

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

7/19/2023 - 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 welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a moment of silence following the Pledge of Allegiance for the victims of the recent flooding this past weekend.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition

The commissioners recognized Margaret Walker from the District Courts for twenty years of employment with the county.

B. Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week

The commissioners proclaimed July 16 – 22, 2023 as "Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week," as a time to honor and celebrate the dedicated individuals in the community who work tirelessly to make neighborhoods safer. Mike Harrison, Deputy Chief Probation–Parole Officer, accepted the proclamation on behalf of his department.

C. Parks & Recreation Month

The commissioners proclaimed July 2023 as "Parks and Recreation Month" throughout the County of Bucks, and in so doing, extended their appreciation to the County Parks and Recreation staff who work year-round to keep the parks beautiful and fun. Angie Nagle, Director of Parks and Recreation, accepted the proclamation and presented information on the nationwide celebration of Parks and Recreation Month. She thanked all those agencies, volunteers, and departments that support the parks. Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt congratulated Ms. Nagle on her recent appointment to the Board of the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Commissioner Harvie reminded everyone to restrict their comments to items agenda items that will be voted on.

The following people commented on agenda items as follows:

- Scott Vogin from Warrington – items 1b & 3a
- Lisa von Deylen from Bristol Township – item 11l
- Robert McLain from Milford Township – items 7a, 8a, 10a & 18a
- Liz Youse from Northampton Township – items 3a, 5a, 8a & 10b
- Laurie Katz from Northampton – items 3a & 11b
- Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead – items 3a, 8a, 10a & b, 11b and draft minutes

Commissioner Harvie responded to many of the questions and comments. Ms. McKevitt, Commissioner Marseglia, Chief Financial Officer David Boscola, Health Department Director Dr. David Damsker, and Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Operating Officer Gail Humphrey each 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 July 5, 2023 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

a. With: Bensalem Senior Citizens Association
Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$40,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for senior center services, and amendment to Appendix E.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

b. With: Patsy H. Long
Warrington, PA
Amount: \$99,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide services as Contracted Ombudsman.
7/1/23 – 6/30/26

2. BH/DP

a. With: Resources for Human Development, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to revise Exhibit A.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

b. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$42,720 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant to provide rental assistance.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

3. Board of Elections

- a. With: Clear Ballot Group Inc.
Boston, MA
Amount: \$34,850 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide ballot set-up, election day,
and post-election support.
8/1/23 – 11/30/23

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$3,000** (County 15%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide supplies for
Housing Locator.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- b. With: Neighborhood First Program, Inc.
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$10,000** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Summer Truancy Reduction
and Curfew for Kids (TRACK) program.
6/1/23 – 9/30/23
- c. With: YWCA of Bucks County
Trevose, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to reallocate funding
between the Family Finding and Employment Services
programs.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

5. Commissioners

- a. With: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Philadelphia, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve extension of Memorandum of Understanding to
issue a Request for Proposal to retain and fund an
energy services consultant to explore strategies for long-
term electricity and renewable energy purchasing.
7/1/23 – 6/30/25

6. Corrections

- a. With: PrimeCare Medical, Inc.
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$213,331** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide and administer Vivitrol as part of the Medication Assisted Treatment Program.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

7. District Attorney

- a. With:
Amount: \$3,288.08** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel to attend the Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas Texas.
8/5/23 – 8/10/23
- b. With: Higher Information Group LLC
Harrisburg, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension to complete backfile conversion project.
9/1/23 – 8/31/24
- c. With: The Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA)
Mechanicsburg, PA
Amount: \$701,410 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant award for auto theft investigations.
7/1/23 – 6/30/25
- d. With: The Pennsylvania Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority
Mechanicsburg, PA
Amount: \$587,463 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant application and award to support the prosecution and investigation of medical provider and prescription fraud, disability and healthcare insurance fraud, life and annuity consumer protection and automobile insurance fraud.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

8. Finance

- a. With: MAXIMUS Consulting Services, Inc.
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$45,900 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide central services cost
 allocation plan.
 7/1/23 – 3/31/26

- b. With: Wright National Flood Insurance Company
 St. Petersburg, FL
 Amount: \$25,612 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve annual Flood Insurance Policy for Stover-Myers
 Mill and Stover House.
 8/17/23 – 8/17/24

9. General Services

- a. With: Blejwas Associates
 Branchburg, NJ
 Amount: \$28,950** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve replacement of walk-in freezer at the
 warehouse.

- b. With: Carroll Engineering Corp.
 Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$82,500** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for bridge
 consultant services.
 6/1/23 – 8/31/23

- c. With: Doylestown Electric Supply
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$30,000 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide repair and maintenance
 supplies for county buildings and properties.
 1/1/23 – 12/31/23

- d. With: Doylestown Fire Company
 Doylestown, PA

Amount: \$1/year (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve lease to install siren on top of the Administration Building.
7/1/23 – 6/30/43

10. Health Department

- a. With:
Amount:
Purpose: Approve amendment to the “Bucks County Department of Health Rules and Regulations Governing the General Sanitation Requirements for Public, Private, and Bona Fide Religious, Charitable, Vocational, or any Other Institutions K-12.”
- b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Family Health
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$783,300 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant award for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program.
7/1/23 – 6/30/26
- c. With: Scantek, Inc.
Willow Grove, PA
Amount: \$45,259.18** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for document, microfilm, and microfiche conversion.
7/20/23 – 12/14/23

11. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Advocates for Homeless and Those in Need, Inc.
Fairless Hills, PA
Amount: \$8,060** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2023 CDBG funding to support the implementation of code blue shelter.
8/1/23 – 3/31/24
- b. With: Benevate, Inc. d/b/a Neighborly Software
Atlanta, GA
Amount: \$55,000** (County 0%)

- Purpose: Approve contract to provide software services for grants management. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
7/19/23 – 7/18/24
- c. With: Bristol Borough
Amount: \$420,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2023 CDBG funding to install ADA compliant curb ramps.
8/1/23 – 3/31/24
- d. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$84,333** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2023 CDBG funding to provide operational support for the Bucks County Housing Link.
7/1/23 – 3/31/24
- e. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$3,311** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for 2022 CDBG funding for Shelter Improvements project.
9/1/22 – 8/31/23
- f. With: Indian Creek Foundation
Souderton, PA
Amount: \$45,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2023 CDBG funding for exterior accessibility improvements of group home.
8/1/23 – 3/31/24
- g. With: Libertae, Inc.
Bensalem, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve release of HOME funded county mortgage for property located at 958 Flushing Road in Bensalem.
- h. With: Middletown Township
Amount: \$220,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2023 CDBG funding for ADA

compliant curb ramp improvements.

9/1/23 – 3/31/24

- i. With: Penndel Borough
 Amount: \$220,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for 2023 CDBG funding for ADA
 compliant curb renovations.
 8/1/23 – 3/31/24

- j. With: Penndel Mental Health Center, Inc.
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$50,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for 2023 CDBG funding to support
 interior renovations of a group home.
 8/1/23 – 3/31/24

- k. With: Penndel Mental Health Center, Inc.
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$65,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for 2023 CDBG funding to support ADA
 compliant replacement of deck at a group home.
 8/1/23 – 3/31/24

- l. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$103,023 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve grant agreement for Homeless Management
 Information System (HMIS)
 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

12. Human Resources

- a. With:
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve amendment to the Human Resources handbook
 for Non-Union Employees to increase the on-call weekly
 stipend for exempt employees in Children & Youth
 Services.

13. Information Technology

- a. With: CoreBTS Inc.
 Exton, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve contract extension to purchase network
 equipment for Justice Center network refresh project.
 7/20/23 – 10/19/23
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- b. With: TouchPhrase Development, LLC d/b/a Julota
 Colorado Springs, CO
- Amount: \$89,476** (County 3.9%)
- Purpose: Approve increase, extension, and amendment of contract
 to purchase software for the data sharing and co-
 responder database.
 6/14/23 – 6/13/24

14. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC
 Pittsburgh, PA
- Amount: \$160,000** (County 36%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide long-term drug &
 alcohol treatment services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
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- b. With: Diversion First LLC
 Quakertown, PA
- Amount: \$63,037.44** (County 50%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to act as liaison between Juvenile
 Court and Youth Aid Panels.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25
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- c. With: White Deer Run, LLC d/b/a Cove Prep
 Pittsburgh, PA
- Amount: \$175,000** (County 40%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide a secure facility to treat
 adjudicated adolescent males.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

15. Neshaminy Manor

- b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$6,479.86 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve increase to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grant funds for dislocated worker programs.
10/1/22 – 6/30/24

19. Youth Center

- a. With: County of Monroe
Amount: \$400/day/resident (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

20. Commissioners

- a. With:
Amount:
Purpose: Approve resolution ratifying, confirming, and restating Declaration of Disaster Emergency of July 17, 2023, relative to severe flooding from a heavy rainstorm occurring on July 15, 2023.

Item 20a - Commissioner Harvie spoke about the flash flood this past weekend and explained that the Ratification of the Disaster Declaration will allow them to pursue state funding.

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

21. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Natural Lands
Media, PA
Amount: \$7,500 (Revenue)

Purpose: Approve grant to mitigate invasive species on Lake Towhee.
6/1/23 – 3/31/24

Item 21a – Ms. Nagle introduced Karen Ogden from the Bucks County Conservation District, who shared information about the ongoing project to mitigate invasive species at Lake Towhee. Ms. Ogden responded to Sheriff Harran's question regarding funding.

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

B. Personnel Actions - Commissioners List

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

C. Board Appointments

22. Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (5-year term)
John Cordisco New appointment Term ends 7/17/28

Commissioner DiGirolamo said that the person being replaced at the Redevelopment Authority is Ray Chapman and has done an outstanding job over the years. He made a motion to reappoint Mr. Chapman for a term of 5 years. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 2-1, this appointment was approved.

23. Juvenile Detention Center Board of Managers (3-year term)
The Honorable Jeffrey L. Finley New appointment Term ends 7/1/26
Steven M. Jones Reappointment Term ends 7/1/26

Commissioner Harvie explained that the appointments for the Juvenile Detention Board are made at the recommendation of President Judge Bateman.

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

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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| 24. | Bucks County Audubon Society | \$2,500 |
| | Foundations at the Manor | \$3,000 |
| | Garden of Reflection | \$2,000 |
| | Potential, Inc. | \$3,000 |

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. McKevitt reported that a household hazardous waste event will be held on Saturday, August 12th, at the Bucks County Technical School at 610 Wistar Road in Fairless Hills.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

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

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

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

- Scott Vogin
- Rochelle Porto from Bensalem Township
- Lisa von Deylen
- Robert McLain
- Liz Youse
- Laurie Katz
- Vonna DeArmond

Commissioner Harvie responded to several of the comments, including those regarding Senate Bill 831, judges of elections & Board of Elections, and the voter rolls.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about the emergency declaration and the tragedy of the seven lives lost in the recent flash flood. He asked that everyone keep the families of the victims in their prayers, and he thanked the first responders for the phenomenal job they did.

Commissioner Marseglia commented on the negativity expressed during the meeting and said people should instead be focusing on the seven lives lost.

Regarding the recent mass casualty event, Commissioner Harvie shared some information about the search and recovery efforts. He listed the multitude of police departments, fire & rescue agencies, EMS, and specialty operations teams that have responded to assist.

Commissioner Harvie recapped some of the contracts approved at the meeting today and thanked all those involved with putting the meeting together.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the Korean War and said that next week, July 27th, will mark the 70th anniversary of the end of the war.

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, August 2, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: August 2, 2023
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*