

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

2/15/2023 - 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. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized three employees reaching twenty-year anniversaries with the county. They were Kim DeGroff from Children & Youth, Kendra Henry from the Youth Center, and Olena Overko from Area Agency on Aging. Rick Zengolewicz, also from the Youth Center, was recognized for thirty years with the county.

B. American Heart Month

In recognition of American Heart Month, Ian Liberatore from Emergency Health Services, spoke about CPR and presented an instructional video.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

The following people commented on agenda items:

- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham

Commissioner Harvie responded to several of the questions and comments. Deputy COO/Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey, Human Services Director Rachel Neff, and Chief Information Officer John Regula provided additional clarification on other items.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve minutes from the February 1, 2023 meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the Minutes from the February 1, 2023 regular meeting were approved.

B. Resolutions

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, the following Resolutions from the consent agenda were approved by a vote of 3-0.

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Council Rock Senior Citizens Association
Richboro, PA
Amount: \$30,073** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide senior center services.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

- b. With: Delaware Valley University
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$5,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide senior discounts for the Center for Learning in Retirement (CLR) Program.
2/1/23 – 12/8/23

- c. With: Snipes Farm and Education Center, Inc.
Morrisville, PA
Amount: \$127,493.10** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide community nutritional services for seniors.
2/1/23 – 12/31/23

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Brooke Glen Behavioral Hospital
Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$60,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide inpatient services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- b. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$75,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to fund Housing Locator activities, to support housing sustainability for those with mental health issues.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- c. With: Eagleville Hospital
 Eagleville, PA
Amount: \$613,588** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide inpatient services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- d. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$128,800** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide services to individuals with a
 mental health diagnosis.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- e. With: Horizon House, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$872,862** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide supported living services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- f. With: Lenape Valley Foundation
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$7,635,423** (County 4.2%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide mental health, intellectual
 disability, and early intervention services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- g. With: NetSmart Technologies, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$164,577.34 (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide software maintenance and
 support for the myAvatar system and MS Dynamics
 product.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- h. With: Penndel Mental Health Center
 Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$3,952,555** (County 3.8%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide mental health and various
 support services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- i. With: Penn Foundation, Inc. d/b/a St. Luke's Penn Foundation
 Sellersville, PA
Amount: \$3,023,788** (County 4.5%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide mental health, intellectual
 disability, and early intervention services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- j. With: Resources for Human Development, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$1,831,143** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide long term structured
 residential services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- k. With: Tuscarora Intermediate Unit
 McVeytown, PA
Amount: \$69,645.08** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to reimburse early intervention service
 coordination entities for recruitment and retention costs.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

3. Board of Assessment

- a. With: Tyler Technologies, Inc.
 Moraine, OH
Amount: \$316,360 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide software maintenance for
 iasWorld.
 1/1/23 – 12/31/23

4. Board of Elections

- a. With: ElectionIQ LLC
 Stow, OH
Amount: \$72,500 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide election night reporting and
 asset, campaign finance, and poll worker management
 services.
 2/16/23 – 2/17/24

5. Children & Youth

- a. With: Concern Professional Services for Children, Youth, and Families
Fleetwood, PA
Amount: \$385,000** (County 19%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care and community residential care.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- b. With: Diakon Child, Family, and Community Ministries
Topton, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to match rate split approved by State and add intensive teen program.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- c. With: Growing Resilient Communities, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$90,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide a supervised independent living program.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

6. Commissioners

- a. With: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$550,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve municipal gaming grant agreement for the Lower Bucks Public Safety Training Center.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23
- b. With: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$133,324 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve municipal gaming grant agreement for the Morrisville Borough Police Department Vehicle Acquisition project.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

7. District Attorney

- a. With: Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
 Middletown, PA
 Amount: \$156,300 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of the Pennsylvania
 Turnpike Commission Grant Agreement.
 1/21/23 – 1/21/24

8. General Services

- a. With: Bi-State Construction Company, Inc.
 Easton, PA
 Amount: \$60,730** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for repairs to Bridge #51, located on
 Cafferty Road over Tinicum Creek in Tinicum Township.
 30 days from NTP
- b. With: Bi-State Construction Company, Inc.
 Easton, PA
 Amount: \$79,485** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for repairs to Bridge #41, located on
 Ivyland Road over Little Neshaminy Creek in Warminster
 Township.
 30 days from NTP
- c. With: Bi-State Construction Company, Inc.
 Easton, PA
 Amount: \$34,406** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for repairs to Bridge #252, located on
 Milford Square Pike over Unami Creek in Milford
 Township.
 30 days from NTP
- d. With: Carroll Engineering Corporation
 Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$180,000 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide engineering consultant
 services for the Lower Bucks Government Services
 Center.
- e. With: CMR Construction Inc.
 Bethlehem, PA

Amount: \$94,900** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for repairs to Bridge #280, located on East Brownsburg Road over Jericho Creek in Upper Makefield Township.
30 days from NTP

f. With: CMR Construction Inc.
Bethlehem, PA
Amount: \$65,550** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for repairs to Bridge #87, located on Clay Ridge Road over Rapp Creek in Tinicum Township.
30 days from NTP

g. With: Donald E. Reisinger, Inc.
West Chester, PA
Amount: \$30,598.37** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for additional concrete work & panel replacement at the Public Safety Training Center Burn Building 2.

h. With: Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc.
Wilmington, DE
Amount: (\$41,019.56)
Purpose: Approve contract decrease for the rehabilitation of Bridge #279 on West Rock Road over Three Mile Run in East Rockhill Township.

i. With: Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$22,400 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve drainage easement, temporary construction easement, and right-of-way purchase for ongoing improvement projects on I-276 and Newportville Road in Bristol.

j. With: Remington & Vernick Engineers
Yardley, PA
Amount: \$1,650,000** + reimbursable (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide bridge consultant services.
2/15/23 – 2/14/28

9. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Housing Group
Warminster, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension for HUD Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act funding for Rapid Rehousing assistance.
1/1/23 – 2/28/23
- b. With: Cerida Investment Corp. d/b/a AnswerNet
Willow Grove, PA
Amount: \$1,275,768** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide administrative and housing stability services for the Bucks Emergency Rental Assistance (BERA) program.
2/14/23 – 2/13/24
- c. With: YWCA Bucks County
Trevose, PA
Amount: \$300,712.45 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2023 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) funding for Rapid Re-Housing services.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23
- d. With: YWCA Bucks County
Trevose, PA
Amount: \$67,956 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant funding for Rapid Re-Housing services.
11/8/22 – 11/8/24

10. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$12,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Healthy Eating and Living Partnership (HELP) Center.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

11. Information Technology

- a. With:
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve IT Governance Committee (ITGC) bylaws.

- b. With: Keymark Inc.
 Liberty, SC
 Amount: \$89,177.29* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide licenses and maintenance
 for electronic workflows.
 1/1/23 – 12/31/23

- c. With: SHI International
 Somerset, NJ
 Amount: \$52,844* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase phishing detection and
 response system for county network.
 3/1/23 – 2/28/24

- d. With: SHI International
 Somerset, NJ
 Amount: \$49,308* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide software anti-virus
 protection.
 2/19/23 – 2/18/24

- e. With: Verizon Business
 Frazer, PA
 Amount: \$66,050* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of Business Services
 Agreement for circuits, network management, and LAN
 modems.
 1/1/23 – 12/31/23

12. Law Department

- a. With:
 Amount:
 Purpose: Authorize County Solicitor to settle and release County's

claims against opioid manufacturers (Teva, Allergan) and pharmacies (Walgreens, Walmart and CVS Health Corp. and CVS Pharmacy, Inc.) as part of settlement negotiated by PA Attorney General.

13. Neshaminy Manor

a. With: Trusted and Dependable Solutions LLC
Weston, FL
Amount: \$24,883.20* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide disposable wipes for residents.
2/15/23 – 2/14/24

b. With: United Sales USA Corp
Brooklyn, NY
Amount: \$23,639.04* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide disposable wipes for residents.
2/15/23 – 2/14/24

14. Parks & Recreation

a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Harrisburg, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve landowner agreement for DEP TreeVitalize grant application, for Black Ditch property on Bristol Oxford Valley Road in Bristol
(TMP # 05-029-160-001)

b. With: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Harrisburg, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve authorization for Executive Director of Parks and Recreation to electronically sign a Keystone Historic Preservation Construction grant application for restoration project at the Stover Myers Mill.

c. With: Heritage Design Collaborative
Media, PA
Amount:

Purpose: Approve contract amendment to include architectural services for Phase 1 of Stover-Myers Mill race restoration project.
12/15/16 – to completion

15. Planning Commission

- a. With: MXI Environmental Services, LLC
Abingdon, VA
Amount: \$400,000* (County 25%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide household hazardous waste services.
4/1/23 – 12/31/23
- b. With: Solebury Township
Amount: (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide planning services.
1 year from date of execution

16. Purchasing

- a. With: Acme Uniforms
Bristol, PA
Amount: (\$3,213)
Purpose: Approve contract decrease and amendment to add unit cost for rental of maintenance uniforms.
12/1/22 – 11/30/25
- b. With: Bob Barker Company, Inc.
Fuquay-Varina, NC
Amount: \$74,125.67* (County 54%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase inmate clothing.
1/13/23 – 1/12/24
- c. With: Bob Barker Company, Inc.
Fuquay-Varina, NC
Amount: \$66,119.39* (County 21%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase inmate clothing.
2/10/23 – 2/9/24

- d. With: Office Basics
 Boothwyn, PA
 Amount: \$11,596* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide paper products.
 1/1/23 – 12/31/23

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Items 17a & 17b - John Ives, Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation & Open Space Programs, presented information on two proposed agricultural conservation easements. He advised that these will be the 243rd and 244th farms preserved by the County to-date, bringing the total acreage to 18,770.

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

17. Agricultural Land Preservation

- a. With: Richard Kriechbaum and Kimberly Michele Reichner
 Perkasie, PA
 Amount: \$21,825 + settlement charges and adjustments
 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve county's portion of a 14.55-acre agricultural
 conservation easement on the Kriechbaum/Reichner
 farm located on Hill Road in Bedminster Township.
 (TMP 01-012-023)
- b. With: Solomon Asser and Gabriela Hodara
 Riegelsville, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve county's portion of an 89-acre agricultural
 conservation easement on the Asser/Hodara farm
 located on Spring Hill Road in Durham Township.
 (TMPs 11-002-057 & 11-003-008)

B. Personnel Actions - Commissioners List

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

C. Board Appointments

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

Agricultural Land Preservation Board (3-year term)

Bartley E. Millett	Reappointment	Term ends 2/22/26
Kenneth Goldenberg	Reappointment - chair	Term ends 2/22/26

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, and with Commissioner DiGirolamo voting against it, the following appointment was approved by a vote of 2-1.

Housing Development Corporation (3-year term)

James J. Esposito	New appointment	Term ends 10/1/25
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Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointments were approved:

Bucks County America250PA Commission

Jennifer Martin	New appointment	Term ends 7/5/26
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Local Emergency Planning (2-year term)

Michael V. Cummings	New appointment	Term ends 1/1/25
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Community Group – Law Enforcement

Water & Sewer Authority (5-year term)

Ray Richardson	New appointment	Term ends 1/1/27
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Finishing the term of George Hutt

Workforce Development Board (3-year term)

Dr. Felicia Ganther	Category change	Term ends 11/4/24
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D. 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. Ivyland Heritage Association	\$1,000
Shamrock Reigns	\$1,500

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following:

Household Hazardous Waste programs for this year are in the planning stages but will be held in April, May, June, August, and October. More information is available on the

Planning Commission website.

Congratulations to the Area Agency on Aging, which is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary this year.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday to discuss the personnel list and pending litigation, and to review emergency preparedness & public safety.

Mr. Khan advised that the Law Department has recently received accreditation as a Continuing Legal Education Provider for Pennsylvania attorneys. Thanks to the Law Department's Stephanie Plassa and Elizabeth Oquendo for their work in attaining this certification. The Law Department will be co-presenting the next CLE with the Bucks County Bar Association on Tuesday, March 21st, and the Honorable Denise Bowman, judge for the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas is scheduled to join the panel.

Mr. Khan announced the promotion of Ms. Oquendo to Deputy County Solicitor, which recognizes her professional excellence and leadership in the Law Department. He also congratulated Ms. Oquendo on being recently selected as a "Top Lawyer Under 40" by the National Hispanic Bar Association.

On a personal note, Mr. Khan announced his intent to step down as County Solicitor in April and thanked the three Commissioners for the opportunity to serve. He shared that First Assistant Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick, who has been helping to lead and manage the Law Department over the past three years, is prepared to succeed him as Solicitor. Mr. Khan promised to assist Ms. Fitzpatrick as needed during her onboarding (as former Solicitor Don Williams did for Mr. Khan) as the Department makes its next transition.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

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

- Lynda Mintz from Bensalem
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

In response to statements made during public comment, Commissioner Marseglia advised that most cases of child sexual abuse occur at home by a family member. The Commissioner spoke about the work done by Children & Youth, and she encouraged any qualified individuals who care about children to apply to come work for the county.

Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about the opioid settlements, explaining that the 15% that is going to the State will be awarded in the form of grants. He announced that Bucks County is the recipient of one of the first and largest of these grants. The

full amount of \$3 million will go directly to the new crisis center at Doylestown Hospital.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the consent agenda and recapped many of the contracts approved.

Referencing Mr. Khan's upcoming departure, Commissioner Harvie spoke about the success of the new model of providing legal services under Mr. Khan's leadership of the Law Department.

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, March 1, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: March 1, 2023

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*