

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

4/17/2024 - 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 John Geib, Director of Emergency Communications, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized the following employees on their milestone anniversaries with the county: Sharon DiSalvi from Clerk of Courts and Aimee Miscovich with Domestic Relations for twenty years of service, and Eudora Kilpatrick from Neshaminy Manor, for forty years.

Commissioner Marseglia noted that they are wearing blue in support of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

B. National Therapy Animal Day

The Commissioners proclaimed April 30, 2024, as "National Therapy Animal Day," to celebrate therapy animals and their handlers who volunteer their time and compassion to support the community. Trish McGarrigle from Honoria Wellness, accompanied by therapy dog Gertrude, provided information about the power of therapy pets in her psychotherapy practice.

C. Telecommunicator Week

The Commissioners proclaimed April 14th through April 20th as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" to honor the highly trained emergency communications experts who help to maintain the safety of the county. John Geib, Director of Emergency Communications, accepted the proclamation and shared information about the national #IAM911 effort to have public safety telecommunications jobs reclassified from "clerical" to "protective."

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Andy Warren from Middletown Township

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Jeff Glauber from Buckingham
- Susan Johnson from Buckingham
- JoAnne Amoroso from Buckingham
- Audrey Strein from Warwick Township
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Robert McLain from Milford Township
- Ruth Michener from Falls Township

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick, Commissioner Marseglia, and Commissioner DiGirolamo each provided responses to the various questions and comments.

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 with items 15a & 15b being subject to final approval by the county solicitor:

A. Approve minutes from the April 3, 2024 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

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|----|----------|--|
| a. | With: | Automated Security Alert, Inc. d/b/a STAAR Alert
Munhall, PA |
| | Amount: | \$20,000** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve increase and extension to provide personal emergency response systems and medication dispensing and monitoring services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/26 |
| b. | With: | Better Home Care, LLC, Feasterville, 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: | Carvell Health Services, Huntington Valley, PA |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25 |
| d. | With: | Community Home Health, 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: Expert 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
- f. With: Family Caregivers Network, Inc., Pennsburg, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- g. With: Gem Home Care, Inc., Huntingdon Valley, PA
Amount: \$60,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- h. With: Immediate Home Care, LLC, Bensalem, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- i. With: Lenape Valley Foundation, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$450,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Senior Empowerment for Life Fulfillment (SELF) demonstration program.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27
- j. With: Maximum Care Inc., Whitehall, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- k. With: Metz Culinary Management, LLC, Dallas, PA
Amount: \$56,160** (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide shelf-stable meal packs to homebound residents.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

l. With: NHCM Inc. d/b/a Prestige Home Care Agency
Philadelphia, PA

Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

m. With: Transitional Care Solutions Inc., d/b/a Interim Healthcare of Lower Bucks County, Trevoese, PA

Amount: \$15,000** (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

n. With: VNA-Community Services, Inc., Abington, PA

Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

2. BH/DP

a. With: Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA

Amount: \$2,142,838** (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide funding to support Recovery House.
1/1/24 – 12/31/27

3. Children & Youth

a. With: Forget Me Knot Children & Youth Services
Philadelphia, PA

Amount: \$20,000** (County 20%)

Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide emergency shelter services.
2/1/23 – 11/30/23

- b. With: Genesis Home Of New Beginnings, York, PA
 Amount: \$238,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Community Residential
 Treatment Program for dependent children.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25
- c. With: Linda Pasqua-Blaisse, M.Ed., Kintnersville, PA
 Amount: \$30,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster parent evaluations and
 screening services.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/25
- d. With: The Bair Foundation of Pennsylvania, Inc.
 New Wilmington, PA
 Amount: \$50,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25
- e. With: Valliere & Counseling Associates, Inc., Fogelsville, PA
 Amount: \$25,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide counseling and evaluation
 services for children and parents.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- f. With: Woods Services, Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$30,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for residential and counseling
 services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

4. Commissioners

- a. With: Township of Bristol
 Purpose: Approve transfer and redevelopment of a portion of tax
 parcel no. 05-072-113.001 into an age-qualified
 residential community; amend the mortgage for the same
 parcel, and impose restrictions on tax parcel no. 05-039-
 584-001

5. Coroner

- a. With:
Amount: \$7,968.06 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve donation to the County of unclaimed funds from unclaimed decedents held for over one year.

6. Emergency Management

- a. With:
Amount: \$3,204.92* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel to attend WebEoc conference/training in Tampa, Florida.
4/30/24 – 5/4/24

- b. With:
Amount: \$3,204.92* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel to attend WebEoc conference/training in Tampa, Florida.
4/30/24 – 5/4/24

7. General Services

- a. With: Bergey's Ford Inc., Ambler, PA
Amount: \$33,105.68 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of a 2024 Ford Maverick pick-up truck for the Health Department's West Nile Virus Mosquito Disease Control Program.

- b. With: C&C Ford Sales Inc. d/b/a Chapman Chrysler Jeep Dodge, Horsham, PA
Amount: \$38,193 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of vehicle for county detectives.

- c. With: Fred Beans Ford of Doylestown, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$127,920 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of three 2024 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles for the Park Rangers.

8. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$32,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide landlord incentives.
2/1/24 – 3/31/25

9. Human Services

- a. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$55,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide supports to shelter residents
with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), Substance Use
Disorder (SUD), and co-occurring disorders.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

10. Law Department

- a. With:
Amount: \$350/hour + expenses (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve maximum hourly rates for outside counsel for
bankruptcy matters.
4/1/24 – Open

- b. With: Mette, Evans & Woodside, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$36,666.44 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve payment of court ordered attorneys fees and
non-taxable expenses in the matter of John Doe v.
Jennifer Shorn, District Attorney of Bucks County et al.

- c. With: Scantek, Inc., Willow Grove, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to digitally scan and archive Law
Department files.
4/17/24 – 10/16/24

11. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Nurse Partners, Inc., Pottstown, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide agency nursing for
residents.

5/19/24 – 5/18/25

- b. With: Singer Equipment Company Inc., Elverson, PA
 Amount: \$22,003.11** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to purchase additional
 convection steamer.

12. Open Space

- a. With: Milford Township, Quakertown, PA
 Purpose: Approve conservation easement amendment to revise lot
 lines for three tracts in Milford Township. One tract
 owned by Milford contains covenants, conditions, and
 restrictions.

13. Planning Commission

- a. With: New Hope Borough
 Amount: \$57,250 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide planning services.
 4/17/24 – 4/16/26

14. Purchasing

- a. With: HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, LTD, Jacksonville, FL
 Amount: \$164,836.15* (County 9%)
 Purpose: Approve partial award of contract to provide janitorial
 supplies.
 4/15/24 – 4/14/25

- b. With: J.P. Pest Services, Inc., Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$595* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide pest control
 services for two additional locations.
 11/1/23 – 10/31/24

- c. With: Office Basics, Inc., Boothwyn, PA
 Amount: \$580.40* (County 51%)
 Purpose: Approve partial award of contract to provide janitorial
 supplies.

4/15/24 – 4/14/25

- d. With: Pyramid School Products, Tampa, FL
 Amount: \$27,267.57* (County 38%)
 Purpose: Approve partial award of contract to provide janitorial supplies.
 4/15/24 – 4/14/25

- e. With: Riggins, Inc., Vineland, NJ
 Amount: \$681,241.76* (County 99%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for delivery of heating oil, diesel fuel, and gasoline.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- f. With: WB Mason Co., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$162,169.65* (County 4%)
 Purpose: Approve partial award of contract to provide janitorial supplies.
 4/15/24 – 4/14/25

15. Sheriff

- a. With: BODE Technology, Lorton, VA
 Amount: \$362,250** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide DNA testing, reachback, and databasing services.

- b. With: Life Technologies Corporation, Carlsbad, CA
 Amount: \$387,750** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of rapid DNA testing system and components.

- c. With: United States Department of Justice-Office of Justice Programs, Washington, DC
 Amount: \$750,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve grant funding for Rapid DNA processing.
 6/1/23 – 5/31/24

16. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc., Dearborn, MI
 Amount: \$200,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and amendment of Workforce
 Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 contract.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Items 17a through 17e – Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt and Director of General Services George Hutt provided information about the new Lower Bucks Government Services Center. Commissioner Harvie added his thanks to all those involved with moving this project forward.

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, these Resolutions were approved.

17. General Services

- a. With: Integrity Mechanical, Inc., Plumsteadville, PA
 Amount: \$874,750** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve plumbing contract for Lower Bucks Government
 Services Center.
 625 days from NTP

- b. With: Integrity Mechanical, Inc., Plumsteadville, PA
 Amount: \$1,838,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve mechanical contract for Lower Bucks
 Government Services Center.
 625 days from NTP

- c. With: Oliver Fire Protection & Security, King of Prussia, PA
 Amount: \$342,760** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve fire protection contract for Lower Bucks
 Government Services Center.
 625 days from NTP

- d. With: QPI Electrical Co. Inc., Levittown, PA
 Amount: \$4,109,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve electrical contract for Lower Bucks Government
 Services Center.
 625 days from NTP
- e. With: Rycon Construction Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$12,665,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve general construction contract for Lower Bucks
 Government Services Center.
 625 days from NTP

B. Budget Adjustments

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

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

18.

2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

April 17, 2024

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for new grant revenue and additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #2	Sheriff	750,000
	Sheriff (Revenue)	(750,000)
Adjustment #3	Insurance	200,000
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		200,000

C. Personnel Actions - Commissioners List

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

D. 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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| 19. | Bucks County Human Relations Council (3-year term) | | |
| | Vitaliy Velenchuk | new appointment | term ends 8/1/25 |
| | | * finishing the term of Bernard Hoffman | |
| 20. | Bucks County Mental Health/Developmental Programs Advisory Board (3-year term) | | |
| | Michael Thevar | new appointment | term ends 4/20/27 |

E. Other Civics

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

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| 21. | Bucks County Community College Veterans Club | \$1,500 |
| | Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership | \$2,500 |

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. McKevitt introduced Director of Sustainability Neil Dougherty and Environmental Planner Cassandra Goodmansen, who presented information on the Sustainability Plan for County Operations.

Diane Rosati, Executive Director Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, and Prevention Supervisor Mallory Perrotti shared information about the upcoming Drug Take-Back Collection being held on Saturday, April 27th from 10 am to 2 pm at 47 collection sites throughout 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. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the Lower Bucks Government Service Center Project and thanked those involved for their work.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about Earth Day and the impacts of recent efforts on the environment, noting the cleaner water we have now than decades ago. He spoke about the prices of gas & oil and said we should continue taking steps to make things better and he encouraged people to get involved in the local Earth Day events.

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, May 1, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: May 1, 2014
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*