

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

5/15/2024 - 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 Coroner Patti Campi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. EMS Week

The Commissioners proclaimed the week of May 19 – 25, 2024 as “Emergency Medical Services Week,” to thank those who have dedicated their lives to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of others through the administration of swift, life-saving medical treatment. This proclamation was accepted by Chris Woods, Deputy Director of Emergency Health Services.

B. Community Action Month

The Commissioners proclaimed May 2024 to be “Community Action Month,” recognizing the hard work and dedication of the Bucks County Opportunity Council (BCOC), the county's designated non-profit community action agency. The proclamation was accepted by Director of Development Joe Cuzzo, who shared some information about the BCOC.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia made a motion to change the description of agenda item 13b to read “Declare emergency and approve contract for emergency repair of the Peace Valley Nature Center Roof and interior remediation.” This was seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo and passed unanimously.

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Bill Everett from Middletown Township
- Robert McLain from Milford Township
- Joseph Sroka from Milford Township
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Thomas Sasse from Tinicum Township

Commissioner Marseglia clarified information regarding the election integrity task force. She also emphasized that Bucks County follows state law regarding elections, and she recommended that any concerns be addressed directly with state representatives or state senators.

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick responded to questions regarding the nomination of committee persons.

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 May 1, 2024 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Adult Probation

a. With: Connectrex Corp., San Francisco, CA
Amount: \$73,330.37 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide software maintenance and support.
5/1/24 – 4/30/25

2. Area Agency on Aging

a. With: Dacha Corporation, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$60,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide adult day services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27

3. BH/DP

a. With: Bake Ability, Holicong, PA
Amount: \$49,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide job coaching.
4/1/24 – 12/31/24

b. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$163,619** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for mental health housing program.
1/1/24 – 12/31/25

c. With: Horsham Clinic, Ambler, PA
Amount: \$46,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment to provide hospital inpatient services.

7/1/23 – 6/30/24

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: A Woman's Place, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$11,016** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide shelter services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- b. With: Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware
 Valley, Jenkintown, PA
 Amount: \$20,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide funding for the Safe
 Families Program.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- c. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$30,000** (County 11%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide bridge and
 transitional housing services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- d. With: Diakon Child, Family, and Community Ministries
 Topton, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to combine not to exceed
 amount of Family Preservation/After-Care, Intensive
 Permanency, and Intensive Plus programs.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- e. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$30,000** (County 5%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide the Nurturing
 Parenting and Parents as Teachers program.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- f. With: K/S Consultants, Inc., Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$50,000** (County 11%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide family therapy,
 advocate services, and educational consultation to

maintain youth in their homes.

7/1/23 – 6/30/24

g. With: K/S Consultants, Inc., Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$60,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide Transition to Foster
 Care Program.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

h. With: K/S MST, Inc. Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$10,000** (County 5%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide multisystemic
 therapy services to youth and families.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

i. With: Tabor Children's Services, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$30,000** (County 5%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide intensive family
 services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

5. District Attorney

a. With: Magnet Forensics LLC f/k/a Grayshift, LLC
 Atlanta, GA
 Amount: \$33,105** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide forensic software licenses.
 6/27/24 – 6/26/25

6. Emergency Communications

a. With: NICE Systems, Inc., Hoboken, NJ
 Amount: \$62,338** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide maintenance for the 9-1-1
 voice recorder system.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

7. Emergency Health Services

a. With: Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

Amount: Harrisburg, PA
\$301,811.94 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of County Emergency
Medical Services Grant.
7/1/24 - 6/30/25

8. General Services

a. With: T-Mobile Northeast LLC, Bellevue, WA
Amount: \$774,030.48 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of lease for use of
space on courthouse roof.
9/1/18 – 8/30/33

b. With: T-Mobile Northeast LLC, Bellevue, WA
Amount: \$ 239,619.72 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of lease for use of
space on Lower Southampton cell tower.
1/1/30 – 12/31/34

9. Health Department

a. With:
Purpose: Approve updated "Bucks County Department of Health
Rules and Regulations Governing All Wells and Their
Construction Specifications."

b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of
Communicable Diseases, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$273,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant for HIV/STD Prevention program.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

10. Housing & Community Development

a. With: Benevate, Inc. d/b/a Neighborly Software, Atlanta, GA
Amount: \$18,000* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide software solution for BERA
Program.
4/1/24 – 9/30/24

- b. With: Indian Creek Foundation, Souderton, PA
 - Purpose: Approve contract extension for 2023 CDBG funding for exterior accessibility improvements of group home.
4/1/24 – 4/30/24
- c. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia, PA
 - Amount: \$3,390,014 (Revenue)
 - Purpose: Approve submission of the 2024 Annual Action Plan and acceptance of grant awards for CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- d. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia, PA
 - Purpose: Approve amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to add and revise CV projects.

11. Human Services

- a. With: No Longer Bound, Levittown, PA
 - Amount: (\$194,803)
 - Purpose: Approve contract decrease and amendment for ARPA funding of programs for at-risk and low-income youth at the Bristol Education Center.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

12. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Accelerated Care Plus Leasing, Inc., Reno, NV
 - Amount: \$22,089.60** (County 0%)
 - Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide therapy equipment and related services for residents.
6/22/24 – 6/21/25
- b. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Inc., Manheim, PA
 - Amount: \$34,086.70* (County 0%)
 - Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide personal cleansing wipes for residents.
7/15/24 – 7/14/25

- c. With: New Jersey Respiratory, Inc., Fairfield, NJ
 Amount: \$14,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 respiratory care management services to residents.
 6/14/24 – 6/13/25

13. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Bucks County Conservation District, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$36,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to manage nuisance and/or invasive
 aquatic vegetation at county lakes.
 5/1/24 – 12/31/25

- b. With: Caliber Service Management, LLC, Exton, PA
 Amount: \$189,865.88 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for emergency repair of the Peace
 Valley Nature Center Roof.
 60 days from NTP

- c. With: Indigenous Ingenuities LLC, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$2,535** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide storm water
 management plan for Peace Valley Park/Chapman Road
 Access.
 3/20/24 – 3/19/25

14. Planning Commission

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic
 Development (DCED), Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve submission and designation of Commissioner
 Chair as authorized representative for grant application
 for design and construction of Frosty Hollow Trail project
 in Middletown Township.

15. Police Training

- a. With: TMA Bucks Foundation, Inc., Feasterville Trevose, PA

Amount: \$433,946.04 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Community Traffic Safety programs.
10/1/23 – 9/30/26

16. Purchasing

- a. With: Central Poly-Bag Corp., Linden, NJ
Amount: \$28,320.40* (County 53%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase bags and can liners.
6/24/24 – 6/23/27
- b. With: Enel X Advisory Services USA, LLC, Andover, MA
Amount: \$21,375** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve the county's portion of SEPSPA's (Sustainable Energy Partnership of Southeast PA) contract for energy consultant services including renewable energy.
5/15/24 – 5/14/25
- c. With: Interboro Packaging, Montgomery, NY
Amount: \$188,379.92* (County 68%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase bags and can liners.
6/24/24 – 6/23/27

17. Tax Claim

- a. With: Roy Hendricks, Feasterville, PA
Amount: \$25,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Constable services to post notices regarding delinquent taxes.
5/1/24 – 12/31/24

18. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc., Dearborn, MI
Amount: \$192,500** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 funding for programs, activities, and job training for underemployed and unemployed individuals.
7/1/23 – 6/30/25

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 19a – Ms. Campi and Chief Deputy Coroner Scoot Croop presented information on the benefits of this new rapid toxicology machine.

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

19. Human Services

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| a. | With: | Bucks County Coroner's Office, Warminster, PA |
| | Amount: | \$79,800** (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide Rapid Tox program using
Opioid Settlement funding.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24 |

B. Personnel Actions

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

20.	Aark Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center	\$2,000
	Feasterville-Treose Lions Club	\$2,000
	No Longer Bound	\$2,000
	Rolling Harvest Food Rescue	\$2,500

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt introduced Diane Rosati, Executive Director Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, who shared results from the April 27th Medication Take-Back Collection. She noted, among other things, that Bucks County collected over 10,122 pounds of medications. Ms. Rosati also spoke about the Prevention Day event being held today from 11:30 to 2 in the 3rd floor rotunda.

Ms. McKevitt announced a household hazardous waste collection this Saturday from 8:30 to 2:00 at the Upper Bucks County Technical School in Bedminster.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday to discuss personnel matters, pending and prospective litigation, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Noting this past Sunday being Mother's Day, Commissioner Harvie expressed appreciation for anyone who serves in that role.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about Memorial Day and explained the significance of the poppy pin he was wearing. He also shared information about the Bucks County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge Program and the recent dedication of Bridge #361 in Tinicum Township for U.S. Air Force Captain Atis Karlis Lielmanis, the first Bucks County resident killed in action during the Vietnam War.

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, June 5, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: June 5, 2024
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*