

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

4/19/2023 - 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance, asking for a moment of silence in memory of Pete Krauss, a longtime county resident who recently passed away.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized the following employees celebrating milestone anniversaries with the county:

Twenty years - Larry Loose from Emergency Services and Melissa Neamand from ERP

Thirty years - Margaret Boone from Juvenile Probation

B. National Crime Victims' Rights Week

The Commissioners proclaimed April 23 through 29th as "Crime Victims' Rights Week," expressing gratitude and appreciation for our Bucks County District Attorney's Office and its community partners, including the Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA), A Woman's Place, and others who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime. District Attorney Matt Weintraub expressed appreciation for those employees and community members who help to give a voice to victims.

C. National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Commissioners proclaimed April 2023 as "Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month." In doing so, they commend the work done by Bucks County Children & Youth and community partners to protect children. They encourage all citizens to remember that children are our most valuable resource that will shape the future. Accepting the proclamation was Children & Youth Director Marge McKeone, who presented information about the services provided by Children & Youth to assist children and families. Commissioner DiGirolamo said a few words about the statute of limitations for those guilty of abusing children.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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

The following people commented on items as follows:

- Scott Vogin from Warrington – items 11a & b
- Ed Mackouse from Buckingham – unspecified items

- Beth Curcio from Warminster – items 7a & b, 9b, 12a, and unspecified items
- Laurie Katz from Northampton – items 2c, d, e, f, 8c, e, f, 9b, 10a, 15a, 16a, and 18a
- Liz Youse from Northampton Township – items 9a and 13b
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township – item 6a and items 5, 22, 34, & 43 from the personnel list

Commissioner Harvie, Chief Financial Officer David Boscola, Chief Information Officer John Regula, Human Resources Director Lauren Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation Angie Nagle, Director of Corrections Dave Kratz, Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Operating Officer Gail Humphrey, Director of Emergency Services Audrey Kenny, Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt, and Solicitor Joe Khan all contributed responses to various questions raised.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approve minutes from the April 5, 2023 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

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| a. | With: | Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior Citizens
Trevose, PA |
| | Amount: | \$275,165** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide senior center services.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24 |
| b. | With: | Maximum Care Inc.
Whitehall, PA |
| | Amount: | |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract amendment to include Appendix K, Business Associate Agreement.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24 |
| c. | With: | Middletown Senior Citizens Association
Levittown, PA |
| | Amount: | \$26,690** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide senior center services.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24 |

- d. With: The Wood Company, a wholly owned indirect subsidiary
 of Sodexo Management Inc.
 Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$5,000** (County 9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 home-delivered meals.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

2. Children & Youth

- a. With: A Second Chance, Inc.
 Pittsburgh, PA
 Amount: \$60,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care and kinship
 services to children.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- b. With: Bethanna
 Southampton, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment for visitation support
 services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/23
- c. With: Bethany Children's Home
 Womelsdorf, PA
 Amount: \$100,000** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for independent living services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- d. With: Bethany Christian Services of Central Pennsylvania
 Lancaster, PA
 Amount: \$50,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- e. With: Children's Home of Easton
 Easton, PA
 Amount: \$150,000** (County 20%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide various residential and foster care services for children.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

f. With: KidsPeace National Centers, Inc.
Schnecksville, PA

Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to add a residential diagnostic program.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

g. With: K/S Consultants, Inc.
Warrington, PA

Amount: \$189,000** (County 8%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide family therapy, advocate services, and educational consultation to maintain youth in their homes.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

h. With: K/S Consultants, Inc.
Warrington, PA

Amount: \$136,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide Transition to Foster Care Program.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

3. Courts

a. With: Director of Judicial Programs
Philadelphia, PA

Amount: \$71,083.30 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve application for Senior Judge reimbursable costs.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

4. District Attorney

a. With: Dr. Stephen M. Thomas, M.D., MBA
D/B/A Pain & Disability Management Consultants P.C.
Pittsburgh, PA

Amount: \$50,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide expert witness services.

12/19/22 – 12/18/23

- b. With: Grayshift, LLC
 Atlanta, GA
 Amount: \$30,795 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide forensic software licenses.
 6/27/23 – 6/26/24

5. Emergency Communications

- a. With: Intrado Life and Safety Solutions
 Longmont, CO
 Amount: \$15,000 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide text to 911 service.
 2/21/23 – 2/20/24

6. Emergency Management

- a. With: NextGen Security, LLC
 Exton, PA
 Amount: \$83,124** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to purchase equipment and
 provide security upgrades at the Emergency Services
 building.

7. Finance

- a. With: Bristol Township
 Bristol, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve forgiveness of municipal real estate taxes for
 parcel #05-061-498.

- b. With: Lower Makefield Township
 Yardley, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve forgiveness of municipal real estate taxes for tax
 parcel #20-016-049-00T.

8. General Services

- a. With: 3B Services Inc.
 Reading, PA
 Amount: \$50,824.23** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of three HVAC units for the voting
 machine warehouse.
- b. With: Bergey's Chevrolet Inc.
 Colmar, PA
 Amount: \$58,917.07** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of Chevrolet Silverado utility truck.
- c. With: Diamond Huntbach Construction Corporation
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$3,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to add removal and disposal
 of asbestos cement conduit at the former Women's
 Community Corrections Center.
- d. With: Foley Inc.
 Piscataway, NJ
 Amount: \$141,365** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of a Caterpillar skid steer/track loader.
 (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
- e. With: F. R. Beinke Wrecking Inc.
 Swedesboro, NJ
 Amount: (\$4,400)
 Purpose: Approve contract decrease for removal of underground
 storage tanks at the former Women's Community
 Corrections Center.
- f. With: F.R. Beinke Wrecking, Inc.
 Swedesboro, NJ
 Amount: \$2,185.37** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for demolition of the old
 Women's Community Correction Center.
- g. With: Kencor, LLC
 West Chester, PA

Amount: \$192,555** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide elevator maintenance and repair services.
5/1/23 – 4/30/26

h. With: Pennoni Associates, Inc.
Warrington, PA
Amount: \$35,000/project** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide engineering consultation services.
4/1/23 – 3/31/28

9. Housing & Community Development

a. With: Bucks County Housing Group
Warminster, PA
Amount: \$25,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for PHFA Home4Good funding to provide SOAR case manager program.
2/1/23 – 1/31/24

b. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$538,311.90 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide financial assistance, administrative and housing stability services through the Bucks Emergency Rental Assistance (BERA) program.
4/1/23 – 3/31/24

c. With: Redevelopment Authority of The County of Bucks
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$75,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for CDBG-CV funding for purchase of vacant land for the development of a public park in Bristol Borough.
4/1/23 – 12/31/23

10. Human Resources

a. With:
Amount:
Purpose: Approve updated Human Resource Handbook for non-

union employees.

11. Human Services

- a. With: Bensalem Township Police Department
Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$200,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to continue Co-Responder program.
1/1/23 – 12/31/24

- b. With: Patricia M. Griffin, Ph.D. d/b/a Griffin Consulting, LLC
East Norriton, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to add insurance
requirements, IT policy, and Business Associate
Agreement for the Co-Responder program.
1/1/23 – 3/31/24

- c. With: Paul DiLorenzo, ACSW, MLSP
Bala Cynwyd, PA
Amount: (\$7,000)
Purpose: Approve decrease of contract for strategic planning
consultation services.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

12. Information Technology

- a. With: Dell Marketing L.P.
Round Rock, TX
Amount: \$47,080** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for Airwatch/Workspace One software
to provide mobile device management.
5/4/23 – 5/3/24

13. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: BI Incorporated
Boulder, CO
Amount: \$118,600** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for Global Positioning System
(GPS) Electronic Monitoring Equipment and services for

Adult Probation and Juvenile Probation.
12/2/22 – 12/1/23

14. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Inc.
 Manheim, PA
 Amount: \$55,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 incontinence products.
 3/29/23 – 3/28/24

- b. With: Medline Industries, Inc.
 Northfield, IL
 Amount: \$140,840.80* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase disposable briefs for
 residents.
 4/1/23 – 3/31/24

15. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Caulfield Associates
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$99,999** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase, delivery, and installation of five docks
 at Peace Valley Park.
 60 days from NTP

16. Planning Commission

- a. With: US Department of Housing and Urban Development
 Washington, DC
 Amount: \$1,770,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve grant agreement for the design, engineering,
 and construction of the Upper Bucks Rail Trail Phase II
 and signature authorization for Chief Operating Officer.
 4/19/23 – 8/31/31

17. Purchasing

- a. With: Acme Uniforms

Bristol, PA

Amount:

Purpose:

Approve contract amendment to add unit cost for rental of maintenance uniforms.
12/1/22 – 11/30/25

18. Workforce & Economic Development

a. With:

Bucks County Community College
Newtown, PA

Amount:

Purpose:

Approve date correction for amendment approved on January 18, 2023.

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Personnel Actions

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, and with Commissioner Marseglia abstaining due to #32, the Personnel Actions on the Commissioners' List were approved with a vote of 2-0-1.

B. Board Appointments

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

19. Bucks County New Americans Advisory Commission (4-year term)
Rocio Higney new appointment term ends 1/2/24
to finish term of Duke Wu

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. McKevitt invited Evan Stone, Executive Director of the Bucks County Planning Commission, to speak about the county's sustainability efforts to date. Mr. Stone introduced Neil Dougherty, Director of Sustainability, and Environmental Planner Cassandra Goodmansen, who presented a Sustainability Progress Report. Additional information can be found on the Planning Commission's website.

In celebration of Trails Day, Mr. Stone reported that the Planning Commission will have a table set up at the Southampton Train Station this Saturday, April 22nd, from 9 to 12 with information about the Bucks County trail system.

Ms. Nagle invited everyone to attend the annual Earth Day celebration happening on Saturday, April 29th at Core Creek Park from 11 to 2. There will be vendors and agencies focused on conservation and environmental protection, activities and

entertainment, and a tree planting event.

Ms. McKevitt reported on the following:

- A job and resource fair is being held on April 25th at PA CareerLink® Bucks County in Bensalem from 2 to 4:30 for anyone looking for full and part-time job opportunities.
- Bucks County Community College's Entrepreneurship Program will begin an eleven-week training program on May 16th for those interested in starting or growing their own business. Classes will be online on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 pm.

Ms. McKevitt wished outgoing County Solicitor Joe Khan well and thanked him for his leadership and guidance.

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 presented his final report as County Solicitor, thanking the Commissioners, county staff, row officers, department heads, division leaders, and the Law Department. He summarized some of the changes made and accomplishments achieved by the Law Department over the past three years.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

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

- Scott Vogin from Warrington Township
- Nancy Sherlock from Morrisville
- Ed Mackouse from Buckingham
- Liz Youse from Northampton Township
- Priscilla Linden from Upper Makefield
- Carolyn Sue Houston from Buckingham
- Laurie Katz from Northampton
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township
- Doug Moyer from Lower Makefield

Commissioner Harvie responded to several of the comments, including those regarding the Board of Elections, voting machines, absentee ballots, and potholes.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia advised of a drug take-back event being held this Saturday, April 22nd at 48 locations throughout the county. They are hoping to collect 200,000 pounds during the event. More information is available on the website.

Commissioner Marseglia introduced Wendy Flanagan, Coordinator of Service

Development and Quality Management for BHDP. Ms. Flanagan, one of the chairs of the suicide task force, reported on the upcoming suicide prevention walk being held on Sunday, April 30th at Bucks County Technical High School in Fairless Hills. This is a community event as well as a huge fundraiser to support suicide prevention efforts.

Commissioner DiGirolamo, following up on the discussion on the drug xylazine from the last meeting, reported on Governor Shapiro's intention to get xylazine classified as a Schedule 3 drug.

Commissioner DiGirolamo said a few words to Mr. Khan and wished him the best.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about Trails Day and Earth Day, encouraging everyone to get out and enjoy what the county has to offer.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the historical significance of April 28th, advising that it is the day OSHA (The Occupational Safety and Health Administration) was created to inspect workplaces and protect employees. It is also Workers' Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for workers killed, disabled, or injured at work.

Commissioner Harvie also advised that 240 years ago today was the start of the American Revolution and he reflected on those who get involved to make a change in the world.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 2-0, the meeting was adjourned.

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: May 3, 2023

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*