

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

6/7/2023 - 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. Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week

The commissioners proclaimed June 5-9, 2023, as "Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week," as an expression of gratitude and admiration for the important and difficult work performed each day by the professionals at the Bucks County Children & Youth Social Services Agency. Director Marge McKeone was accompanied by staff as she accepted the proclamation and thanked the commissioners for their support. District Attorney Matt Weintraub also offered his words of appreciation for the work done by Children & Youth.

B. Pride Month

The Commissioners proclaimed June 2023 as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month," encouraging all residents to help celebrate friends, family, and neighbors in the LGBTQ+ community and to reaffirm solidarity with the cause of equality for all marginalized people. Bob Szwajkos, Newtown Borough Council member, accepted the proclamation. He was accompanied by Melissa Patterson and Roger Green from New Hope Celebrates, Geri Delevich, former member of New Hope Borough Council, Marlene Pray, Director of Planned Parenthood's Rainbow Room, and Barbara Simmons, Executive Director of The Peace Center.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Commissioner Harvie noted a correction to item 14a on the agenda.

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

The following people commented on agenda items as follows:

- Robert McLain from Milford – items 3a, 7a, 9b, 13a,b,c and 15a
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham – item 7e
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township – items 6a, 7e, 9a, 13a, b, c & 15a
- Laurie Katz from Northampton – items 2a-f, 3b & c, 7c, 8b, 13a, b & c, and 7e
- Beth Curcio from Warminster – items 3a, 6a, 7e, 9a & 12a

Commissioner Harvie responded to many of the questions and comments. Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick and Sheriff Fred Harran both provided clarification on other agenda

items.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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 the May 17, 2023 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

a. With: Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$70,200** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide legal services for seniors.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

2. BH/DP

a. With: Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide funding for administrative support of Recovery House.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

b. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$911,400** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for transportation and administrative services.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

c. With: KenCrest Services
Blue Bell, PA
Amount: \$967,384** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention and intellectual disability services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

d. With: Pathways to Housing PA, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA

Amount: \$70,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services.
1/1/23 – 12/31/25

e. With: PMHCC, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$63,472** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide funding to support the
Southeast Regional Mental Health Office.
7/1/21 – 6/30/23

f. With: The Panto Group, LLC
Catasauqua, PA
Amount: \$163,000** (County 2.4%)
Purpose: Approve Professional Services Agreement to provide
data analysis and project management for the
Doylestown Crisis Assessment and Stabilization Unit.
1/1/23 – 12/31/25

3. Children & Youth

a. With: Christ's Home for Children
Warminster, PA
Amount: \$800,000** (County 13%)
Purpose: Approve contract for group home services, transitional
living services, and a mother/baby program.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

b. With: RTM LLC, d/b/a The Academy Community Based
Services
Norristown, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.

c. With: Youth Service, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.

4. Corrections

- a. With: Honeywell Building Solutions
Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$67,590** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide building controls upgrade.
5/17/23 – 12/31/23

5. Emergency Communications

- a. With: Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$37,306.80* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
continued connectivity between the two 911 centers.
3/21/23 – 3/20/24

6. General Services

- a. With:
Amount:
Purpose: Authorize the County Asset Manager or General
Services Director of Operations, upon the approval of the
Chief Operating Officer, to execute the authority of the
Commissioners under 16 P.S. § 1805 to sell or dispose
of personal property belonging to the county.

- b. With: Carroll Engineering Corporation
Warrington, PA
Amount: \$37,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide geotechnical
investigative engineering services at the Lower Bucks
Government Services Center.

- c. With: Clearwater Construction
Mercer, PA
Amount: \$43,499.66** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide additional work on
Bridge #45 on Stone Bridge Road over Deep Run in
Bedminster Township.

- d. With: PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

Amount: Allentown, PA
\$11,338.37** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to relocate electric utilities for reconstruction of Bucks County Bridge #21 on Rickert Road over Morris Run in Hilltown Township.

e. With: SA 1200 Veterans Hwy LLC f/k/a Cardinal Trading RE LLC d/b/a Bucks County Office Center
Bristol, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve change of ownership for Domestic Relations office lease at the Bucks County Office Center building.

f. With: S.K.D. Tryon's
Croydon, PA
Amount: \$73,887.80** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of 4 emergency upfit packages for Sheriff's Office vehicles.

g. With: SML Automotive Services T/A Tri-County Collision Center
Southampton, PA
Amount: \$60,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide body shop repairs to county vehicles.
6/19/23 – 6/18/25

h. With: Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$3,044.44** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide additional engineering work for Bridge #361 on Sheep Hole Road over Tinicum Creek in Tinicum Township.

7. Housing & Community Development

a. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$184,763.22** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide funding for Street Medicine assistance.
5/1/23 – 12/31/23

- b. With: Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County
Warminster, PA
Amount: \$50,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of funding to support the
continuation of owner-occupied rehabilitation projects.
4/1/23 – 12/31/23
- c. With: Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County
Warminster, PA
Amount: \$164,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding for demolition
of blighted property on site of future HOME funded low-
income housing.
4/1/23 – 3/31/24
- d. With: Nockamixon Township
Upper Black Eddy, PA
Amount: \$10,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for CDBG funding to provide
operational support of the Eastern Upper Bucks Senior
Center.
3/1/23 – 2/29/24
- e. With: The Center for Common Concerns, Inc. d/b/a Homebase
San Francisco, CA
Amount: \$120,434.66** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to assist with strategic plan and
diversity equity and inclusion action plan to
support response to homelessness and the COVID-19
pandemic.
6/1/23 – 12/30/24
- f. With: United Way of Bucks County
Fairless Hills, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to expand the LIFT
Program and include car loan refinancing.
3/1/22 – 2/29/24

- a. With: Bucks County Conservation District
 Doylestown, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve reimbursement of wages and benefits for Bucks
 County employee who performs all duties and functions
 for the Conservation District.
 1/1/23 – 12/31/26
- b. With: Michael J. Paston
 Doylestown, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve employee vacation agreement.

9. Law Department

- a. With: Levin, Papantonio, Rafferty, Proctor, Buchanan, O'Brien,
 Barr & Mougey P.A.,
 Pensacola, FL

 Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, LLP
 Coral Gables, FL

 Cordisco & Saile, LLC
 Doylestown, PA

 Amount: 33% contingent fee on gross recovery + expenses
 Purpose: Authorize County Solicitor to enter into Legal Services
 Agreement to evaluate and litigate potential claims
 related to insulin price-fixing on behalf of the County on a
 contingent basis.
- b. With: Westfield Insurance
 Westfield Center, OH

 Amount: \$61,608.14 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve claim settlement and authorize County Solicitor
 to execute the Release for Property Damage.

10. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Accelerated Care Plus Leasing, Inc.
 Reno, NV

 Amount: \$21,240** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide

therapy equipment and related services for residents.
6/22/23 – 6/21/24

- b. With: American Health Care Services, Inc.
 Bristol, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to purchase liquid nutritional
 supplements.
 9/1/23 – 8/31/24

- c. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Inc.
 Manheim, PA

 Amount: (\$24,699.55)
 Purpose: Approve termination of contract for personal cleansing
 wipes for residents.
 10/1/21 – 5/15/23

- d. With: New Jersey Respiratory, Inc.
 Fairfield, NJ

 Amount: \$14,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide respiratory care
 management services to residents.
 6/14/23 – 6/13/24

- e. With: Staples Contract & Commercial LLC
 Medina, OH

 Amount: \$20,901.89* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase disposable wipes for
 residents.
 6/15/23 – 2/14/24

11. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: KOMPAN, INC
 Austin, TX

 Amount: \$55,363** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase playground equipment for
 Core Creek Park.

12. Sheriff

- a. With: McDonald Uniforms Company, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$95,325** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase uniforms and miscellaneous items.
7/1/23 – 12/31/25

13. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Bucks County Community College
Newtown, PA
Amount: \$200,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide employer training.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- b. With: Integrity Personnel, Inc
Allentown, PA
Amount: \$25,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide employer training.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- c. With: Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce
Quakertown, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide employer training.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

14. Youth Center

- a. With: Honeywell Building Solutions
Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$52,550** (County 50%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide building controls upgrade.
5/17/23 – 12/31/23

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 15a – Each of the commissioners provided information regarding this resolution and the need for additional mental health funding.

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

15. Commissioners

a. With:

Amount:

Purpose: Approve Resolution in support of state efforts to increase funding in the mental health budget to make up for past shortcomings in prior administrations.

B. Budget Adjustments

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

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

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2022 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

June 7, 2023

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #51	Sheriff	117,000
	Sheriff (Revenue)	(3,000)
Adjustment #52	Self Insurance	8,000

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for transfer to Capital Projects

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #53	General Fund	(25,000,000)
	General Fund (Transfers)	25,000,000

Miscellaneous Capital Projects (Transfers)	(25,000,000)
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Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance	122,000
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2023 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

June 7, 2023

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for new programs

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #3	Opioid Remediation Programs	4,000,000
	Opioid Remediation Programs (Revenue)	(4,000,000)

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Capital Budgets per 2022 ACFR

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #4	Open Space Fund	2,133,600
	Open Space Fund (Revenue)	(2,133,600)
Adjustment #5	2015 Loan Fund	(154,700)
	2015 Loan Fund (Revenue)	154,700
Adjustment #6	2020 Loan Fund	481,300
	2020 Loan Fund (Revenue)	(481,300)
Adjustment #7	Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund	(69,300)
	Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund (Revenue)	69,300

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for pass-thru grant

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #8	Pass-Thru Grants	4,000,000
	Pass-Thru Grants (Revenue)	(4,000,000)

Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance	-
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C. Personnel Actions

Commissioner Harvie noted that the salary increases on the Row List for the District Attorney's Office are being funded by grant money.

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

D. Board Appointments

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

18. Bucks County Human Relations Council (3-year term)
Celia Sharp reappointment term ends 6/1/26

E. Other Civics

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the Other Civics contributions were approved.

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| 19. | Animal Lifeline | \$1,000 |
| | Big Brothers/Big Sisters | \$12,000 |
| | Bristol Riverside Theater | \$30,000 |
| | Gather Place Museum | \$500 |
| | Gilda's Club | \$4,000 |
| | GOAL | \$2,000 |

Commissioner Marseglia noted the recent passing of Ed Armstrong, one of the original members of the GOAL program. Commissioner Harvie advised that GOAL stands for "Greenbelt Overhaul Alliance of Levittown" and the group performs clean-ups and maintenance on the streams and waterways in Levittown.

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Parks & Recreation Director Angie Nagle, who spoke about the Tohickon pool and the pressing need for lifeguards and managers to work there this summer. Several incentives are being offered for those who may be interested.

Ms. McKevitt reported on the following:

- The Planning Commission will be hosting the 3rd of five scheduled household hazardous waste events on Saturday, June 24th, at Central Bucks South High School on Folly Road in Warrington.
- Workforce & Economic Development will be continuing their series of WED Talks by hosting marketing experts who will discuss branding and communications for established and emerging businesses. This virtual session will be held on Wednesday, June 14th. Those interested can register at PaCareerLink.com.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday to discuss personnel and real estate matters, as well as pending and prospective litigation.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

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

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

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia quoted John 13:34 to encourage residents to love one another.

Commissioner Harvie wished all fathers and father figures a Happy Father's Day. He thanked all the staff for putting the meeting together and said a few words about the upcoming Juneteenth holiday.

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 21, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: June 21, 2023

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*