

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

11/1/2023 - 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. Veterans Day

In honor of Veterans Day, Director of Veterans Affairs Matthew Allen spoke about Operation Green Light and Veterans Day. He thanked all veterans for their service, the families who support them, and the Veterans Affairs staff, Betty Carleo, Chris Vitale, Stephanie Polisen, for their work every day supporting veterans.

B. Weatherization

The commissioners proclaimed October 30, 2023 as "Weatherization Day," commending the efforts of the Bucks County Opportunity Council and the dedicated members of the Weatherization Assistance Program. Accepting the proclamation was Eileen Albillar, Director of Community Engagement for the BCOC, who presented information about the residential energy conservation program for low-income county residents.

C. Epilepsy Awareness Month

The commissioners proclaimed November 2023 as "Epilepsy Awareness Month," commending the Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania for its many years of fine work. Accepting the proclamation and thanking the commissioners for the recognition were Jeanette Lock from the Epilepsy Foundation and resident Ollie Beaumont.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Commissioner Harvie asked that people focus on agenda items only.

The following people commented on agenda items as follows:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham – items 2b and 2d
- Marvin Goldstein from Buckingham – item 25a
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township – items 10a, 11a, 14a, 21a and 25a
- Liz Youse from Northampton Township – item 20a
- Beth Curcio from Warminster – items 2a, 3e and 25a
- Robert McLain from Milford Township – items 3c, 3e, 5a, 7a and 12a

Commissioner Harvie responded to many of the questions and comments. Project and Diversity Officer Bernard Griggs, Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt, Chief Financial Officer David Boscola, Human Services Director Rachel Neff, Health

Department Director Dr. David Damsker, and District Attorney Matt Weintraub all provided clarification on other agenda items.

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 October 18, 2023 meeting

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$13,547 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide nutrition services to seniors.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

2. BH/DP

a. With: Access Services, Inc.
Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$767,938** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide various support services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

b. With: BARC Developmental Services, Inc.
Holicong, PA
Amount: \$2,915,741** (County 9.1%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide various services to individuals with intellectual disabilities and early intervention services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

c. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$89,700** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for transportation and administrative services.
1/1/24 – 12/31/25

- d. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$179,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 Community Based Care Management (CBCM) services
 to individuals with mental health diagnoses.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/25
- e. With: Bucks County Transport, Inc.
 Holicong, PA
 Amount: \$53,120** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide transportation services for
 individuals with disabilities.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- f. With: Carelink Community Support Services
 Media, PA
 Amount: \$203,467** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide maximum supervision
 residential rehabilitation services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- g. With: Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$798,972** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services
 for children
 up to age three.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- h. With: Employment Technology, Inc.
 Penndel, PA
 Amount: \$279,223** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide supported employment
 services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- i. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$1,165,387** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide

housing-based case management services.
1/1/24 – 12/31/26

- j. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$116,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide services to individuals with a
 mental health diagnosis.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- k. With: Lenape Valley Foundation
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to reallocate funds to
 provide mental health, intellectual disability, and early
 intervention services.

- l. With: Penn Foundation, Inc., d/b/a St. Luke's Penn Foundation
 Sellersville, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to fund the start-up of a
 mobile engagement services program.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

- m. With: Shared Support South, Inc.
 Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$60,858** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential services to
 individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: Concern Professional Services for Children, Youth, and
 Families
 Fleetwood, PA
 Amount: \$950,000** (County 19%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care and community
 residential care.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$465,205** (County 11%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide various support programs.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- c. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$225,000** (County 5%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide the Nurturing Parenting and
 Parents as Teachers program.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- d. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$400,000** (County 4%)
Purpose: Approve contract to support shelter operations.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- e. With: Info-Matrix Corporation
 Camp Hill, PA
Amount: \$523,637** (County 34%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 information technology services for Automated Children
 and Youth System Database.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- f. With: Woods Services
 Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$403,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential and counseling
 services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

4. Clerk of Courts

- a. With: Kilkenny Law, LLC
 Norristown, PA
Amount: \$15,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide legal services.
 10/1/23 – 9/30/24

5. Commissioners

- a. With: Montgomery County Industrial Development Authority (MCIDA)
Norristown, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve Resolution entitled “Chief Elected Official Approval Relative to MCIDA Project” for the issuance of bonds by the Montgomery County IDA on behalf of ACTS Retirement Life Communities, solely for the purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

6. Corrections

- a. With: Aramark Correctional Services, LLC
Philadelphia, PA
- Amount: \$1,750,000** (County 100%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide food services at county correctional facilities.
12/20/23 – 12/19/24

7. District Attorney

- a. With: Jerard Johnson
Bristol, PA
- Amount: \$30,000** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract for the Friends for Heroes Program to provide support and guidance to veterans.
11/1/23 – 12/31/24

8. Emergency Communications

- a. With: The Lerro Corporation
Norristown, PA
- Amount: \$47,530.93** (County 100%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to purchase and install audio visual platform.
11/1/23 – 12/31/23

9. Emergency Management

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$179,210 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Emergency Management Performance Grant
 Agreement to reimburse salaries and benefits for
 approved staff.
 10/1/22 – 9/30/25

10. Finance

- a. With: Hulton Contracting, Inc.
 Line Lexington, PA
 Amount: \$44,113.55 (County 50%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for roof replacement at the
 Doylestown branch of the Bucks County Free Library.
 125 days from NTP

11. General Services

- a. With: 755 York LLC
 Willow Grove, PA
 Amount: \$141,982* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of lease for office space
 for Juvenile Probation Department.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/28

- b. With: Pennoni Associates, Inc.
 Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$7,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide construction phase
 services for the African American Museum project.

12. Health Department

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Office of Public
 Health Preparedness
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$447,171 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve annual grant for the Pennsylvania Health
 Department's Public Health Preparedness Program.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

13. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks Villa, Inc.
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$6,307** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for 2022 CDBG funding for
 bathroom renovations.
 9/1/22 – 8/31/23

- b. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$72,123 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve 2022 Continuum of Care planning grant
 agreement for development and implementation of the
 housing services plan to address homelessness.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

14. Human Resources

- a. With: Symetra Life Insurance Company
 Bellevue, WA
 Amount: \$1,152,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide basic
 term life, AD&D, disability, and voluntary life insurance to
 eligible county employees.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/25

15. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.
 Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$6,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide service planning and case
 management services for families.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- b. With: Bucks County Transport, Inc.
 Holicong, PA
 Amount: \$1,998,227** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide transportation services.

7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services – Division
 of Medical Assistance Transportation
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$1,998,227 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Participation Grant Agreement and Assurance
 of Compliance to provide transportation services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

16. Information Technology

- a. With: AlxTel, Inc.
 Silver Spring, MD
 Amount: \$218,167.20* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase backup protection for
 county network system.
 12/1/23 – 11/30/26

- b. With: Keymark Inc.
 Liberty, SC
 Amount: \$89,177.29* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide licenses and maintenance
 for electronic workflows.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

17. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Arjo, Inc.
 Addison, IL
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve extension of contract to purchase patient lifts
 and swings.
 12/15/23 – 12/14/24

- b. With: Genesis Eldercare Network Services, LLC
 Kennett Square, PA
 Amount: \$99,540** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 consulting services.
 11/1/23 – 10/31/24

18. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Deere & Company
 Cary, NC
 Amount: \$77,443.66 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of two tractors and rotary cutters for
 County Park System.

- b. With: Eclectic Architecture, LLC
 Phillipsburg, NJ
 Amount: \$9,500** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide architectural and
 construction administration services for the Stover Myers
 Mill.
 11/1/23 – completion

- c. With: Gilmore & Associates
 New Britain, PA
 Amount: \$47,500** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide engineering, design, and
 construction administration services for the Silver Lake
 Nature Center Observation Repair project.

19. Purchasing

- a. With: Medline Industries, LP
 Northfield, IL
 Amount: \$8,335.50* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide medical and
 surgical supplies for Neshaminy Manor.
 8/16/23 – 8/15/25

20. Sheriff

- a. With: Motorola Solutions
 Chicago, IL
 Amount: \$80,717.12 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase portable and mobile radios.

21. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research (PSBR)
Camp Hill, PA
Amount: \$32,250** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve Business & Education Grant funds for internship program for students at William Tennent High School employed by PSBR.
6/1/22 – 12/31/23

22. Youth Center

- a. With: County of Dauphin
Harrisburg, PA
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
- b. With: County of Delaware
Upper Darby, PA
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

23. Agricultural Land Preservation

Item 23a - John Ives, Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation & Open Space Programs, presented information on this proposed agricultural conservation easement. He advised that this will be the first farm preserved in Riegelsville Borough and will be the 246th farm preserved by the County to-date. This will bring the total acreage to 18,907.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia and seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, the following Resolution on the regular agenda was approved by the

Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3-0.

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| a. | With: | TNT Groundworks, LLC
Perkasie, PA |
| | Amount: | \$130,500 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve state purchase of a 17.40-acre agricultural conservation easement on the TNT Groundworks, LLC Farm located along Easton Road and Wayside Avenue in Riegelsville Borough. (TMPs 38-003-065, 38-003-066, 38-003-067, 38-003-068 and 38-003-069) |

24. Commissioners

Commissioner Harvie spoke about this cooperation agreement and the C-PACE program. Ms. Fitzpatrick advised that it should be approved subject to solicitor approval, as all parties have not executed the agreement yet. T.J. Lonergan, from the Bucks County Industrial Development Corporation, provided additional information on the program.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, and with language added, the following Resolution on the regular agenda was approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3-0.

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| a. | <p>With:</p> <p>The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks
 Bristol, PA
 Bucks County Industrial Development Authority (BCIDA)
 Doylestown, PA
 PP&L Sustainable Energy Fund (SEF),
 Schnecksville, PA</p> <p>Amount:</p> <p>Purpose:</p> |
| | <p>Approve cooperation agreement for the administration of the Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program and authorize the Chief Operating Officer or their designee to approve Program Guidelines and applications.</p> |

25. Housing & Community Development

Jeff Fields, Director of Housing & Community Development, shared details about the Whole Home Repair Program.

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, the following Resolution on the regular agenda was approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3-0.

- a. With: Capital Access, Inc.

Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$9,027,433.39** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide services to launch, manage and implement the Bucks County Home Repair Program (BCHRP).
10/1/23 – 12/31/26

B. Budget Adjustments

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

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

26.

2023 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

November 1, 2023

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #13	Register of Wills	100,000
	Register of Wills (Revenue)	(100,000)
Adjustment #14	Parks	149,000
	Parks (Revenue)	(149,000)
Adjustment #15	Sheriff	81,000
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		81,000

C. 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.

D. Board Appointments

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

27. Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission (3-year term)

Matthew McGahran Reappointment Term ends 11/1/26

28. Bucks County Library Board (3-year term)
 Anthony Bush Reappointment Term ends 11/1/26
 Amy Masgay Reappointment Term ends 11/1/26
 Brian Reimers Reappointment Term ends 11/1/26

E. Other Civics

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

29. Haycock Historical Society \$2,000
 HealthLink Dental Clinic \$4,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, invited Diane Rosati, Executive Director, Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. to provide an update about the drug take-back event that was held this past Saturday. Ms. Rosati advised that 9,567 pounds of unused and expired medications were collected, in addition to 570 pounds of sharps. This brings the total amount since the program started in 2010 to over 211,000 pounds. Ms. Rosati noted the efforts of the Quakertown police department, who collected over 447 pounds, and she thanked the District Attorney's office for their partnership. District Attorney Matt Weintraub added that Bucks County has been number one in the state with these collections since the inception of the program.

Ms. McKevitt asked Brian Cummings, Economic Development Program Manager with the Workforce and Economic Development Department, to speak about the county's efforts in this area. Mr. Cummings presented a video and highlighted the various resources available to businesses in the county.

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 to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

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

- Priscilla Linden from Upper Makefield
- Paul Salvatore from Newtown Borough
- Edward Mackouse

Commissioner Harvie noted the political nature of the public comments in advance of Election Day, and permitted department heads to leave the meeting so they could resume doing the business of the County.

- Joe Frederick from Doylestown Borough
- Andy Warren
- Liz Youse
- Beth Curcio
- Robert McLain

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo raised a point of order indicating that the Sheriff would like to say something before they move on to commissioner comments. The Sheriff then advised that, in honor of Veterans Day, his office has partnered with Parx Casino on a "Make Old Glory New Again" initiative where they will exchange old American flags for new ones, and then properly dispose of the old flags with honor. Those wishing to participate can bring their flags to the Sheriff's office locations in either Doylestown, Quakertown, or Levittown.

Commissioner DiGirolamo urged everyone to get out and vote on Election Day.

Commissioner Harvie expressed thanks regarding the county's partnership with the Industrial Development and Redevelopment Authorities and spoke about the C-PACE and Whole Home Repair programs.

Referencing the upcoming Diwali Holiday, Commissioner Harvie wished a happy and holy day for all those who celebrate.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about Veterans Day, honoring those who served, and the value of military service. He noted the bridge dedication program here in Bucks County where bridges are dedicated to honor Vietnam veterans who lost their lives.

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, November 15, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: November 15, 2023
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*