

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

4/3/2024 - 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 BH/DP Administrator Donna Duffy-Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Second Chance Month

The Commissioners proclaimed April 2024 as "Second Chance Month," commending the professionals of Bucks County Adult Probation, Juvenile Probation, Corrections, Courts, and community agencies for their commitment to enhancing community safety while promoting positive behavior change among individuals in the criminal justice system. Mike Harrison, Deputy Chief of Adult Probation, spoke about the Bucks County Reentry Coalition. Louis Emanuele, from Corrections, shared information about the re-entry resource center housed within the Department of Corrections, and Billie Barnes from Workforce and Economic Development shared information about PA CareerLink Bucks County and upcoming job fairs & expungement clinics.

B. National Healthcare Decision Day

The Commissioner proclaimed April 16th, 2024 as "National Healthcare Decision Day," to encourage all adults to engage in conversations about their healthcare decisions and to execute advance directives documenting their choices. Colleen Campbell, Long Term Care Manager with Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership, spoke about their free Advance Care Directive Program.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

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

Commissioner Marseglia, Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick, Commissioner Harvie, General Services Director of Operations George Hutt, and Executive Director of Parks & Recreation Angie Nagle all contributed responses to the various 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 20, 2024 meeting

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Advanced Nurse Transport Service, Inc.
Warminster, PA
Amount: \$3,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide non-medical ambulance transportation services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- b. With: Associates Home Care, Inc., Bensalem, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- c. With: Bucks County Free Library, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$1,500** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to develop and implement programs and services for older adults.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- d. With: Comfort Home Care, Inc., Feasterville, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- e. With: Information Age Technologies, Mt. Pleasant, PA
Amount: \$75,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide technical support and services related to State Management System.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27
- f. With: Ivins Outreach Center, Morrisville, PA
Purpose: Approve amendment to ARPA funding agreement Appendix A, Permitted Proposal, and Exhibit B.

- g. With: Medscope America LLC, Paoli, PA
Amount: \$50,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 personal emergency response systems and medication
 dispensing and monitoring services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/26
 - h. With: Nancy Morgan, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$66,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of contract to provide
 services as Ombudsman and amendment of Appendix
 B.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/26
 - i. With: Patsy H. Long, Warrington, PA
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix B.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/26
 - j. With: Snipes Farm and Education Center, Inc., Morrisville, PA
Amount: \$130,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide community nutritional
 services for seniors.
 4/1/24 – 12/31/24
 - k. With: VitaCare Home Health, Inc., Feasterville, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide home health,
 personal care, and home support services for seniors.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
 - l. With: Woodside Meals on Wheels, Newtown, PA
Amount: \$25,500** (County 9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 home-delivered meals.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Family Services Association of Bucks County,
 Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$286,400** (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide two case managers to support the Emergency Shelter Community Based Case Management (CBCM) Project and program evaluation services.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

- b. With: Horizon House, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$14,740** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide supported living and crisis residential services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- c. With: NetSmart Technologies, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$15,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for system upgrade of software maintenance and support for the myAvatar system and MS Dynamics product.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- d. With: Woods Services, Inc., Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$14,450** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide mental health and intellectual disability services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: Atlantic Diagnostic Laboratories, Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$90,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide drug testing services.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24
- b. With: George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania
Grove City, PA
Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.
- c. With: KidsPeace National Centers, Inc., Schnecksville, PA
Purpose: Approve amendment to add Intensive Supervision program to current contract providing residential and foster care services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/25

- d. With: Turning Points for Children, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$40,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

4. Commissioners

- a. With:
 Purpose: Approve Danielle Lavery as Agency Open Records
 Officer (AORO) for all Right-To-Know requests submitted
 to Commissioners and Administration.

5. Corrections

- a. With: Bureau of Justice Assistance, Washington, D.C.
 Amount: \$900,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve grant to provide funding for the Department of
 Corrections Outmate Program.
 10/1/23 – 9/30/27

- b. With: MessageMedia, USA, Inc., Denver, CO
 Amount: \$7,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide texting service
 product to communicate with staff.
 8/16/23 – 8/15/24

- c. With: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
 (PCCD), Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$430,076 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve application for Detection & Mitigation of COVID
 in Confinement Facilities grant.
 8/1/22 – 7/31/24

- d. With: PrimeCare Medical, Inc., Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$650,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide Medication
 Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program services and
 medications.
 8/1/23 – 7/31/24

- e. With: R.W. Powitz Associates, P.C., Old Saybrook, CT
 Amount: \$18,750**/year (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services for
 environmental health and safety conditions.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/25

6. Courts

- a. With: Children & Youth Conflict Counsel
 Purpose: Approve correction of 1/3/24 resolution to include
 “Antheil, Maslow & MacMinn LLP, c/o Jennifer
 Dickerson.”

7. Emergency Management

- a. With: Crimewatch Technologies, Inc., York, PA
 Amount: \$66,500 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to administer police intelligence
 network.
 2/1/24 – 2/28/25

8. Finance

- a. With: SERVPRO of Upper Bucks, NW Hunterdon County
 Perkasie, PA
 Amount: \$64,460.10* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for emergency repairs to James A.
 Michener Library in Quakertown.
- b. With: Wright Flooring Co, Inc., Silverdale, PA
 Amount: \$146,622* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for emergency repairs to James A.
 Michener Library in Quakertown.

9. General Services

- a. With: Carroll Engineering Corporation, Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$59,000** (County 100%)

- Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide engineering services at the Lower Bucks Government Services Center.
- b. With: First Onsite Property Restoration, Chicago, IL
Amount: \$67,657.52** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide fire remediation at Oxford Valley Golf Club.
- c. With: Hirschberg Mechanical, Willow Grove, PA
Amount: \$8,569.22** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide plumbing and fire protection for restoration and renovation of farmhouse for the African American Museum of Bucks County.
- d. With: KMA Design Studio, Ambler, PA
Amount: \$65,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide architectural, mechanical, and electrical engineering services for Public Safety Training Center roof replacement and HVAC work.
4/3/24 – 4/2/25
- e. With: Land Services USA, LLC, Southampton, PA
Purpose: Approve change of vendor name on March 6, 2024 agenda, item 15a, and authorize Deed in Lieu of Condemnation.
- f. With: Levan Machine & Truck Equipment, Fleetwood, PA
Amount: \$24,567** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to upfit truck chassis with a utility body for county plumbers.
- g. With: Remington & Vernick Engineers, Yardley, PA
Amount: \$130,743.83** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide inspection services of Bridge #333 on Strocks Grove Road over Beaver Creek in Nockamixon Township.

10. Housing & Community Development

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| a. | With: | A Woman's Place, Doylestown, PA |
| | Amount: | \$5,000** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract for 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant funding to support shelter operations.
9/1/23 – 8/31/25 |
| b. | With: | McCright & Associates, LLC, Chattanooga, TN |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract extension to provide housing quality standards inspection services.
2/1/24 – 1/31/26 |
| c. | With: | Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC, Washington, DC |
| | Amount: | \$210 - \$470/hr. (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide legal services for affordable housing projects, as needed.
4/3/24 – 12/31/29 |
| d. | With: | Triad Associates, Glenside, PA |
| | Amount: | \$50,000** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide technical assistance in areas of regulatory compliance for HUD's HOME & HOME-ARP Programs.
4/3/24 – 4/2/25 |

- c. With: Richard Gold, LLC, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$5,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide consulting services for Data Sharing Project.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

12. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Inc., Manheim, PA
 Amount: \$80,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase incontinence products for residents.
 3/29/24 – 3/28/25

- b. With: Medline Industries, Inc., Northfield, IL
 Amount: \$140,840.80* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase disposable briefs for residents.
 4/1/24 – 3/31/25

13. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Evolve LLC Pittsburgh, PA
 Amount: \$259,353.90 (County 52%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide a Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan.
 4/3/24 – 12/31/25

14. Planning Commission

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve grant application and designation of Commissioner Chair as authorized representative for grant to partially fund design and construction of Frosty Hollow Trail project in Middletown Township.

- b. With: Riegelsville Borough
 Amount: \$15,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide planning services.
 4/3/24 – 4/3/26

15. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry
Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve extension of Local Workforce Development Grant Agreement.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- b. With: Philadelphia Works, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$200,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension of reimbursement from the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Comprehensive and Accessible Reemployment through Equitable Employment Recovery (CAREER) Dislocated Worker Grant.
9/13/23 – 9/12/24

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 16a – Ms. Duffy-Bell, accompanied by Managed Care Adult Services & Program Development Director Monica Gaffin, provided a detailed explanation of this program to meet the needs of individuals with intellectual disabilities and co-occurring complex behavioral health needs. Commissioner DiGirolamo emphasized the importance of reinvestment money.

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

16. BH/DP

- a. With: Woods Community Services, LLC, Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$1,806,050** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide funding for an Alternative Outpatient Program in a Community Living Arrangement.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

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. Board Appointments

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

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| 17. | Bucks County Parks & Recreation Board (5-year term) | | |
| | James F. Walter | new appointment | term ends 9/1/26 |
| | *to finish term of Craig Bowen | | |
| 18. | Mental Health/Developmental Programs Advisory Board (3-year term) | | |
| | Evan Kleiman, Ph.D. | reappointment | term ends 1/4/27 |
| | Hyong Un, MD | reappointment | term ends 1/4/27 |
| 19. | Penn State Cooperative Extension Board (1-year term) | | |
| | Carl P. Vivaldi | reappointment | term ends 4/2/25 |

D. Other Civics

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

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| 20. | Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic | \$7,000 |
| | HealthLink Dental Clinic | \$4,000 |
| | Shamrock Reins | \$1,500 |
| | Synchronicity Recovery Foundation | \$2,000 |

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt reported on the following:

- Registration is now open through May 15th for the 41st Annual Bucks County Senior Games being held on May 29th.
- The next household hazardous waste collection will be held this weekend, April 6th, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Bucks County Community College campus in Newtown.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held the day before the public meeting to discuss pending and prospective litigation as well as personnel matters.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo referenced the press conference last week where he said he was in favor of the lawsuit against the oil and energy companies. He advised that after consideration he has decided to withdraw his support.

Also referencing the lawsuit, Commissioner Harvie spoke about oil and natural gas production. He pointed out the anticipated effects of climate change over the next several years, including extreme heat and flooding and the considerable amount of money that will need to be spent. The Commissioner also noted that this lawsuit is on a contingency basis so no taxpayer money will be spent.

Commissioner Harvie thanked the staff and said he appreciates the work they do every day. He also wished Muslim members of the community a blessed Ramadan.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: April 17, 2024
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*