Geographic Information System (GIS) program.
1/16/23 – 1/15/24

- b. With: James D. Morrissey, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: (\$143,628.45)
Purpose: Approve contract decrease for construction of the
 Newtown Rail Trail.
 5/5/22 – 6/30/22

15. Sheriff

- a. With: CNI Sales, Inc.
 Worcester, PA
Amount: \$77,205.15 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase routers and equipment.

16. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Bucks County Community College
 Newtown, PA
Amount: \$928,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide Out
 of School Youth services for at-risk youth ages 16-24
 through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 (WIOA) grant.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- b. With: Bucks County Technical High School,
 Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, &
 Upper Bucks County Technical School
Amount: \$400,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve PASmart Bucks County Trades Pre-
 Apprenticeship Consortium Grant.
 7/1/22 – 12/31/24
- c. With: Career Connections, LLC
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$65,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to serve as the program coordinator
 for the PASmart Grant.
 9/1/22 – 12/31/24

- d. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc.
 Dearborn, MI
 Amount: \$1,854,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension to Workforce
 Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 contract for
 programs, activities, and job training for underemployed
 and unemployed individuals.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- e. With: Startup Bucks, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$50,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for
 Bucks Built Startup Fund.
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24

17. Youth Center

- a. With: Continental Flooring Company
 Scottsdale, AZ
 Amount: \$24,380 (County 50%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to replace carpet in Youth Center.
 11/16/22 – 1/31/23
- b. With: County of York
 York, PA
 Amount: \$50 / day / resident
 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide temporary housing
 for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes only ** Unit Cost/Not to Exceed

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Personnel Actions

Commissioner Harvie noted that items 27 & 28 on the Commissioners List should be corrected to have an effective date of 1/1/23.

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Personnel Actions on the Commissioners' List were approved, as amended:

B. Board Appointments

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointments were approved:

18. Housing Authority (5-year term)
Lynette Ingram new appointment term ends 11/16/27
- Human Relations Council (3-year term)
Bernie Hoffman reappointment term ends 8/1/25
Laurence Nodiff new appointment term ends 11/19/25
David Boekel new appointment term ends 11/19/25

C. Other Civics

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Other Civics contributions were approved:

19. African American Museum of Bucks County - \$1,500
Bucks County Association for the Blind - \$1,600
Families Behind the Badge - \$3,000
Ivins House Resource & Referral Center - \$2,500
Peace Valley Holistic Center - \$3,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKeivitt, Chief Operating Officer, thanked Ms. Humphrey for the tribute to the election staff and workers.

Ms. McKeivitt, noting the upcoming hearings next month, thanked county staff and Row Officers for their assistance in preparing the budget.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Khan reported on the standing Executive Session held the day before the public meeting to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation.

Mr. Khan introduced Chief Public Defender, Ann Russavage-Faust, who announced an upcoming event being hosted by the Public Defender's Expungement and Pardons Unit. Several attorneys will be present to assist people at the CareerLink

office at Bucks County College, Upper Bucks Campus, on December 10th from 9:30 to 1 pm.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

The following individuals spoke during the public comment period for general items:

- Ilka Werner from Warrington
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township
- Priscilla Linden from Upper Makefield
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead Township
- Joe Frederick from Doylestown Borough

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo thanked Ms. Humphrey and spoke about the processing of ballots on election day.

Commissioner DiGirolamo, acknowledging Mr. Warren's comment about drugs coming over the border, spoke about the drug problem, noting a new drug that is now being used that is not an opiate.

Commissioner Harvie thanked Ms. Humphrey and spoke about a new leadership training program for county employees.

Commissioner Harvie expressed appreciation to those who helped with the election and especially those who put their names on the ballot and ran for office. He congratulated Clerk of Courts Brian Munroe for his successful run and wished him the best in Harrisburg. The Commissioner said he stands firm in his support of the voting rights of senior citizens and those who are disabled.

Commissioner Harvie announced his plan for Bucks County bridges to be dedicated to county residents who died in Vietnam.

Commissioner Harvie wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and suggested that they pick up extra items for the food pantries when shopping for holiday preparations.

Referencing an earlier comment, Commissioner Marseglia commented on the investigation done by the Board of Elections with regard to the ballots received from area nursing homes.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the meeting was adjourned.

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held

on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: December 7, 2022
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*