

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

5/17/2023 - 2:00 PM

I. WELCOME

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held today at 2:00 pm, 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. Commissioner Harvie noted that the later meeting time was to allow staff to catch up after the late hours worked on election night.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized Donald R. Connor, III, Velenta Duncan, and Tienne Davis, all from the Department of Corrections, for twenty years of service. Ms. Davis said a few words about her career with the County and thanked those who have supported her.

B. Project Search's Caring Community Awards

David Fox, from the Bucks County Intermediate Unit, spoke about the Project Search intern program. He presented Caring Community Awards to each of the commissioners and Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt.

C. Older Americans Month

The Commissioners proclaimed May 2023 as "Older Americans Month," recognizing the efforts of the Bucks County Area Agency on Aging in helping to maintain the quality of life that older residents so richly deserve. Kathy Bennett, Director of The Bucks County Area Agency on Aging, thanked the Commissioners for the recognition and presented a video on some of the programs and events they provide for county seniors. Accompanying Ms. Bennett were Carin Tinney and Wanda Ritter, both AAA Deputy Directors, and Tammy Mancuso from the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board.

D. Community Action Month

The Commissioners proclaimed May 2023 to be "Community Action Month," recognizing the hard work and dedication of the Bucks County Opportunity Council in its role as the county's designated non-profit community action agency. Erin Lukoss, CEO and Executive Director of the BCOC, presented a video and accepted the proclamation. She was accompanied by Eileen Albillar, Director of Community Engagement, Connie McGarvey, Public Relations and Communications Coordinator, and Heather Foor, Director of Client Services.

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:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham – item 5a

- Scott Vogin from Warrington – rangers, and items 3e & h, and 15b
- Beth Curcio from Warminster – Other Civics contributions, items 3f, g & i, 5a, 8a, 10a and 11c.

Commissioner Harvie responded to many of the questions raised and Executive Director of Parks & Recreation Angie Nagle and Commissioner Marseglia provided additional clarification.

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 May 3, 2023 meeting.
- B. Resolutions
 1. Adult Probation
 - a. With: Connectrex
San Francisco, CA
Amount: \$70,441.39 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide software maintenance and support.
5/1/23 – 4/30/24
 2. Area Agency on Aging
 - a. With: Nancy Morgan
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$33,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide services as Contracted Ombudsman.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24
 3. BH/DP
 - a. With: Associated Production Services, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.
 - b. With: Be Well Transitional Living, LLC
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$71,136** (County 3.9%)

Purpose: Approve contract increase for operation of Transition House.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- c. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$658,850** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for mental health housing program.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25
- d. With: Bucks County Transport, Inc.
Holicong, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.
- e. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide housing-based case management services.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23
- f. With: Goodwill Keystone Area
Harrisburg, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.
- g. With: Growing Children with Challenges, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.
- h. With: Lenape Valley Foundation
Doylestown, PA
Amount: (\$900,000)
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to remove opioid settlement funding for Crisis Stabilization Center.

- i. With: Pediatric Therapeutics, Inc.
 Newtown, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: CHOR Youth and Family Services Inc. d/b/a Edison
 Court
 Reading, PA
 Amount: \$1,740,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential services for
 dependent and delinquent youth.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- b. With: Valley Youth House Committee, Inc.
 Bethlehem, PA
 Amount: \$650,000** (County 16%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide emergency shelter,
 independent living, and group home services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

5. Commissioners

- a. With: Intercultural Works LLC
 Chalfont, PA
 Amount: \$93,880 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide the next phase of the Bucks
 County Diversity and Inclusion Program.
 7/1/23 – 7/1/24

6. Emergency Health Services

- a. With: Aria Health d/b/a Jefferson - Northeast
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$18,900 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for physician
 services from Regional EMS Medical Director.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

7. Emergency Management

- a. With: The Olson Group, Ltd.
 Alexandria, VA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to include Nondisclosure Agreement.
 3/15/23 – 4/30/24

8. Finance

- a. With: Aon Risk Services Central, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA

 Amount: \$8,656* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for insurance coverage for the Drone/UAV program.
 5/3/23 – 5/2/24

9. General Services

- a. With: Bergey's Chevrolet Inc.
 Colmar, PA

 Amount: \$55,821.69 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of 2023 Chevrolet Silverado utility truck.
- b. With: Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc.
 Wilmington, DE

 Amount: \$6,342.48** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for the rehabilitation of Bridge #270 on Roudenbush Road over Kimples Creek in Haycock Twp.
- c. With: F. R. Beinke Wrecking Inc.
 Swedesboro, NJ

 Amount: \$11,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for removal of underground storage tank at the former Women's Community Corrections Center.
- d. With: Guy M. Cooper, Inc.
 Willow Grove, PA

Amount: \$1,341** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve increase of fire protection contract for
Emergency Services Building addition.

- e. With: Newtown Artesian Water Company
Newtown, PA
Amount: \$139,140.29** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide water main extension as part
of the restoration of the farmhouse for the African
American Museum of Bucks County.
5/17/23 – 5/17/24

10. Health

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Health,
Office of Public Health Preparedness
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$372,674 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of federal immunization
grant.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

11. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$22,500 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract extension for PHFA Home4Good
funding for Rapid Exit assistance.
2/1/23 – 1/31/24
- b. With: YWCA Bucks County
Trevose, PA
Amount: \$117,037.07 (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: YWCA Bucks County
Trevose, PA
Amount: \$85,665** (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve contract for CDBG-CV funding to provide supportive services at Haven House to assist human trafficking victims.
3/10/23 – 5/31/23

12. Human Resources

- a. With: Bucks County Rangers Benevolent Association
Amount:
Purpose: Approve side letter agreement for 16 employees, granting one paid comp day each.
- b. With: Jose W. Rosario
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$48,473 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve settlement of Workers' Compensation claim.
- c. With: American General Annuity Service Corporation
Houston, TX
Amount: \$63,736.62 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve settlement of Workers' Compensation claim for Jose W. Rosario.

13. Human Services

- a. With: Lenape Valley Foundation
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$900,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to use opioid settlement funding for Crisis Stabilization Center start-up and hiring costs, and behavioral health assessments. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

14. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Artius
San Diego, CA
Amount: \$61,164* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide therapy oxygen for residents.
6/1/23 – 5/31/26

17. Printing and Reproduction

- a. With: Lindenmeyr Monroe
 King of Prussia, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve contract extension for County's portion of the
 Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing
 Board's bid for envelopes.
 8/1/23 - 7/31/24

18. Purchasing

- a. With: Central Poly Bag Corporation
 Linden, NJ
- Amount: \$39,216.66* (County 100%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase
 bags and can liners.
 6/24/23 – 6/23/24
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- b. With: MKH Services, Inc. d/b/a CleanNet of Philadelphia
 King of Prussia, PA
- Amount: \$25,584* (County 100%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide janitorial services for two
 District Courts and the Churchville Nature Center.
 6/1/23 – 5/31/24
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- c. With: Professional Cleaning Services
 Mullica Hill, NJ
- Amount: \$35,668.12* (County 69%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 janitorial services.
 6/1/23 – 5/31/24
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- d. With: Professional Cleaning Services
 Mullica Hill, NJ
- Amount: \$94,018.14* (County 100%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide janitorial services for 16
 District Court locations.
 6/1/23 – 5/31/24

19. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc.
Dearborn, MI
Amount: \$49,500** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve increase to Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 contract to expand and develop registered apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- b. With: Farber Specialty Vehicles, Inc.
Reynoldsburg, OH
Amount:
Purpose: Approve extension of COSTARS contract for vehicle purchase.
6/1/23 – 11/30/23

20. Youth Center

- a. With: County of Luzerne
Wilkes Barre, PA
Amount: \$400/day/resident* (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Items 21a, b & c – Nikki Verwoerd, Project Administrator for Housing & Community Development, and Colleen Brink, Director of Marketing & Outreach for Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County, presented information on this latest project to construct three affordable homes using the Community Land Trust Model.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, these Resolutions were approved.

21. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County

Warminster, PA
Amount: \$180,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for HOME funding and a Community Land Trust Model to construct a new single-family home in Croydon.
2/1/23 – 6/30/24

b. With: Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County
Warminster, PA
Amount: \$180,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for HOME funding and a Community Land Trust Model to construct a new single-family home in Croydon.
2/1/23 – 5/31/25

c. With: Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County
Warminster, PA
Amount: \$180,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for HOME funding and a Community Land Trust Model to construct a new single-family home in Croydon.
2/1/23 – 10/31/25

B. Personnel Actions - Commissioners List

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, 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 appointment was approved:

22. Bucks County Housing Development Corporation (3-year term)
Leigh M. Nunno new appointment term ends 10/1/25

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:

23.	Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans	\$1,000
	Magic Charities Foundation	\$1,000
	Neshaminy Pass Program	\$1,800
	Neshaminy School District (field trip program)	\$397.85
	Neshaminy School District (field trip program)	\$277.94

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, thanked the Board of Elections staff, led by

Director Tom Freitag, Assistant Director Kelly Gale, Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey, and Director of Training Randy Miller, and all the departments and volunteers who helped yesterday with Election Day.

Ms. McKevitt welcomed Project and Diversity Officer Bernard Griggs and Laura Lomax, President of Intercultural Works, who spoke about the County's Diversity and Inclusion Program.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held on Monday, May 15th, to discuss personnel matters, collective bargaining negotiations, and pending and prospective litigation.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

Edward Mackouse, Scott Vogin, and Beth Curcio all spoke during the public comment period for general items.

Commissioner Harvie responded to several of the comments, including those regarding audits of the tax collectors, and issues with judges of election.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo thanked the Board of Elections staff and everyone that helped out yesterday and said they did a terrific job. He noted that the mail-in ballots results were reported just after 8:00 pm.

Referencing the culture of kindness, Commissioner Marseglia apologized for some inappropriate public comments that were made earlier.

Commissioner Harvie pointed out the distinction between Memorial Day and Veterans Day, clarifying that Memorial Day is a time to honor those who have served our country and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Commissioner Harvie thanked all those involved with putting this meeting together and echoed the praise for the Board of Elections staff and all those who helped over the past 24 hours to get the votes counted.

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, June 7, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: June 7, 2023
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*