

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

9/20/2023 - 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 Emryss C. Stevens from Neshaminy Manor for forty years of service to the county. Also recognized were the following employees reaching twenty-year anniversaries: Jeanette M. Anderson from the Health Department; Andrew T. Davis from the Sheriff's Office; and Trevor M. Galle and Robyn Sue Jones, from the Department of Corrections. Also recognized for twenty years but not present were Betina Exilus from Neshaminy Manor and Richard A. Munger from the District Attorney's Office.

B. Senior Center Month

The Commissioners proclaimed September 2023 as "National Senior Center Month," commending the staff and volunteers whose work supports older residents in the county senior centers. Wanda Ritter, from the Area Agency on Aging, accepted the proclamation and presented information on Bucks County's thirteen non-profit senior centers.

C. Marge McKeone Retirement

The Commissioners proclaimed October 6, 2023, as "Marge McKeone Day," recognizing the Director of Children and Youth as she prepares to retire after thirty-four years and thanking her for her dedicated service to the children and families of Bucks County. Ms. McKeone was joined by multitudes of employees from Children and Youth as she accepted the proclamation.

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 1b
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township – items 4a & 17c
- Robert McLain from Milford Township – items 6a & 8f
- Beth Curcio from Warminster – items 2a, 3b, 9a, 10a & other civics
- Jamie Walker from New Britain – item 16a

Commissioner Harvie responded to many of the questions and comments. Thomas

Grant, CFO from Woods Services, spoke about item 4a. Director of Human Services Rachael Neff and Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt 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 September 6, 2023 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. BH/DP

a. With: Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks
Quakertown, PA
Amount: \$15,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide shelter and support to homeless population.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

b. With: Woods Services, Inc.
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$1,788,137** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide mental health and intellectual disability services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

2. Board of Elections

a. With: DMT Solution Global Corporation d/b/a/ BlueCrest
Danbury, CT
Amount: \$45,302* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide on-call support.
9/21/23 – 9/20/24

3. Children & Youth

a. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$50,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to support shelter operations.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- b. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$13,000** (County 5%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide the Parents as
 Teachers program.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- c. With: Maternity Care Coalition
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$17,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide prenatal/parenting
 skills class for new and expectant adolescent parents.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- d. With: University of Pittsburgh
 Pittsburgh, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract between Jocelyn Tumolo and the
 University of Pittsburgh for Child Welfare Education
 program.
 6/14/23 – Graduation

4. Commissioners

- a. With: Borough of Langhorne Manor Higher Education and
 Health Authority
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve Resolution, in accordance with Section 147(f) of
 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for the
 issuance of a bond to finance a project for Woods
 Services, Inc., Woods Resources, Inc., and Woods
 Services Foundation.
- b. With: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks
 Bristol, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve signature authority for the Chief Financial
 Officer to electronically sign and submit grant application
 and, if approved, accept grant award to support
 operations at the Lower Bucks Public Safety Training

Center, Emergency Management, Adult Probation, and
Police Departments.

1/1/24 – 12/31/24

5. Coroner

- a. With: CM3 Building Solutions, Inc.
Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$50,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for maintenance and repair to
HVAC system at Coroner forensic facility.
(Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

6. Corrections

- a. With: Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension for reimbursement to Inmate
Welfare Fund for drug and alcohol intervention service
expenses.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

7. Finance

- a. With: Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Grant
Program for Public Library Facilities
Harrisburg, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve designation of the Quakertown Branch of the
Bucks County Free Library to serve undisturbed as a
public library for 50 years, or the useful life of the project,
whichever is shorter.
- b. With: Wright National Flood Insurance Company
St. Petersburg, FL
Amount: \$2,288 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve annual Flood Insurance Policy for the Oxford
Valley Club House.
9/15/23 – 9/15/24

8. General Services

- a. With: C&C Ford Sales Inc. d/b/a Chapman Chrysler Jeep
 Dodge
 Horsham, PA
 Amount: \$47,456.60 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of vehicle for county detectives.
- b. With: C&C Ford Sales Inc. d/b/a Chapman Chrysler Jeep
 Dodge
 Horsham, PA
 Amount: \$41,335 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of vehicle for District Attorney's office.
- c. With: C&C Ford Sales Inc. d/b/a Chapman Chrysler Jeep
 Dodge
 Horsham, PA
 Amount: \$41,745 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of vehicle for District Attorney's office.
- d. With: C&C Ford Sales Inc. d/b/a Chapman Chrysler Jeep
 Dodge
 Horsham, PA
 Amount: \$41,335 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of vehicle for District Attorney's office.
- e. With: C&C Ford Sales Inc. d/b/a Chapman Chrysler Jeep
 Dodge
 Horsham, PA
 Amount: \$169,664 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of four vehicles for the Sheriff's
 Department.
- f. With: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth
 Financing Authority
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$1,000,000 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve acceptance of grant award and assignment of
 signature authority to COO and Director of Operations for
 demo and abatement of the former nursing home.
 3/16/23 – 6/30/26

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| g. | With: | Des Carr
Doylestown, PA |
| | Amount: | \$46,000** (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide maintenance and repairs to garage doors at Justice Center. |
| h. | With: | Fioravanti, Inc.
Southampton, PA |
| | Amount: | \$25,000 (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide site plans for upgrade of data distribution system at 1265 Almshouse Road. |
| i. | With: | GEM Mechanical Services, Inc.
Aston, PA |
| | Amount: | \$15,032.30** (County 49.2%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract increase for replacement of booster pumps at Administration Building and Neshaminy Manor.
8/23/23 – 1/20/24 |
| j. | With: | Honeywell International
Morris Plains, NJ |
| | Amount: | \$880,698** (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide security system for Diversion Assessment Restoration and Treatment Center (DART). |
| k. | With: | Pemberton Fabricators Inc.
Philadelphia, PA |
| | Amount: | \$19,850** (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract increase for additional equipment for hybrid calibration upfit package for Consumer Protections/Weights & Measures' new Ford F-550 truck. |
| l. | With: | STV Incorporated
Philadelphia, PA |
| | Amount: | \$159,457.80** (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract increase and amendment to change funding source for engineering services for the replacement of Bridge #30 on Clay Ridge Road over Beaver Creek in Tinicum Township. |

9. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Philadelphia, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve submission of the 2023 Consolidated Annual
Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for 2022
Program Year.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

10. Human Services

- a. With: Worthwhile Wear
Silverdale, PA
Amount: \$12,500** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide long term aftercare, housing,
and employment services for women.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

11. Information Technology

- a. With: iXsystems
San Jose, CA
Amount: \$79,679.09** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase data storage.
- b. With: Kronos Incorporated
Lowell, MA
Amount: \$92,736* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide application support for the
Workforce Central Module.
9/25/23 – 9/24/24
- c. With: Kronos Incorporated
Lowell, MA
Amount: \$43,898.82* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide application support for the
Telestaff Module for Corrections.
9/26/23 – 9/25/24
- d. With: MCI Communications d/b/a Verizon Business Services

Amount: Harrisburg, PA
\$2,852* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide telephone connections for
fire alarms, parking gates, and other equipment.
1/1/23 – 2/28/27

e. With: MCI Communications d/b/a Verizon Business Services
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$1,356.33* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide telephone connections for
fire alarms, parking gates, and other equipment.
1/1/23 – 2/28/27

12. Juvenile Probation

a. With: CHOR Youth and Family Services Inc. d/b/a Affinity
Forensic Services LLC
Reading, PA
Amount: \$22,614** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide highly specialized
foster care for at-risk children.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

b. With: CHOR Youth and Family Services Inc. d/b/a Affinity
Forensic Services LLC
Reading, PA
Amount: \$85,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide highly specialized foster care
for at-risk children.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

c. With: Summit School, Inc. d/b/a Summit Academy
Herman, PA
Amount: \$150,000** (County 40%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential care for
adolescent males.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

13. Neshaminy Manor

a. With: Romed, Inc. d/b/a Romed Ambulance
Philadelphia, PA

Amount: \$90,000* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide wheelchair and basic life support transportation for residents.
9/1/23 – 8/31/24

14. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: KOMPAN, INC
Austin, TX
Amount: \$64,833.50** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase playground equipment for Yellowood Playground.
- b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
Harrisburg, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve submission of grant application for program to fund the Stover Myers Mill Restoration Project, and signature authority for COO and Executive Director of Parks and Recreation to execute and authorize grant documents.

15. Purchasing

- a. With: J.P. Pest Services, Inc.
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$8,040* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide pest control services for 21 locations.
11/1/23 – 10/31/24
- b. With: ODP Business Solutions, LLC
Boca Raton, FL
Amount: \$112,000*/yr (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase office supplies for all departments.
10/1/23 – 9/30/26
- c. With: Universal Pest Services, Inc.
Wynnewood, PA

Amount: \$14,460* (County 55%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide pest control services for 10 locations.
11/1/23 – 10/31/24

16. Sheriff

a. With: Central Bucks School District
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$102,932.28/yr + fees & costs (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Deputy Sheriff as School Resource Officer at Central Bucks High School West for 2023/24 & 2024/25 school years.

17. Workforce & Economic Development

a. With: Bucks County Community College,
Newtown, PA
Amount: \$187,038.99** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide In School Youth services for TANF-eligible high school students through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant.
7/1/23 – 6/30/25

b. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc.
Dearborn, MI
Amount: \$1,967,735** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 contract for programs, activities, and job training for underemployed and unemployed individuals.
7/1/23 – 6/30/25

c. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc.
Dearborn, MI
Amount: \$1,238,655.82** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide counseling, college reimbursements, data tracking & other support to colleges and students.
6/1/23 – 6/30/24

d. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development Administration

Amount: Harrisburg, PA
 \$208,641.57 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide job search and training for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible PA CareerLink® Bucks County clients, giving priority to low-income individuals, basic skills deficient individuals, and veterans.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. 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.

18. 2023 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS Agenda Description September 20, 2023

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #12	Sheriff	169,700
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		169,700

B. Personnel Actions

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. Other Civics

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

19.	Alpha Bravo Canine	\$1,000
	Bucks County 4H	\$1,200

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. McKeivitt reported on the following:

- Thanks to Human Services and General Services for all their work on the Love is the Answer event held this past Sunday.
- A Veterans' Benefits Expo is planned for Friday, October 6th from 12:30 to 4:00 at Parx Casino, East Racetrack Building.
- The final Household Hazardous Waste collection for the year will be held on Saturday, October 29th from 8:30 to 2:00 at Strayer Middle School in Quakertown

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held the day before the public meeting to discuss personnel matters, pending and prospective litigation, and labor union negotiations.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

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

- Stephen Sinclair from Perkasio
- Art Lawson from Doylestown
- Edward Mackouse
- Andy Warren
- Bill Everett from Middletown Township
- Robert McLain
- Beth Curcio
- Joe Frederick from Doylestown Borough
- Jamie Walker

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Referencing some of the comments made, Commissioner Harvie emphasized that violence in any form is unacceptable. Also, addressing the issue of voter integrity, he spoke about the safety of mail-in voting and Governor Shapiro's changes to make it easier for some people to vote. Noting that the average voter only sees what happens at the polling places, he advised that the rest of the process is complex, safe, and has never been more secure. The Board of Elections and the many other county employees that work on the elections do a good job.

The Commissioner wished a blessed New Year to those who observe and also noted the upcoming observance of Yom Kippur.

Commissioner Marseglia noted the positive moments during today's meeting, including the outpouring of support and love for both Marge McKeon and Ms. Stephens during the presentations. She also commented on the positivity apparent at the Love is the Answer event this past weekend, with law enforcement coming together with the community.

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, October 4, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: October 4, 2023

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*