

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

3/1/2023 - 10:30 AM

I. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

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. Colon Cancer Awareness Month

The Commissioners proclaimed March 2023 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month," encouraging residents to recognize the importance of early detection and screening of this terrible, but highly detectable and treatable illness. Anna Payne, Administrative Assistant for Commissioner Marseglia, accepted the proclamation and shared her experience with colon cancer.

B. Pennsylvania 4H Week

The Commissioners proclaimed March 12th through 18th as Pennsylvania 4-H Week, commending Penn State Cooperative Extension for making 4-H possible for so many young residents. Jennifer Wendling from Penn State Cooperative Extension, accompanied by several 4-H ambassadors, accepted the proclamation and spoke about 4-H.

C. Intellectual Disability Awareness Month

The Commissioners proclaimed March 2023 as "Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Month" to support, encourage, and recognize the many accomplishments of county citizens with developmental disabilities. Mike Kudla, Chief Financial Officer of The Arc Alliance, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for their support. Commissioner Harvie recognized county staff from BH/DP and Human Services for the work they do each day on behalf of the intellectually and developmentally disabled.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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

The following people commented on agenda items:

- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township
- Laurie Katz from Northampton

- Robert McLain from Milford Township

Commissioner Harvie responded to several of the questions and comments regarding contracts on the agenda. Human Services Director Rachel Neff, District Attorney Matt Weintraub, Project and Diversity Officer Bernard Griggs, Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt, Purchasing Director Liz Gates, and Director of Emergency Services Audrey Kenny each provided additional clarification on other items.

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 February 15, 2023 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. BH/DP

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| a. | With: | Child & Family Focus, Inc.
Audubon, PA |
| | Amount: | \$611,569** (County 0.1%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide mental health services to children and families.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23 |
| b. | With: | CO-MANS, Inc.
Pennadel, PA |
| | Amount: | \$1,059,291** (County 3.9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide supported living, supported housing, and community residential services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23 |
| c. | With: | Eagleville Hospital
Eagleville, PA |
| | Amount: | |
| | Purpose: | Approve Business Associate Agreement.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23 |
| d. | With: | Salisbury Behavioral Health, Inc.
Lancaster, PA |
| | Amount: | \$3,054,686** (County 3.9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide supported living and |

residential services.

7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- e. With: Woods Community Services, LLC
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$73,215** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential services for
 individuals with intellectual disabilities.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

2. Board of Elections

- a. With: Clear Ballot Group Inc.
 Boston, MA
 Amount: \$34,850 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide ballot set-up/testing, and
 election day and post-election professional support.
 3/1/23 – 5/31/23

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: Community Service Foundation
 Pipersville, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to add community
 reintegration program.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/23

4. District Attorney

- a. With: John S. O'Brien, II, MD, JD
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$30,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide expert witness services.
 12/1/22 – 11/30/23

5. General Services

- a. With: Joseph Jingoli & Son, Inc.
 Lawrenceville, NJ
 Amount: \$544,959** (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide construction management for the Forensic Diversion, Treatment and Rehabilitation Center project.
2/15/23 – 12/31/24

b. With: McCormick Taylor
Exton, PA
Amount: \$281,024.39** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide construction consultation services for the replacement of Bucks County Bridge #26 on Lakewood Avenue over Mill Creek in Bristol Township.
2/15/23 – 2/15/26

c. With: Prime Sheet Metal Inc.
Warminster, PA
Amount: \$13,279** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve mechanical contract increase for the restoration of the farmhouse for the African American Museum of Bucks County.
365 days from NTP

6. Housing & Community Development

a. With: Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks
Quakertown, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment for Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) funds for emergency shelter, shelter operations & essential services to provide homelessness prevention assistance.
10/1/22 – 9/30/23

7. Human Resources

a. With: Constance D'Argenio Blurton
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$124,066 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve settlement of Workers' Compensation claim.

b. With: Matthew Slater, Esquire
Philadelphia, PA

Amount: \$27,975.46 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve settlement of Workers' Compensation claim for Constance D'Argenio Blurton.

8. Human Services

a. With: Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$16,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

9. Parks & Recreation

a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural
Resources
Harrisburg, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve authorization for Parks & Recreation Executive
Director to electronically sign DCNR grant application for
a Development Project under Rivers Conservation for
Hal H. Clark Park located in Solebury Township along
the Delaware River.

10. Planning Commission

a. With: Michael Baker International, Inc.
Fort Washington, PA
Amount: (\$29,120)
Purpose: Approve contract decrease for the Dark Hollow portion of
the Neshaminy Greenway Trail project.

11. Purchasing

a. With: D2 Distributors, LLC
San Diego, CA
Amount: \$3,564* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide containers, cups, and lids for
Neshaminy Manor and the Youth Center.
3/15/23 – 9/18/23

- b. With: Imperial Bag & Paper Co., LLC
 Jersey City, NJ
Amount: \$11,329.60* (County 3%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide containers, cups, and lids for
 Neshaminy Manor and the Youth Center.
 3/15/23 – 9/18/23
- c. With: Innovative Printing Systems, Inc.
 Pottstown, PA
Amount: \$228,332.40* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for county's portion of the Southeastern
 PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board's bid for
 toner cartridges.
 3/1/23 – 12/31/23
- d. With: WB Mason Company
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$230.40* (County 50%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide containers, cups, and lids for
 Neshaminy Manor and the Youth Center.
 3/15/23 – 9/18/23

12. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of
 Workforce Development Administration
 Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$233,594.82 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant to support the PA CareerLink® Bucks
 County and its partner-shared operating costs.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Budget Adjustments

David Boscola, Chief Financial Officer, provided additional clarification on the proposed budget adjustments.

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

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2022 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

March 1, 2023

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #26	Grand Jury	2,000
	Court Reporters	36,000
	Adult Probation	190,000
	Youth Center	26,000
	Youth Center (Revenue)	(26,000)
	Juvenile Placements	(228,000)
	Juvenile Placements (Transfers)	228,000
	General Fund (Transfers)	(228,000)
Adjustment #27	Consumer Protection	5,000
	General Fund	(5,000)
Adjustment #28	Tax Collectors	5,000
	General Fund	(5,000)
Adjustment #29	Purchasing	23,000
	General Fund	(23,000)
Adjustment #30	Fire Marshal	13,000
	Fire Marshal (Revenue)	(6,000)
	General Fund	(7,000)
Adjustment #31	Sheriff	213,000
	Sheriff (Revenue)	(116,000)
Adjustment #32	District Attorney	233,000
	District Attorney (Revenue)	(77,000)
Adjustment #33	Health	140,000
	General Fund	(140,000)
Adjustment #34	Human Services	5,000
	General Fund	(5,000)

Adjustment #35	Security	30,000
	General Fund	(30,000)
Adjustment #36	Neshaminy Manor	702,000
	Neshaminy Manor (Revenue)	(702,000)
Adjustment #37	Area Agency on Aging	199,000
	Area Agency on Aging (Revenue)	(199,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		253,000

B. Personnel Actions

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

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

14. Agricultural Land Preservation Board (3-year term)
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| David R. Wolfinger | reappointment | term ends 2/22/26 |
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- Children & Youth Advisory Board (3-year term)
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| Greta Giunta | new appointment | term ends 3/1/26 |
| Larry Kahanoksky | new appointment | term ends 3/1/26 |
| Andrew J. Kind-Rubin, Phd. | reappointment | term ends 3/1/26 |
| David Nieves | term correction | term ends 3/1/25 |
| Sherry Orr | term correction | term ends 3/1/25 |
| Jamie Thim | new appointment | term ends 3/1/26 |
| Victoria Velazquez | new appointment | term ends 3/1/26 |

D. Other Civics

In response to an earlier question, Commissioner Harvie provided some background on the Other Civics contributions.

15. Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, and with Commissioner Marseglia abstaining, the following Other Civics contribution was approved with a vote of 2-0-1:

Bucks County Special Equestrians	\$4,000
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16. Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following Other Civics contributions were approved:

Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic	\$7,000
Historic Fallsington	\$2,500

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. McKeivitt advised that March is also Social Work Month, and she thanked all county social workers and non-profit partners for their work throughout the year.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan reported on Executive Sessions held since the last Commissioners' Meeting:

- On February 16th and 27th to discuss personnel matters
- Yesterday, February 28th, standing executive session to discuss personnel and real estate matters, and pending litigation.

Mr. Khan announced that the Law Department will be co-presenting the next CLE on Family Law with the Bucks County Bar Association on Tuesday, March 21st at 12:30. The Honorable Denise Bowman, judge for the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, is scheduled to join the panel along with Assistant Solicitor Kelly Reilly. There will be a virtual option, and those interested can register on-line through the Bucks County Bar Association.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

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

- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Laurie Katz from Northampton
- Robert McLain from Milford Township
- Kathleen Seborowski from Middletown Township
- Priscilla Linden from Upper Makefield

Commissioner Harvie responded to several of the questions and comments, and Ms. Kenny provided additional information regarding Emergency Services preparedness.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolomo expressed his condolences to Mrs. Seborowski and said a few words about her recently departed husband, Joe.

Commissioner Marseglia thanked Anna Payne for her earlier presentation. She wished her a happy birthday and continued success in staying healthy.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about it being pothole season. He shared information about reporting potholes and the warmer temperatures needed for asphalt repairs.

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 15, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: March 15, 2023

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*