

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

6/21/2023 - 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 Sean Hines from Adult Probation and Gary Sibel from the Sheriff's Office for thirty years of employment with the county. Also recognized were the following employees reaching twenty-year anniversaries: Sobeia Aldridge and Stephanie Small from Emergency Services, Kathryn Antoniello from Main Courts, Myrna Cameron and Lyudmila Makhinia from Neshaminy Manor, Andrew Heimark from the Planning Commission, Alketa Laco from the Mail Room, and Jamie Lyn Schaible from Corrections.

B. High School Poet of the Year

The commissioners recognized Rhianna Searle, a senior at the George School, as Bucks County's "2023 High School Poet of the Year" applauding her creative gift of poetry and commending her contribution to the literary tradition of the community. Ms. Searle read her poems "Steady" and "Springtime Sonnet."

C. Ivin's Outreach

Amy Crossen, from Human Services, spoke about the American Rescue Act funding they have been able to offer to several county providers to help with various projects. She introduced Darletta Berry-Johnson, Executive Director for Ivins Outreach Center, who spoke about the many projects they have collaborated on with the Morrisville School District. One of these is the Seed to Fork program with Snipes Farm. Ken Kelman, a teacher at Morrisville High School, presented a video about the program. Two former student participants, Olivia and Jeremy, said a few words about their experiences.

D. Homeownership Month

The commissioners proclaimed June 2023 as "National Homeownership Month," applauding Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County for offering homeownership and various other programs to help people build, improve, or find a home. Florence Kawoczka, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County, accepted the proclamation and thanked the commissioners for their recognition and support.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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

The following people commented on agenda items as follows:

- Beth Curcio from Warminster – Ordinance #171, item 10a, and various items

under #17

- Robert McLain from Milford Township – items 6a – e, 17d and 18a
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham – Ordinance #171 and item 3c
- Liz Youse from Northampton Township – items 1b, 2a, 3a – g, and 15a

Commissioner Harvie responded to the questions and comments. Commissioner Marseglia addressed questions regarding the rainbow-colored items they wore at the last meeting.

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 June 7, 2023 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

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| a. | With: | Bucks County Opportunity Council
Doylestown, PA |
| | Amount: | \$47,000** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract increase and extension to support the SeniorConnect program and amend Appendix B & C, and scope of work.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24 |
| b. | With: | Deirdre Blackburn
Frenchtown, NJ |
| | Amount: | \$48,000** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract increase and extension to provide consultant services for development of a pilot Senior Technology Outreach Program.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24 |
| c. | With: | YWCA Bucks County
Trevose, PA |
| | Amount: | \$45,400** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract increase and extension to support the SeniorConnect program and amend Appendix B & C, and scope of work.
1/1/23 – 6/30/24 |

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Reach Out Foundation of Bucks County
 Pennndel, PA
 Amount: \$33,500** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide social rehabilitation
 drop-in center services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: A Woman’s Place
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.
- b. With: Acollective Consulting, LLC
 Warminster, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.
- c. With: CHOR Youth and Family Services, Inc.
 Reading, PA
 Amount: \$85,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care, group home, and
 residential services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- d. With: Community Service Foundation
 Pipersville, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.
- e. With: Genesis Home Of New Beginnings
 York, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.
- f. With: Haven Adoptions, Inc.
 Ambler, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.

- g. With: The Salvation Army (Children's Services)
 Allentown, PA
 Amount: \$120,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
 7/1/22 - 6/30/24

4. Corrections

- a. With: PrimeCare Medical, Inc.
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$20,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Methadone for opioid use
 disorder to incarcerated patients.
 6/22/23 – 6/21/24

5. Courts

- a. With: Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC)
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$20,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve acceptance of grant award and conditions of
 MOU supporting Bucks County's Mental Health Court
 and Drug Court programs.
 4/1/23 – 3/31/24

6. District Attorney

- a. With:
 Amount: \$2,915.36** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel to attend the International
 Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) Seminar.
 9/10/23 – 9/15/23

- b. With:
 Amount: \$3,359.66** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel to attend the International
 Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) Seminar.
 9/10/23 – 9/15/23

- c. With: \$3,359.66** (County 0%)
 Amount: \$3,359.66** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel to attend the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) Seminar.
 9/10/23 – 9/15/23

- d. With: \$3,359.66** (County 0%)
 Amount: \$3,359.66** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel to attend the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) Seminar.
 9/10/23 – 9/15/23

- e. With: \$2,170.62** (County 0%)
 Amount: \$2,170.62** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel to attend the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) Seminar.
 9/10/23 – 9/15/23

7. Emergency Communications

- a. With: NICE Systems, Inc.
 Hoboken, NJ
 Amount: \$59,369 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide maintenance for the 9-1-1 voice recorder system.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

8. Emergency Health Services

- a. With: Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$286,512.62 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve County Emergency Medical Services Grant.
 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

9. General Services

- a. With: Central Bucks School District
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: cost + 6% administrative fee (revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase fuel for the summer of

2023.

- b. With: Hirschberg Mechanical
 Willow Grove, PA
 Amount: (\$11,304)
 Purpose: Approve decrease and extension of mechanical contract
 for Emergency Services Building addition.
 4/18/23 – 7/21/23

- c. With: Magnum, Inc.
 Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$8,744.06** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of general construction
 contract for Emergency Services Building addition.
 4/18/23 – 7/21/23

- d. With: Palman Electric, Inc.
 Huntingdon Valley, PA
 Amount: \$11,304** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of electrical contract for
 Emergency Services Building addition.
 4/18/23 – 7/21/23

10. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract extension for Emergency Solutions
 Grant (ESG-CV1) funding to provide Rapid Rehousing
 and homelessness prevention assistance.
 1/1/23 – 6/30/23

11. Human Resources

- a. With: Karl H. Gausz
 Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$92,500 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve settlement of Workers' Compensation claim.

12. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Transport, Inc.
Holicong, PA
Amount: \$139,579.32** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide transportation services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

13. Information Technology

- a. With:
Amount: \$3,300 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve payment to attend OnBase training.
- b. With: DVL Group, Inc.
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$73,393** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide maintenance of HVAC systems at the Administration Building and Neshaminy Manor data centers.
7/1/23 – 6/30/26
- c. With: Vertiv Corporation
Columbus, OH
Amount: \$115,760.10 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide maintenance for uninterrupted power supply for data centers.
7/1/23 – 6/30/26

14. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Bucks County Conservation District
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$18,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to manage nuisance and/or invasive aquatic vegetation at county lakes.
6/21/23 – 12/31/23

15. Public Defender

- a. With: Allan M. Tepper, J.D. Psy.D.
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$80,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide forensic and psychological
 services.
 5/1/23 – 5/1/24

16. Purchasing

- a. With: Charm-Tex
 Brooklyn, NY
 Amount: \$2,500* (County 50%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase inmate and residential
 clothing.
 3/16/23 – 2/9/24

17. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Temple University - Of the Commonwealth System of
 Higher Education and its Fox School of Business
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$26,989** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide leadership training and
 coaching for staff.
 6/22/23 – 3/31/24
- b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of
 Workforce Development Administration
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$9,976.13 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 (WIOA) grant funding for technology to implement digital
 intake form system for PA CareerLink® Bucks County.
 3/1/23 – 8/30/23
- c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of
 Workforce Development Administration
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$3,420 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide Workforce
 Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funds for
 the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 program.

7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- d. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of
 Workforce Development Administration
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$666,634.06 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide grant funds for 124 qualifying
 student-residents in reengaging in credential or
 postsecondary degree and/or certificate completion.
 6/1/23 – 6/30/24

- e. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of
 Workforce Development Administration
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$150,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Business & Education Grant
 grant funds to enable four youth programs.
 6/1/23 – 6/30/24

- f. With: Philadelphia Works, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$100,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve increased reimbursement from the Department
 of Labor Employment and Training Administration's
 (ETA) Comprehensive and Accessible Reemployment
 through Equitable Employment Recovery (CAREER)
 Dislocated Worker Grant.
 7/25/22 – 9/12/23

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Evan Stone, Executive Director of the Bucks County Planning Commission, presented a slide-show and provided additional information about the E-Waste Reimbursement Program. Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt and Commissioner Harvie both provided additional clarification.

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

18. Planning Commission

- a. With:
Amount: \$4,000**/municipality (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve pilot program to reimburse municipalities who host an approved recycling collection event or ongoing electronic recycling disposal program.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

B. Ordinance #171 (roll call)

19. Approve Ordinance #171, of the County of Bucks, Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 166 of 2022 to regulate the operation of massage therapy establishments and promote fair labor practices.

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick presented Ordinance #171.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, and by roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Marseglia – aye, Commissioner Harvie – aye, and Commissioner DiGirolamo – aye, this ordinance was approved with a vote of 3-0:

C. Budget Adjustments

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, this Budget Adjustment was adopted.

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2023 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

June 21, 2023

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional grant funds

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #9	Workforce & Economic Development	433,400
	Workforce & Economic Development (Revenue)	(433,400)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

D. 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.

E. Board Appointments

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia,

with the vote being 3-0, the following appointments were approved:

21.	Solid Waste Advisory Committee (2-year term)		
	Angela P. Benner	reappointment	term ends 6/3/25
	J. David Cutchineal	reappointment	term ends 6/3/25
	Michael Dougherty	reappointment	term ends 6/3/25
	Randee J. Elton	reappointment	term ends 6/3/25
	Robert C. Jones	reappointment	term ends 6/3/25
	Jay McLaughlin	reappointment	term ends 6/3/25
	Deanna Miller	reappointment	term ends 6/3/25
	Peter F. Palestina	reappointment	term ends 6/3/25
	Charles Raudenbush, Jr.	reappointment	term ends 6/3/25
	Gretchen Schatschneider	reappointment	term ends 6/3/25
	Evan Stone	reappointment	term ends 6/3/25

F. Other Civics

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

22.	Foundations Community Partnership	\$1,000
	Ivins House Resource & Referral Center	\$2,500
	Neshaminy School District (field trip program)	\$404.08

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. McKevitt reported on the following:

- A household hazardous waste collection event will be held this Saturday, June 24th, at Central Bucks High School South on Folly Road in Warrington.
- Parks & Recreation Director Angie Nagle will be here next month to share information for Parks & Recreation Month.
- The Diversity & Inclusion Council is working on the next phase of the county's Diversity & Inclusion Program.
- Capital projects currently in the works: the Mental Health Services Center, the Lower Bucks Government Services Center, and the Whole Home Repair Program.
- The Grange Fair will be in August.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday to discuss personnel matters and pending and prospective litigation.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

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

- Beth Curcio
- Robert McLain
- Edward Mackouse

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo commented on the rebuilding of the collapsed I95 bridge in Philadelphia, giving a shout out to the building trades.

Also regarding the I95 bridge, Commissioner Marseglia said she appreciates everyone's patience, noting that Bucks County residents are especially impacted by the collapse. She also expressed appreciation for the building trades as well as Governor Shapiro.

Commissioner Harvie commended the leadership of those involved in getting the bridge opened.

Commissioner Harvie recapped some of the contracts approved at the meeting today, thanking staff for the work they do.

Commissioner Harvie wished everyone a very happy 4th of July and said to be smart and safe with fireworks.

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, July 5, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*