

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

2/21/2024 - 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 Deputy Director of Operations Michael Connelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. National Pig Day

The Commissioners proclaimed March 1, 2024, as "Pig Day," commending Ross Mill Farm for their year-round efforts to care for and provide education about the domesticated pig. Owner Susan Magidson, accompanied by Ruby the pig, shared information about the farm and facts about potbellied pigs.

B. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized Linda Vuono from Consumer Protection for forty years of employment with the county. Also recognized were the following employees reaching twenty-year anniversaries: Paul Abraham from Juvenile Probation, Tara Zador from Area Agency on Aging, Richard Norman from the Sheriff's Office, Karen Redmond from Main Courts, William Marshall from General Services, and Allyson Gordon from Domestic Relations.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township
- Bill Everett from Middletown
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Robert McLain from Milford Township

Commissioner Harvie responded to many of the questions and comments.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with

the vote being 3-0, the following items on the consent agenda were approved:

A. Approve minutes from the February 7, 2024 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Circle of Friends ADHC, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- b. With: Nutrition Inc., Irwin, PA
Amount: \$17,960** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide seven-day shelf-stable meal packets for homebound consumers.
4/1/24 – 6/30/24

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Dr. Kathleen Kemp, Uxbridge, MA
Amount: \$10,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services to update Sequential Intercept Model mapping.
2/2/24 – 6/30/24
- b. With: Patricia M. Griffin, Ph.D. d/b/a Griffin Consulting, LLC.
East Norriton, PA
Amount: \$5,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services for evaluation of Mental Health Court.
7/1/23 – 10/31/24
- c. With: Salisbury Behavioral Health, LLC, Lancaster, PA
Amount: \$3,171,867** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide supported living and residential services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- d. With: Stacy D. Barno, West Chester, PA

Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement with Chester County Early Intervention Coordinator to complete a peer review of Bucks County's Early Intervention program for the State's verification.

- e. With: T.E.C., Inc., d/b/a Family and Friends
Point Pleasant, PA
Amount: \$58,084** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide residential services for individuals with intellectual disabilities.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: Woods Services, Langhorne, PA
Amount: (\$16,000)
Purpose: Approve contract decrease for residential and counseling services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

4. Commissioners

- a. With: Bucks County Industrial Development Authority (BCIDA)
Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Approve Certificate of Approval for 3826 Old Easton Rd, LLC in Doylestown, for an issuance of bonds not to exceed \$2,500,000 pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code 1986, as amended.
- b. With: Bucks County Industrial Development Authority (BCIDA)
Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Approve Certificate of Approval for St. Luke's Health Network, Inc., for an issuance of bonds not to exceed \$450,000,000 pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code 1986, as amended.
- c. With: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$600,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve municipal gaming grant agreement for the Lower Bucks Public Safety Training Center.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

5. Courts

- a. With: Director of Judicial Programs, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$62,124 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve application for Senior Judge reimbursable costs.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

6. District Attorney

- a. With: Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$20,000 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve One-Time Contribution to the Black Prosecutor's Section of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association.

7. Emergency Communications

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$252,234.76 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve PEMA funding to complete migration to the statewide emergency services Internet-protocol network (ESInet).
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

8. Emergency Management

- a. With: The Olson Group, Ltd., Alexandria, VA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide Cybersecurity Planning, Training and Exercise Project.
5/1/24 – 4/30/25

9. General Services

- a. With: SAFE Highway Engineering, LLC, Trevose, PA
Amount: \$15,950** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide traffic engineering services for the proposed new Lower Bucks Government Services

Center.
NTP to 4/17/24

- b. With: Schindler Elevator Corporation, Moorestown, NJ
 Amount: \$94,723.53** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for preventive maintenance and service for elevators in the Justice Center.
 2/1/24 – 1/31/25

- c. With: TranSystems Corporation, Kansas City, MO
 f/k/a Whitney Bailey Cox & Magnani, LLC,
 Mechanicsburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve corporate name change on contract to provide engineering design and construction consultation services for the rehabilitation of Bridge #237.

- d. With: TranSystems Corporation, Kansas City, MO
 f/k/a Whitney Bailey Cox & Magnani, LLC,
 Mechanicsburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve corporate name change on contract to provide engineering design and construction consultation services for the rehabilitation of Bridge #258.

10. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$180,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for 2023 CDBG funding for emergency homeless shelter operations.
 3/1/24 – 2/28/25

- b. With: Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County
 Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$543,939.66** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to implement the Bucks County Home Repair Program (BCHRP).
 11/1/23 – 12/31/26

- c. With: Trevoise Senior Residence, LLC, Philadelphia, PA

Amount: \$1,300,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve Developer/Sponsor Agreement and associated loan documents for construction of a 60-unit affordable housing project in Bensalem using HOME & SLFRF funding.
2/21/24 – 2/21/26

- d. With: YWCA Bucks County, Trevoose, PA
Amount: \$180,506.44** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2023 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) funding for Rapid Re-Housing services.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

11. Human Services

- a. With: Kirk O'Brien, Tucker, GA
Amount: \$30,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide roadmap planning and data evaluation.
1/1/24 – 6/30/25

12. Information Technology

- a. With: Comcast Business Communications, LLC
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$4,300,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide network communications.
3/1/24 – 2/28/29
- b. With: Verizon Business Network Services LLC
Basking Ridge, NJ
Amount: \$32,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for private IP access.
6/22/21 – 6/21/24

13. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve signature authority for Executive Director Parks

& Recreation to electronically sign the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant application and award, if applicable.

- b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve signature authority for Executive Director Parks & Recreation to electronically sign grant application and contract, if awarded, for a rivers access project.

- c. With: Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission
 Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve signature authority for Executive Director Parks & Recreation to electronically sign a Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grant Application and Agreements for restoration project at the Tinicum Park Barn.

- d. With: Wind River Environmental LLC d/b/a Franc
 Environmental, Ivyland, PA
 Amount: \$6,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to pump and remove sewage from holding and septic tanks at various park locations.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/26

14. Planning Commission

- a. With: New Britain Township, Chalfont, PA
 Amount: \$23,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide planning services.
 2/21/24 – 2/21/26

15. Purchasing

- a. With: Advanced Air Service Group, Aston, PA
 Amount: \$51,099.78* (County 99.4%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase air filters.
 4/15/24 – 4/14/25

- b. With: Bob Barker Company, Inc., Fuquay-Varina, NC
 Amount: \$70,633.52* (County 95%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase inmate clothing.
 1/13/24 – 1/12/25

16. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
 Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$1,144,104.84 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve increase to Workforce Innovation and
 Opportunity Act grant funds for dislocated worker
 programs.
 10/1/23 – 6/30/26

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

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

17. General Services

- a. With: Schiller and Hersh Associates, Inc., Blue Bell, PA
 Amount: \$29,490** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide engineering design and
 construction consultation services for 500kW Solar PV
 System at 7325 New Falls Road, Levittown.
 90 days from NTP

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. Other Civics

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with

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

18.	Bucks County Special Equestrians	\$4,000
	Bridge Animal Clinic	\$4,000
	Ross Mill Farm	\$2,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following:

The Bucks County Home Repair Program is in need of residential contractors. Anyone interested should visit the website at: BCHRP.com for more information.

The County is now hiring seasonal employees for Parks & Recreation and Board of Elections. Any interested candidates can find information on the county website under the Careers link.

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. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo commented on Governor Shapiro's budget. He highlighted several things he liked about it, but he expressed concerns about the potential legalization of marijuana in the state.

Commissioner Harvie also spoke in favor of Governor Shapiro's budget, especially the increased funding for education and the proposed increase in the minimum wage.

Commissioner Harvie emphasized that people should be careful where they get their information and news from, as it was recently disclosed that the movie "2000 Mules" was based on falsified information.

Commissioner Harvie thanked the staff involved with running the special election last week. Regarding the primary election in April, he advised that mail-in ballots are still being processed and he noted that there is still time to apply.

Commissioner Marseglia thanked the staff for their work in putting the meeting together, especially General Services for prepping the room for Ruby the pig, and Charlotte Reese from Public Information for doing the groundwork to get Ruby here today.

IX. 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, March 6, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: March 6, 2024

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*