

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

3/15/2023 - 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. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized Broderick President from the Youth Center for thirty years of employment with the county. Also recognized were the following employees reaching twenty-year anniversaries: Paul Falcone and Franklin Williams from the Department of Corrections, Karen Germeroth and David Gomez from Main Courts, and Ana Kapralick from Neshaminy Manor.

B. Visit Bucks County

Visit Bucks County President & COO Paul Bencivengo, along with Heather Walter, Marketing Director; Lisa Paglaicetti, Industry Relations & Visitor Services Director; and Kelley Keeling, Senior Research & Destination Development Manager, presented information on Visit Bucks County. Some things highlighted were the economic impact of the hospitality and tourism industry to the county, various marketing initiatives, and the very successful grant program. Commissioner DiGirolamo noted the recent approval of a new hotel and conference center at the Parx Casino.

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 as follows:

- Sean Duffy from Buckingham – item 7a
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham – items 2d & e, 5b, 9c and 12b
- Barbara Vees from Hilltown – item 2a
- Beth Curcio from Warminster – items 1a, 5b, 12b and 17a
- Laurie Katz from Northampton – 3b, 5b, 7a, b & c, 8a, 9d, 10b, 12b and 17a
- Liz Youse from Northampton Township – item 9a and 13b
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township – 3a & 13b, and personnel actions.
- Robert McLain from Milford Township – items 7a, b & c, 8a, 12b and 17a

Commissioner Harvie responded to several of the questions and comments regarding contracts on the agenda. Diane Rosati, Executive Director Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission; Human Services Director Rachel Neff, District Attorney Matt Weintraub, Solicitor Joe Khan, Director of Corrections Dave Kratz, Health Department

Director Dr. David Damsker and Deputy Finance Director Russell Rice provided additional clarification on other items.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Harvie noted a correction to the term on agenda item 3a.

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

A. Approve minutes from March 1, 2023 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Bucks County Free Library
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$1,500** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to develop and implement programs and services for older adults.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- b. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: (\$397,853.31)
Purpose: Approve termination of contract to provide professional support staff.
7/1/22 – 2/13/23

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$179,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide student assistance program services to Bucks County Schools.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- b. With: Horsham Clinic
Ambler, PA
Amount: \$30,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide hospital inpatient services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

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| c. | With: | Penn Foundation, Inc., d/b/a St. Luke's Penn Foundation Sellersville, PA |
| | Amount: | |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract extension for mobile engagement services program.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23 |
| d. | With: | Warwick Family Based Program, Inc.
Bensalem, PA |
| | Amount: | \$30,000** (County 3.9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide family-based services to children with a mental health diagnosis.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23 |
| e. | With: | Woods Community Services, LLC
Langhorne, PA |
| | Amount: | |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract extension to provide support, development, and start-up costs for a Group Practice in Community Living Arrangement.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23 |

3. Corrections

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| a. | With: | Aramark Facilities Services, LLC
Philadelphia, PA |
| | Amount: | \$4,057,864.61** (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide preventative maintenance services for the Department of Corrections and Youth Center.
4/1/23 – 12/31/26 |
| b. | With: | Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
Harrisburg, PA |
| | Amount: | \$499,580 (Revenue) |
| | Purpose: | Approve State Opioid Response funding to expand MAT services.
4/1/23 – 2/28/25 |

4. Courts

- a. With: Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, Court
Access Coordinator
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$381,903.79 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve application for partial reimbursement of
language access costs.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

5. District Attorney

- a. With:
Amount: \$3,438.86* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel for one employee to attend
the 2023 Insurance Fraud Management Conference in
Carlsbad, California.
3/19/23 – 3/22/23
- b. With: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$3,079,328 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Gun Violence Investigation & Prosecution Grant
Award.
1/1/23 – 12/31/24

6. Finance

- a. With: PELICAN Insurance
c/o AIG Insurance Management Services
Burlington, VT
Amount: \$238,838 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for General Liability, Professional
Liability, and Mcare Assessment for Neshaminy Manor.
3/1/23 – 3/1/24

7. General Services

- a. With: Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc.
Wilmington, DE
Amount: \$978,662.50** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for the rehabilitation of Bridge #226 on
Stouts Valley Road over Cooks Creek in Durham
Township.
240 days from NTP

- b. With: Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc.
 Wilmington, DE
 Amount: \$642,527.20** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for the rehabilitation of Bridge #237 on
 Callowhill Street over East Branch of the Perkiomen
 Creek in East Rockhill Township.
 180 days from NTP

- c. With: Loftus Construction, Inc.
 Cinnaminson, NJ
 Amount: \$962,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for the rehabilitation of Bridge #359 on
 Butter Creek Road over Butter Creek in West Rockhill
 Township.
 240 days from NTP

8. Health Department

- a. With:
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve amendment to the “Rules and Regulations
 Governing Individual and Community On-Lot Sewage
 Disposal Systems.”

9. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$182,000 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for CDBG-CV
 funding to provide interim sheltering and supportive
 housing services due to COVID-19 pandemic.
 1/1/23 – 5/31/23

- b. With: Dublin Borough
 Amount: \$15,906** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for 2020 CDBG
 funding for the installation of ADA compliant sidewalks &
 curbs along Middle Road.
 8/1/22 – 3/31/23

- c. With: First Step Staffing
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: (\$204,867.97)
Purpose: Approve termination of contract for 2020 CDBG funding
 to provide rapid job placement and supportive services to
 aid low to moderate income individuals seeking
 employment, needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 1/1/21 – 12/31/22
- d. With: YWCA Bucks County
 Trevose, PA
Amount: \$620,314.32** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide shared housing assistance.
 1/1/23 – 12/30/24

10. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Community College
 Newtown, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve amendment to Exhibit A of American Rescue
 Plan Act (ARPA) funding agreement to support the Office
 of Veterans Affairs and Returning Adults.
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
 Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$33,210,026 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Human Services Block Grant Plan submission.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

11. Information Technology

- a. With: CivicPlus
 Manhattan, KS
Amount: \$70,108.29** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide additional licenses
 to increase user functionality on the county website.
 10/13/20 – 10/29/25

12. Law Department

- a. With: Approve change of the Bucks County Title II ADA
 Amount: Coordinator from Elizabeth M. Oquendo, Esq. to Danielle
 Purpose: Lavery, Esq. effective 3/15/23.
- b. With: Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP
 San Francisco, CA
 Amount: 25% contingent fee on gross recovery + expenses
 Purpose: Authorize County Solicitor to enter into Legal Services
 Agreement to evaluate and litigate potential public
 nuisance claims on behalf of the County on a contingent
 basis and enter into a Joint Prosecution Agreement with
 the District Attorney's Office for litigation of claims.

13. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Doylestown Hospital
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$30,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide laboratory testing and
 services for residents.
 3/25/23 – 3/31/24
- b. With: Functional Pathways
 Knoxville, TN
 Amount: \$5,078,511* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide physical therapy,
 occupational therapy, and speech language pathology
 services to residents.
 6/1/23 – 5/31/26

14. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Buckmans Inc.
 Pottstown, PA
 Amount: \$55,840* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase and delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite
 for operation of County owned pools.
 5/1/23 – 4/30/25

15. Tax Claim Bureau

- a. With: Allegra Marketing Print Mail
Allentown, PA
Amount: \$12,840.35* + postage (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide printing, production and mailing of legally required notices.
3/15/23 – 3/14/26

16. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC)
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$84,664.62 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant agreement to participate in the state's Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP) program.
7/1/22 – 12/31/23

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

17. Law Department

- a. With:
Amount:
Purpose: Authorize the County Solicitor to enter Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Privilege Agreement with the District Attorney.

Mr. Khan provided an explanation of this written agreement between the Law Department and District Attorney Matt Weintraub. Mr. Weintraub provided additional clarification.

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, this Resolution was approved by a vote of 3-0.

18. Parks & Recreation

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| a. | With: | Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation
Harrisburg, PA |
| | Amount: | \$125,000 (Revenue) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide a Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan.
1/1/23 – 12/31/25 |

Angela Nagle, Executive Director of Parks & Recreation, presented an overview of this project, including information about the park system, timeline, and priorities.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, this Resolution was approved by a vote of 3-0.

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:

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| 19. | Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission (3-year term) | | |
| | Lindsay Gladysz | new appointment | term ends 3/31/26 |
| | Marlin Williams | new appointment* | term ends 12/1/25 |
| | | *to finish the term of Annemarie Murphy | |
| | MH/DP Board (3-year term) | | |
| | Dr. Traci Lordon | term correction | term ends 4/15/25 |

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:

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| 20. | Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership | \$2,500 |
| | Boy Scouts of America | \$4,000 |
| | Bucks Beautiful | \$2,000 |
| | Quakertown Community Day | \$1,000 |
| | Youth Orchestra of Bucks County | \$3,000 |

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, reported that the first Household Hazardous Waste collection for the year will be held on April 1st at the Newtown campus of Bucks County Community College. Registration is no longer required, and no electronics will be accepted. See the list of acceptable items on the county website.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Khan reported on Executive Sessions held since the last Commissioners' Meeting:

March 14th – standing Executive Session held the day before the public meeting to discuss personnel matters, collective bargaining negotiations, and pending and prospective litigation.

March 9th – to discuss a real estate matter.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

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

- Ed Mackouse from Buckingham
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Laurie Katz from Northampton
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township
- Jamie Walker from Chalfont
- Stephanie Weisser from Buckingham
- Priscilla Linden – Upper Makefield
- Robert McLain from Milford Township
- Liz Youse from Northampton Township

Commissioner Harvie responded to the questions and comments. Commissioner Marseglia provided additional clarification.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Referencing St. Patrick's Day, Commissioner Harvie spoke about the discrimination faced by all groups that have immigrated to the United States and said it was important to remember our history. He also shared a story about a family trip to Ireland that coincided with the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The group, once people realized they were Americans, experienced an outpouring of good wishes from the Irish people that was very memorable and moving. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, 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, April 5, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: April 5, 2023
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*