

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

3/20/2024 - 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 Purchasing Director Liz Gates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized the following employees for milestone anniversaries with the County:

20 Years – Shawn Foley with the Health Department; Ellyn Forquer and Brandon Sondag from Adult Probation; Christine Haughney from Board of Assessment; Patricia Gretzinger from Domestic Relations; Corene D'Angelo from Area Agency on Aging; Kira Moore from Department of Corrections; and Kimberly Chinchilla from Clerk of Courts.

30 Years – David Hagerty and Michele Rymdeika from Emergency Services

40 Years – Donna Burke from Public Defender and Chief Operating Officer Margaret McKevitt. There was a special presentation in recognition of Ms. McKevitt's tenure with the county.

B. Neurodiversity Celebration Week

The Commissioners proclaimed March 18th through 24th as "Neurodiversity Celebration Week," commending the Project SEARCH interns and the Bucks County Intermediate Unit. Commissioner Marseglia noted that prior to the meeting they also presented a proclamation to the ARC Alliance in recognition of their support for individuals in the neurodiverse community. David Fox from Project SEARCH presented information on the internship program and their partnership with Bucks County government.

C. Pennsylvania 4-H Week

The Commissioners proclaimed March 17th through 23rd as "Pennsylvania 4-H Week," commending Penn State Cooperative Extension for making 4-H possible for so many young residents. Sarah Gregory with Penn State Extension and 4-H Ambassador Isabella Vance both shared information about 4-H.

Commissioner Marseglia noted a correction to item 9a on the regular agenda. The amount should be \$.67/MWh.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

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

Commissioner Marseglia and General Services Director George Hutt provided clarification on questions raised.

IV. 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 March 6, 2024 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. BH/DP

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| a. | With: | Welcome Ambulance, Inc., Langhorne, PA |
| | Amount: | \$10,000** (County 3.9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide ambulance transportation services.
3/1/24 – 6/30/24 |

2. Board of Assessment

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| a. | With: | Tyler Technologies, Inc., Moraine, OH |
| | Amount: | \$855,160 (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide iasWorld software support & maintenance.
1/1/23 – 12/31/25 |

3. Children & Youth

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| a. | With: | Family Care for Children and Youth, Inc., Milton, PA |
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Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.

- b. With: Opportunity Adkinson Project, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.

4. General Services

- a. With: Bergey's Chevrolet Inc., Colmar, PA
Amount: \$25,331.88 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of a vehicle for the County's car share program.
- b. With: INTEX Environmental Group, Inc., Pipersville, PA
Amount: \$13,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide sampling, analysis, and reporting services at the Hidden Valley Landfill.
7/1/22 – 7/1/24
- c. With: PennDOT Engineering District 6-0, Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve authorization for General Services Director of Operations to electronically sign PennDOT amended reimbursement Grant Agreement #R1860006-3 for Bridge #54 on King Road over Herkaken Creek in New Britian Twp.
- d. With: Rohrer, Duncannon, PA
Amount: \$156,218 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of a transit bus for Neshaminy Manor.

5. Health Department

- a. With: Clarke Mosquito Control, St. Charles, IL
Amount: \$28,452.25** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase pesticides under the West Nile grant.

6. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Indigenous Ingenuities LLC, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$11,997** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide storm water management
 plan for Peace Valley Park/Chapman Road Access.
 3/20/24 – 3/19/25

- b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic
 Development, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve authorization for the Executive Director Parks
 and Recreation to submit grant application for the
 Greenways, Trails and Recreation program, and grant
 signature authority to COO & Executive Director of Parks
 and Recreation to execute and authorize all grant
 documents.

- c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural
 Resources, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve authorization for the Executive Director Parks
 and Recreation to electronically sign grant application for
 a park development project.

7. Purchasing

- a. With: Syntec Corp., New Castle, DE
 Amount: \$51,580* (County 86%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide water management program
 for Neshaminy Manor and General Services.
 4/1/24 – 3/31/26

8. Veterans Affairs

- a. With: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Department of Military
 and Veteran Affairs, Annville, PA
 Amount: \$15,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide funding of advertising and
 printing costs for Veteran's Expo.
 6/1/24 – 5/31/25

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 9a - Commissioner Marseglia again noted a correction to the amount for this resolution from \$.67 to \$.067. Commissioner Harvie provided information about the Southeastern Pennsylvania Energy Partnership and its efforts to access renewable energy.

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

9. Purchasing

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| a. | With: | WGL Energy Services Inc., Vienna, VA |
| | Amount: | \$.067/MWh (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract for electric administrative services for the Sustainable Energy Partnership of Southeast Pennsylvania (SEPSA).
5 years from full execution |

B. Personnel Actions

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

10.	Autism Cares	\$1,500
	Bucks County Opportunity Council	\$2,000
	Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County	\$2,500
	Tileworks of Bucks County	\$2,000
	Twilight Wish Foundation	\$2,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. McKevitt thanked everyone for their well wishes. She spoke about the employment opportunities currently available with the county and encouraged those who may be interested to visit the county website for more information.

Ms. McKevitt reported that there will be a Household Hazardous Waste collection on

Saturday, April 6th from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at the main campus of Bucks County Community College in Newtown. Please see the list of events on the website under Planning Commission.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on Executive Sessions held since the last Commissioners' Meeting:

- March 14th – to discuss personnel matters
- March 19th – to discuss personnel matters, pending and prospective litigation, and to receive confidential legal advice

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvie spoke about Ms. McKeivitt's journey during her 40 years with the County and said he appreciates all the work she does.

Commissioner Harvie wished a Happy Easter to those who celebrate.

Commissioner Marseglia spoke about the mental health resources available for county residents. She encouraged anyone in need to reach out to the HUB to be connected to various services.

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, April 3, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: April 3, 2024
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*