

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

1/3/2024 - 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 Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Chair; Commissioner Robert J. Harvie, Vice Chair; and Commissioner Gene DiGirolamo, Secretary. Commissioner Marseglia welcomed everyone to the meeting and Evan Stone, Executive Director of the Planning Commission, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Edward Mackouse from Buckingham commented on agenda items 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, and 6c.

Commissioner Marseglia responded to Mr. Mackouse's questions.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following items on the consent agenda were approved:

A. Approve minutes from the December 20, 2023 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Agricultural Land Preservation

a.	With:	Scantek, Inc. Willow Grove, PA
	Amount:	
	Purpose:	Approve extension of contract to digitally scan and archive agricultural and open space files. 12/15/23 – 6/30/24

2. BH/DP

a.	With:	Acute Care Medical Transport, Inc. Fort Washington, PA
	Amount:	\$75,000** (County 3.9%)
	Purpose:	Approve contract to provide transportation services for

individuals with a mental health diagnosis.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- b. With: Eagleville Hospital
 Eagleville, PA
 Amount: \$610,464** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide inpatient services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- c. With: Goodwill Keystone Area
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$131,567** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide supported employment
 services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- d. With: Horsham Clinic
 Ambler, PA
 Amount: \$25,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide hospital inpatient services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- e. With: KenCrest Services
 Blue Bell, PA
 Amount: \$9,419** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve increase of contract to provide early intervention
 and intellectual disability services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- f. With: KenCrest Services
 Blue Bell, PA
 Amount: \$1,073,685** (County 9.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention and
 intellectual disability services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- g. With: Kutest Kids Early Intervention
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$5,000** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve increase of contract to provide early intervention
 therapy services for children up to age three.

7/1/22 – 6/30/23

h. With: Kutest Kids Early Intervention
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$64,400** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention therapy
 services for children up to age three.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

i. With: Mental Health Partnerships
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$85,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide peer support services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

j. With: Sunshine Therapy Club, Inc.
 Havertown, PA
Amount: \$561,090** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services
 for children.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

3. Board of Elections

a. With: NPC, Inc.
 Claysburg, PA
Amount: \$905,131.27* + postage (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide printing and mailing of
 election materials.
 3/3/24 – 3/2/25

4. Children & Youth

a. With: Opportunity Adkinson Project, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$75,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Community Based
 Residential Services to dependent children who are
 unable to remain in their own homes.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

5. Corrections

- a. With: CHOR Youth & Family Services Inc.,
d/b/a Edison Court, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$16,590.08** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide therapy to inmates.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24
- b. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$25,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide anger management
program.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

6. Courts

- a. With: Children & Youth Conflict Counsel
1. Judith A. Algeo
 2. Jennifer Dickerson
 3. Shari R. Gelfont Williams
 4. Elissa B. Heinrichs
 5. Francine Kaplan
 6. Joseph M. Ramagli
 7. Stuart Wilder
 8. Keith Williams
- Amount: \$237,329.28* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contracts with eight private attorneys to
represent parties in dependency cases when there is
a conflict of interest with Legal Aid. (\$29,666.16 per
contract)
1/1/24 – 12/31/24
- b. With: Criminal Conflict Counsel
1. Timothy J. Barton
 2. Harry J. Cooper
 3. Vincent Gryscavage
 4. Fairlie & Lippy PC c/o Christine Cregar
 5. Neils C. Eriksen, Jr.
 6. John S. Han

7. Mel Kardos
8. Daniel M. Keane
9. Bonnie-Ann Keagy
10. David H. Knight
11. Patrick J. McMenamin, Jr.
12. Christopher J. Serpico
13. Marc S. Stolee
14. Stuart Wilder
15. Keith J. Williams

Amount: \$697,089.60* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contracts with fifteen private attorneys to represent individual defendants in cases when there is a conflict of interest with the Bucks County Public Defender's Office. (\$46,472.64 per contract)
 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

c. With: Sean M. Gresh, Esquire
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$57,535.44** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for mental health review officer to act as hearing officer for petitions filed in Bucks County Court under the Mental Health and Retardation Act.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

d. With: Sean R. Ryan
 Perkasio, PA
 Amount: \$16,200** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to act as General Master in Court matters.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

e. With: W. Joshua Buchanan, Esquire
 Quakertown, PA
 Amount: \$51,437.40* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve appointment as Advocate Counsel to the Drug Court/Mental Health Diversionary Programs.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

7. District Attorney

a. With: Maureen Flannery Spang
 Chambersburg, PA
 Amount: \$18,000** (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

- b. With: National Medical Services (NMS Labs)
Willow Grove, PA
Amount: \$42,495** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide drug testing services.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

8. Emergency Management

- a. With: Tetra Tech, Inc.
Maitland, FL
Amount: \$36,060 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide a comprehensive after-action report related to the mass fatality flash flooding incident that occurred on 7/15/2023.

9. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Indian Creek Foundation
Souderton, PA
Amount: \$60,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for 2023 CDBG funding for exterior accessibility improvements of group home.
8/1/23 – 3/31/24

10. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$78,750** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to use opioid settlement funding to purchase and distribute Narcan kits.
1/1/23 – 6/30/24

11. Information Technology

- a. With: TEC - Technology Evaluation Centers
Longueuil, Canada
Amount: \$40,000 (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide evaluation of implementation providers for the new County ERP system.

- b. With: Verizon Business
Frazer, PA
Amount: \$156,000* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of Business Services Agreement for circuits, network management, and LAN modems.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

12. Law Department

- a. With:
Amount: \$275/hour + expenses
Purpose: Approve maximum hourly rates for outside counsel for Collective Bargaining, Arbitrations, Mediations, and Administrative Hearings.

13. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: ASE Direct, Inc.
Brentwood, TN
Amount: \$52,000* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of contract to purchase blood glucose monitoring supplies.
12/19/23 – 12/18/24

14. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Harrisburg, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve covenant related to Keystone Historic Preservation Construction grant for restoration project at the Stover Myers Mill.
1/3/24 – 1/3/34

15. Planning Commission

- a. With: Land Trust of Bucks County

Bedminster, PA
Amount: \$363,929.45** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of contract to provide inspection services for easements in the Agricultural Preservation Program.
4/2/24 – 12/31/26

16. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Bucks County Community College,
Newtown, PA
Amount: \$47,650** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase 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: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
Bureau of Workforce Development
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$116,977.72 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to fund security guard position at PA Careerlink in Trevoese.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

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

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 17a – Mr. Stone and Director of Planning Services Mike Roedig presented information on the Bucks2040 County Comprehensive Plan.

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

17. Planning Commission

- a. With:
Amount:

Purpose: Approve resolution enabling the Commissioners to formally approve and adopt the Bucks2040 Vision Plan as the initial document of the Bucks2040 Building our Future Together, Comprehensive Plan update to the County's 2011 Comprehensive Plan.

B. Personnel Actions - Commissioners List

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

C. Board Appointments

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointment was approved:

18. Bucks County Airport Authority (5-year term)
John Mininger reappointment term ends 1/1/29

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

19. Bucks County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (3-year term)
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| Romana Gordynsky | new appointment | term ends 1/1/27 |
| Hiren Patel | new appointment | term ends 1/1/27 |
| Theresa Simon | new appointment | term ends 1/1/27 |
| Beth Hudson Keller | reappointment | term ends 1/1/27 |
| Tammi Mancuso | reappointment | term ends 1/1/27 |
| Charles Pressler | reappointment | term ends 1/1/27 |

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

20. Bucks County Board of Assessment Appeals (4-year term)
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| Victor Corsino | reappointment | term ends 1/1/28 |
| Christina L. Gerhart | reappointment | term ends 1/1/28 |
| Robyn Trunell | reappointment | term ends 1/1/28 |

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointment was approved:

21. Bucks County Board of Health (4-year term)
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| Dennis J. Bauer | reappointment | term ends 1/10/28 |
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Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointment was approved:

22. Bucks County Emergency Health Advisory Council (3-year term)
Charles Barker new appointment term ends 2/1/25

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

23. Bucks County Local Emergency Planning Committee (2-year term)
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| Diane Ellis-Marseglia | reappointment | term ends 1/1/26 |
| Walter Hansell | reappointment | term ends 1/1/26 |
| David M. Harris | reappointment | term ends 1/1/26 |
| Robert A. Kay, Sr. | reappointment | term ends 1/1/26 |
| Audrey Kenney | reappointment | term ends 1/1/26 |
| Shelly Kerney | reappointment | term ends 1/1/26 |
| Rory LaRosa | reappointment | term ends 1/1/26 |
| Joseph Seborowski | reappointment | term ends 1/1/26 |

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

24. Bucks County New Americans Advisory Commission (4-year term)
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| Rocio Higney | reappointment (chair) | term ends 1/2/28 |
| Dr. Umar Farooq | reappointment | term ends 1/2/28 |
| Stephanie A.G. Ferrandez, Esq. | reappointment | term ends 1/2/28 |
| Lois Heist | reappointment | term ends 1/2/28 |
| Razin Karu | reappointment | term ends 1/2/28 |
| Madison Leech | reappointment | term ends 1/2/28 |
| Katelyn Marseglia | reappointment | term ends 1/2/28 |
| Eugene Potakh | reappointment | term ends 1/2/28 |

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

25. Bucks County Opportunity Council (3-year term)
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| Tobi Bruhn | new appointment | term ends 12/31/24 |
| | (to finish term of Constance M. Furman) | |
| Jacob A. Iampietro | reappointment | term ends 12/31/26 |

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0 for Mr. Donovan and 2-1 for Mr. Tosti, the following appointments were approved:

26. Bucks County Planning Commission (4-year term)
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| Richard Donovan | reappointment | term ends 1/1/28 |
| Tom Tosti | reappointment | term ends 1/1/28 |

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointment was approved:

27. Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (5-year term)
Michael Fehrle new appointment term ends 1/1/29

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, and with Commissioner Harvie abstaining, the following appointment was approved with a vote of 2-0-1:

28. Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority (4-year term)
Robert J. Harvie, Jr. reappointment term ends 12/31/27

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointment was approved:

29. St. Mary Hospital Authority (5-year term)
Francis J. McGill reappointment term ends 12/31/28

V. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKeivitt, Chief Operating Officer, congratulated the elected and re-elected officials and commented on the inauguration ceremony held yesterday.

Ms. McKeivitt congratulated Ms. Fitzpatrick on being reappointed.

Ms. McKeivitt commented on the on-going efforts over the past few years with the 2040 plan. She congratulated the staff involved and said she is looking forward to its implementation.

VI. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick congratulated the Commissioners and newly elected row officers.

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held the day before the public meeting to discuss personnel matters, pending litigation, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo wished everyone a happy and healthy new year and said he is looking forward to working with everyone to improve the quality of life and help those in need.

Commissioner Harvie wished everyone a happy new year and spoke about Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

Commissioner Harvie thanked Commissioner Marseglia for taking on the role of Board Chair.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about 2024 being an election year at the presidential level as well as for the Senate, Congress, and state representatives. He noted the special elections being held this spring and the primary election in April. The commissioner urged everyone who may not be registered to vote to do so and said that new voters can register now as long as they are eighteen by election day. He also noted that mail-in ballots will be going out shortly.

Commissioner Marseglia said that Martin Luther King Day is a day of service and she encouraged everyone to get involved.

Commissioner Marseglia thanked the staff for their work in preparing for the meeting, noting that it is especially challenging to do over the holidays.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, 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, January 17, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: January 17, 2024

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*