

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

1/4/2023 - 10:30 AM

I. WELCOME

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. National Human Trafficking Awareness Month Proclamation

The commissioners proclaimed January 2023 as "Human Trafficking Awareness Month," offering support to the Bucks County Coalition Against Human Trafficking (BCAT) and its mission to eradicate human trafficking. Julie Dugery, joined by her colleagues from BCAT, Karen Kutzner and Elyse Hoekstra, accepted the proclamation and shared information regarding their many initiatives to raise awareness and combat human trafficking. Ms. Dugery thanked the members of the steering committee: Woody from Valley Youth House, Cindy LaBar from Bucks County Drug & Alcohol, Chelsey Jackman from the Bucks County Law Department, Penny Ettinger from NOVA, Sarah Bolden from the YWCA, Paige Newman from The Well, Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub, and the staff of Bucks County Children & Youth Agency.

B. Commendation

The commissioners presented a commendation to building supervisor Michael Duncan upon his retirement after 42 years of service to the County.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Commissioner Harvie reminded everyone to restrict their comments to items on the agenda.

The following people commented on agenda items as follows:

- Andy Warren from Middletown Township – items 1j, 3b, 12a & 12b
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham – item 2c
- Beth Curcio from Warminster – items 1a & 1d
- Megan Brock from Northampton – item 4a

Commissioner Harvie responded to several of the questions and comments, and Director of Corrections Dave Kratz provided additional clarification on one of the items.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Harvie advised that two of the items from the consent agenda were being pulled and he provided a summary of the items being approved.

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 December 19, 2022 Meeting to Set Salaries of Elected Officials

B. Approve minutes from the December 21, 2022 regular meeting

C. Resolutions

1. BH/DP

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| a. | With: | BARC Developmental Services, Inc.
Holicong, PA |
| | Amount: | \$2,553,783** (County 9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide various services to individuals with intellectual disabilities and early intervention services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23 |
| b. | With: | CareLink Community Support Services
Media, PA |
| | Amount: | \$12,089** (County 3.9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract increase to provide maximum supervision residential rehabilitation services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22 |
| c. | With: | CareLink Community Support Services
Media, PA |
| | Amount: | \$202,911** (County 3.9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide maximum supervision residential rehabilitation services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23 |

- d. With: Community Options, Inc,
 Princeton, NJ
Amount: \$79,593** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide supported employment and
 residential services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- e. With: Eagleville Hospital
 Eagleville, PA
Amount: \$47,366** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment to provide
 inpatient services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- f. With: Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$817,518** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services
 for children up to age three.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/23
- g. With: Family Services Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$480,993** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to
 assist families returning to the workforce. (Subject to final
 approval by county solicitor)
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- h. With: Goodwill Keystone Area
 Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$132,623** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide supported employment
 services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- i. With: Kutest Kids Early Intervention
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$17,320** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention therapy
 services for children up to age three.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- j. With: Lenape Valley Foundation
 Doylestown, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to reallocate funds and
 update rates for mental health and various support
 services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- k. With: Reach Out Foundation of Bucks County
 Penndel, PA

 Amount: \$184,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide social rehabilitation drop-in
 center services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- l. With: Shared Support South, Inc.
 Warrington, PA

 Amount: \$60,858** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide in home and community
 support services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- m. With: The Salvation Army
 Philadelphia, PA

 Amount: \$213,280** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- n. With: Voice & Vision, Inc.
 Warrington, PA

 Amount: \$409,328** (County 2.1%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for consumer satisfaction team and
 peer support services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

2. Children & Youth

- a. With: Forget Me Knot Community Services
 Philadelphia, PA

 Amount: \$80,000** (County 20%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide emergency shelter services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/23

b. With: Libertae
Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$20,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide parenting group services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

c. With: Maternity Care Coalition
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$69,760** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide prenatal/parenting skills
class for new and expectant adolescent parents.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

3. Corrections

a. With: Amy Na
Jamison, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide chaplain services.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

b. With: Aramark Facilities Services, LLC
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$331,755.54** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
preventative maintenance services for the Department of
Corrections and Youth Center.
1/1/23 – 3/31/23

c. With: Tri-State Waste & Recycling
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$139,872** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide rental of trash compactor
and container.
2/1/23 – 1/31/26

4. Courts

a. With: Conflict Counsel

1. Timothy J. Barton
2. Harry J. Cooper
3. Eastburn & Gray, P.C.
4. Neils C. Eriksen, Jr.
5. John S. Han
6. Daniel M. Keane
7. Bonnie-Ann Brill Keagy
8. David H. Knight
9. Patrick J. McMenamin, Jr.
10. Penglase & Benson, Inc.
11. Christopher J. Serpico
12. Marc S. Stolee
13. Stuart Wilder
14. Keith J. Williams
15. Peter M. Williams

Amount: \$637,088.40* (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve contracts with fifteen private attorneys to represent individual defendants in cases when there is a conflict of interest with the Bucks County Public Defender's Office. (\$42,472.56 per contract)
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

5. Emergency Management

a. With: The Lerro Corporation
Norristown, PA

Amount: \$210,990.20** (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve contract to purchase and install technology equipment.

6. General Services

a. With: ALM Abatement Services, LLC
Coopersburg, PA

Amount: \$22,400** (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide asbestos abatement at 765 Langhorne-Newtown Road.
45 days from NTP

b. With: ALM Abatement Services, LLC
Coopersburg, PA

Amount: \$25,250** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide asbestos abatement at 1355 Roudenbush Road.
45 days from NTP

c. With: BRB Contractors
Pottstown, PA
Amount: \$33,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide demolition services at 765 Langhorne-Newtown Road.
45 days from NTP

d. With: LB Construction Enterprises
Spring House, PA
Amount: \$53,800** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide demolition services at 1355 Roudenbush Road.
45 days from NTP

7. Housing & Community Development

a. With: Valley Youth House Committee, Inc.
Bethlehem, PA
Amount: \$91,872.93** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for CDBG-CV funding for the Synergy project to address housing instability.
11/1/22 – 5/31/23

8. Human Services

a. With: Hindsight Consulting Group, LLC
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$10,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide trauma informed training and peer support for staff.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

9. Neshaminy Manor

a. With: New Jersey Respiratory, Inc.
Fairfield, NJ

Amount: \$13,000* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide respiratory care management services to residents.
6/14/22 – 6/13/23

10. Purchasing

a. With: Acme Uniforms
Bristol, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment for rental of maintenance uniforms.
12/1/22 – 11/30/25

11. Recorder of Deeds

a. With: Optical Storage Solutions, Inc.
Lebanon, PA
Amount: \$49,800 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Landex software licensing, support, and maintenance.
2/1/23 – 1/31/24

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Items 12a & 12b – Rich Brahler, Director of Transportation Planning, provided information on these grant agreements for the Newtown Rail Trail extension.

Upon Motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions from the regular agenda were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners.

12. Planning Commission

a. With: PennDot
King of Prussia, PA
Amount: \$1,500,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant agreement for construction of the

5/4/22 – 8/29/25

- 1/4/23 – 8/31/30

B. Personnel Actions - Commissioners' List

approved.

C. Board Appointments

with the vote being 3-0, the following appointments were approved:

13. Airport Authority (5-year term)

Paul Tollini	reappointment	term ends 1/1/28
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Area Agency on Aging (3-year term)

Maggie Boyer	reappointment	term ends 1/1/26
Karen Beth Hirschman, PhD.	reappointment	term ends 1/1/26
Richard Newman	reappointment	term ends 1/1/26
Jeff Trently	new appointment	term ends 1/1/26
Wilma W. Willoughby	new appointment	term ends 1/1/26

Conservation District (4-year term)

Robert J. Harvie, Jr.	reappointment	term ends 12/31/23*
*one year term		
Joel Roney	reappointment	term ends 12/31/26

Housing Development Corporation (3-year term)

Stephan Marzullo	reappointment	term ends 10/1/25
Raymond Myslinski	reappointment	term ends 10/1/25
Kimberly J. Scarpiello	reappointment	term ends 10/1/25

Human Relations Council (3-year term)

Frankie Berardi	new appointment	term ends 1/1/25
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Local Emergency Planning Committee (2-year term)

James O'Malley	reappointment	term ends 1/1/25
Stephan Stasolla	reappointment	term ends 1/1/25
George E. Wilson IV	reappointment	term ends 1/1/25

Mental Health/Developmental Programs Advisory (3-year term)

Nicholas Emeigh	reappointment	term ends 1/7/26
Kyle Esposito	reappointment	term ends 1/7/26
Maun Flanagan	reappointment	term ends 1/7/26
Ada Miller	reappointment	term ends 1/7/26

New Americans Advisory Commission (4-year term)

Sue-Ann DeVito	chair appointment	term ends 1/2/24
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Opportunity Council (3-year term)

Shane Fitzgerald	reappointment	term ends 12/31/25
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Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, and with Commissioner Harvie abstaining, the following appointment was approved with a vote of 2-0-1.

14. Pennsylvania Convention Center (4-year term)

Robert J. Harvie, Jr.	new appointment	term ends 12/31/23*
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*to finish the term of Gary Masino Sr.

D. Other Civics

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

15. Advocates for the Homeless & Those in Need (AHTN) - \$1,500
Christmas Gala - \$1,500
Rolling Harvest Food Rescue - \$2,500

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, thanked the County Employee Recreation Association for the terrific, family-friendly, holiday program they provided before Christmas.

Ms. McKevitt wished everyone a Happy New Year and said 2023 will be a busy year.

There will be an Economic Development virtual information session on January 11th. This event is open to the public and will provide information on how businesses can

connect to the many services the county provides. Visit the website to register.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan reported on the standing Executive Session held on Friday, December 30th to discuss personnel matters, collective bargaining issues and litigation.

Mr. Khan spoke about efforts of the Consumer Protection/Weights & Measures Department to correct retail pricing mistakes. He referenced a recent CBS news segment featuring the department's Mike Bannon and Chris Tomlinson speaking on this issue and he urged anyone with concerns to contact Consumer Protection via the hotline at 1(800)942-2669, Twitter at @bucksconsumer, or email at consumerprotection@buckscounty.org,

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

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

- Andy Warren from Middletown Township
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Priscilla Linden from Upper Makefield
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Megan Brock from Northampton
- Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead Township

Mr. Boscola responded to Mr. Warren's questions on the budget. Commissioner Harvie addressed some of the other questions and comments.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Commissioner DiGirolamo referenced the current election for Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and shared some insight on the election of the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Commissioner Marseglia expressed thanks to all those who have been helping with the code blue weather events.

Referencing his years teaching global studies to high school students, Commissioner Harvie reflected on the importance of being aware of what is going on around the world and with other cultures. He pointed out that the amount of money from the CARES Act and ARPA funding far eclipses any foreign aid, and he noted the recent expansion of healthcare benefits for veterans.

Commissioner Harvie wished everyone a Happy New Year and said he looks forward to 2023.

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, January 18, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: January 18, 2023

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*