

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

8/2/2023 - 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. Co-Responders

Human Services Director Rachel Neff presented information on the Co-Responder program, thanking Commissioner Marseglia for her vision. She thanked all the commissioners, the District Attorney, the Sheriff, and all those involved for their support. Ms. Neff explained that the co-responders are imbedded with certain police departments so they can respond quickly to help connect people with services needed. She introduced Bill McVey, Director of Public Safety for Bensalem Township, and Falls Township Police Chief Nelson Whitney who both spoke about the success of this program. Ivone Kovalsky, Community Engagement Officer with Human Services, shared additional information. Co-responder Walter Bynum said a few words about his experience in the program. Commissioner Marseglia thanked all the police chiefs, co-responders, and everyone involved with the program. Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about the human and financial side of the program. Commissioner Harvie also said a few words about the program, and he thanked all those who have contributed to its success.

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:

- Scott Vogin from Warrington – the Board of Elections and items 2f, 2g & 2h
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham – items 4a and 12a-e
- Robert McLain from Milford Township – co-responders, 2h, 9c & 9f
- Keun Lee from Chalfont – item 3a
- Beth Curcio from Warminster – items 4a, 9a-d
- Liz Youse from Northampton Township – items 2a, 2b – d, 3a & 7c
- Laurie Katz from Northampton – items 3a, 2g & h, 5a and 11a
- Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead – items 1b & c, 12d & e, 15a, and other civics,

Commissioner Harvie, Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Operating Officer Gail Humphrey, Chief Information Officer John Regula, General Services Director of Operations George Hutt, Director of Housing & Community Development Jeff Fields, Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt, Chief Public Defender Ann Russavage-

Faust, and Commissioner Marseglia each provided additional clarification on the various questions raised.

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 July 19, 2023 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Bristol Township Senior Citizens Inc.
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$52,920.00** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for the SeniorConnect program.
7/1/20 – 6/30/24
- b. With: Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC
Philadelphia, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide cable TV services to seniors.
1/1/2024 – 6/30/24
- c. With: Megan M. Moore, Psy.D
d/b/a Moore Psychological Services LLC
Media, PA
Amount: \$20,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide psychological consulting services.
1/1/23 – 6/30/24

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Be Well Transitional Living, LLC.
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$522,317** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to operate Transition House.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- b. With: Carelink Community Support Services

Media, PA
Amount: \$53,276** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide maximum supervision residential rehabilitation services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

c. With: Co-mans, Inc.
Penn del, PA
Amount: \$88,493** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide supported living, supported housing, and community residential services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

d. With: Horizon House, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$80,524** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide supported living services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

e. With: Kutest Kids Early Intervention
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$27,680** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide early intervention therapy services for children up to age three.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

f. With: Penn Foundation Inc. d/b/a St. Luke's Penn Foundation
Sellersville, PA
Amount: \$94,292** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and reallocation of funding to provide mental health, intellectual disability, and early intervention services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

g. With: Reach Out Foundation of Bucks County
Penn del, PA
Amount: \$274,022** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide social rehabilitation drop-in center services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- h. With: Reach Out Foundation of Bucks County
 Penn del, PA
 Amount: \$298,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to
 provide a day shelter for adults.
 7/1/23 – 12/31/24

3. Board of Elections

- a. With: William Penn Printing Co. Pittsburgh, PA
 Amount: \$29,065.92* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for election official supply boxes.
 8/9/23 – 8/8/24

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.
 Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$90,000** (County 15%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide Bridge Housing and
 HOME Family Stabilization program.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

5. Corrections

- a. With: Global Tel*Link Corporation d/b/a ViaPath Technologies
 Falls Church, VA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide inmate
 telecommunication services.
 7/16/23 – 7/15/26

6. Finance

- a. With: PMA Management Corporation
 Blue Bell, PA
 Amount: \$88,535* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide administrative services for
 workers compensation, general and auto liability claims.
 2/1/23 - 1/31/24

7. General Services

- a. With: George Leck and Son, Inc.
d/b/a Leck Waste Service, Inc.
Ivyland, PA
Amount: \$5,815* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment for dumpster and trash hauling at additional location.
6/1/23 – 5/31/26
- b. With: PQ Energy Service, Inc.
Easton, PA
Amount: \$17,850** County (100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for HVAC repairs at Justice Center.
6/15/22 - 6/14/25
- c. With: Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$39,630** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide engineering services for the replacement of Bridge #87 on Clay Ridge Road over Rapp Creek in Tinicum Township.
2/5/20 - Completion

8. Hazardous Materials

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$31,470 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Radiological Emergency Response Fund (Act 147) grant.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

9. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Housing Group
Warminster, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide counseling services for First Time Home Buyer Program.

7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- b. With: Bucks County Housing Group
 Warminster, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25
- c. With: Bucks County Housing Group
 Warminster, PA
Amount: \$405,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for acquisition and repair of multifamily rental housing property located at 800 Durham Rd, Langhorne, PA.
 3/1/23 – 9/30/24
- d. With: Bucks County Housing Group
 Warminster, PA
Amount: \$543,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve CDBG contract for acquisition of multifamily rental housing property located at 800 Durham Rd, Langhorne, PA.
 3/1/23 – 2/29/24
- e. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25
- f. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$206,755.67** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Housing Location assistance.
 7/1/23-12/30/24
- g. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

Amount: Harrisburg, PA
\$226,578 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve application and acceptance of 2023 Emergency
Solutions Grant to fund Rapid Rehousing and Housing
Locator activities.
10/1/23 – 4/1/25

10. Human Resources

a. With: Eric B. Pearson, Esq.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$25,213.86 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve settlement of workers compensation claim.

b. With: Karl H. Gausz
Bensalem, PA
Amount: (\$25,213.86)
Purpose: Approve adjustment to settlement of workers
compensation claim.

11. Information Technology

a. With: Century Link d/b/a Lumen Technologies
Broomfield, CO
Amount: \$406,350.96* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract extension and increase to provide
internet and virtual private network (VPN) services.
8/1/23 – 7/31/24

12. Juvenile Probation

a. With: Alternative Living Solutions
Latrobe, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide supervised independent and
transitional living programs.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

b. With: Community Specialists Corporation d/b/a/ The Academy
Pittsburgh, PA
Amount: \$200,000** (County 40%)

Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide residential care for adolescent females.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

c. With: John C. D'Alessandro, Ph.D.
Warrington, PA
Amount: \$85,000** (County 50%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide court ordered psychological evaluations and screenings.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

d. With: Lenape Valley Foundation
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$2,500** (County 50%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consultations and coaching/support services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

e. With: RTM LLC, d/b/a The Academy Community-Based Services
Norristown, PA
Amount: \$1,250,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide community-based services for juveniles.
7/1/23 – 6/30/25

13. Neshaminy Manor

a. With: Hill-Rom Company, Inc.
Batesville, IN
Amount: \$28,028.28** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of six mobile patient lifts.

14. Parks & Recreation

a. With: Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$59,400 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve authorization for Executive Director of Parks and Recreation to electronically sign Keystone Historic Preservation Grant and accept award amount of \$59,400 to be used for repairs at the Stover Myers Mill.

9/1/23 – 9/1/25

15. Public Defender

- a. With: Lenape Valley Foundation
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$80,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide mitigation specialist services.
5/15/23 – 5/15/24

16. Purchasing

- a. With: American Health Care Services
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$10,822.18* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for medical and surgical supplies for
Neshaminy Manor.
8/16/23 – 8/15/25
- b. With: Barupon, LLC
Irvine, CA
Amount: \$3,377* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for medical and surgical supplies for
Neshaminy Manor.
8/16/23 – 8/15/25
- c. With: Blue Tactical, LLC
Westfield, MA
Amount: \$8,603.36* (County 5%)
Purpose: Approve contract for medical and surgical supplies for
Neshaminy Manor and the Health Department.
8/16/23 – 8/15/25
- d. With: Delcrest Medical Services
Ivyland, PA
Amount: \$4,604.60* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for medical and surgical supplies for
Neshaminy Manor.
8/16/23 – 8/15/25

- e. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Inc.
 Manheim, PA
Amount: \$106,365.43* (County 10.2%)
Purpose: Approve contract for medical and surgical supplies for
 Neshaminy Manor and the Health Department.
 8/16/23 – 8/15/25
- f. With: MD Direct Supply
 Berkely Heights, NJ
Amount: \$12,385.28* (County 12.5%)
Purpose: Approve contract for medical and surgical supplies for
 Neshaminy Manor and the Health Department.
 8/16/23 – 8/15/25
- g. With: Medline Industries, LP
 Northfield, IL
Amount: \$10,148.37* (County 7.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract for medical and surgical supplies for
 Neshaminy Manor and the Health Department.
 8/16/23 – 8/15/25
- h. With: Mercedes Medical, LLC d/b/a Mercedes Scientific
 Bradenton, FL
Amount: \$322.50* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for medical and surgical supplies for
 the Health Department.
 8/16/23 – 8/15/25
- i. With: WB Mason
 Allentown, PA
Amount: \$68,000* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension of the county's
 portion of the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative
 Purchasing Board's bid for copy paper.
 10/1/23 – 9/30/24

17. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
 Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
 Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$250,920 (Revenue)

Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funds for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$3,674.52 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funds for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

c. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc.
Dearborn, MI
Amount: \$50,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve increase to Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 contract for programs, activities, and job training for underemployed and unemployed individuals.
7/1/21 – 6/30/23

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Personnel Actions

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

B. Board Appointments

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

18. Bucks County Emergency Health Advisory Council (3-year term)
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| James Glessner | new appointment | term ends 2/1/25 |
| | paramedic/health professional | |
| Scott C. Henley | new appointment | term ends 2/1/25 |
| | at large member | |

C. Other Civics

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia,

with the vote being 3-0, the following Other Civics contributions were approved:

19.	Bridge Animal Clinic	\$4,000
	No Longer Bound	\$2,000
	Peace Valley Holistic Center	\$3,000
	Pennridge Music Association	\$250

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKeivitt, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Matt Allen, Director of Veterans Affairs, who provided an update on the PACT Act. Commissioner DiGirolamo thanked Mr. Allen for the recent ceremony honoring Korean War veterans.

Diane Rosati, Executive Director, Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, shared information about International Overdose Awareness Day and increased access to Narcan. She responded to Commissioner DiGirolamo's questions regarding St. Luke's Penn Foundation.

Ms. McKeivitt 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, August 1st, 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:

- Scott Vagin
- Edward Mackouse
- Robert McLain
- Keun Lee
- Liz Youse
- Beth Curcio
- Liz Youse
- Laurie Katz
- Vonna DeArmond

Commissioner Harvie responded to several of the comments, including those regarding the school resource officer and various items related to the Board of Elections.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia responded to earlier comments regarding the Amish and the COVID vaccine.

Commissioner Harvie shared his thoughts about the need for more mental health services, highlighting the Co-Responder Program and the Forensic Diversion, Treatment and Rehabilitation Center.

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 16, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: August 16, 2023
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*