

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

6/5/2024 - 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 Lauren Smith, Chief Human Resource Officer, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition

The commissioners recognized John Devito from Consumer Protection for thirty years of employment with the county. Also recognized were the following employees reaching twenty-year anniversaries: Robert Devlin, Peter Donat, Tony Lee Dowdy, and David Kratz from the Department of Corrections; Kendal Byers from the Recorder of Deeds; and Patrick Duchesneau, Erica Latoche, and Christopher Bull from Emergency Services.

B. High School Poet of the Year

The commissioners recognized Cecelia Shine, a senior at Neshaminy High School, as Bucks County's "2024 High School Poet of the Year" applauding her creative gift of poetry and commending her contribution to the literary tradition of the community. Ms. Shine read her poem "One Heart Too Many."

C. Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week

The commissioners proclaimed June 3rd through 7th, 2024, as "Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week," as an expression of gratitude and admiration for the important and difficult work performed each day by the professionals at the Bucks County Children & Youth Social Services Agency. Christine Lilley, accompanied by Desiree Mullen, accepted the proclamation and expressed gratitude for the case workers and managers that help keep the children of the county safe.

D. LGBTQ+ Pride Month

The commissioners proclaimed June 2024 as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month," encouraging all residents to help celebrate friends, family, and neighbors in the LGBTQ+ community and to reaffirm solidarity with the cause of equality for all marginalized people. Nick Emeigh, Associate Executive Director at NAMI Bucks County, joined the meeting remotely to accept the proclamation.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Jebbeh Kawah from Levittown
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Kathryn Price Engelhard from Morrisville
- Beth Roth from Bedminster
- Bill Everett from Middletown
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township
- Robert McLain from Milford Township
- Beth Curcio from Warminster

Commissioner Marseglia responded to many of the questions and comments.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve minutes from the May 15, 2024 meeting.

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

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

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| a. | With:
Amount:
Purpose: | Bensalem Senior Citizens Association, Bensalem, PA
\$4,551** (County 0%)
Approve contract increase for senior center services, and amendment to Appendix E.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24 |
| b. | With:
Amount:
Purpose: | Bensalem Senior Citizens Association, Bensalem, PA
\$257,000** (County 0%)
Approve contract to provide senior center services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27 |
| c. | With:
Amount:
Purpose: | Bristol Township Senior Citizens Inc., Bristol, PA
\$14,351** (County 0%)
Approve contract increase for senior center services, and amendment to Appendix E.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24 |
| d. | With:
Amount:
Purpose: | Bristol Township Senior Citizens Inc., Bristol, PA
\$208,100** (County 0%)
Approve contract to provide senior center services, |

congregate and home-delivered meals.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27

- e. With: Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior
 Citizens, Trevose, PA
 Amount: \$38,404** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for senior center services, and
 amendment to Appendix E.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- f. With: Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior
 Citizens, Trevose, PA
 Amount: \$426,920** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide senior center services,
 congregate and home-delivered meals.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/27

- g. With: Eastern Upper Bucks Seniors, Inc., Ottsville, PA
 Amount: \$6,351** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for senior center services, and
 amendment to Appendix E.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- h. With: Eastern Upper Bucks Seniors, Inc., Ottsville, PA
 Amount: \$59,100** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide senior center services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/27

- i. With: Falls Township Senior Citizens, Inc., Fairless Hills, PA
 Amount: \$22,251** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for senior center services, and
 amendment to Appendix E.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- j. With: Falls Township Senior Citizens, Inc., Fairless Hills, PA
 Amount: \$198,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide senior center services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/27

- k. With: Middletown Senior Citizens Association, Levittown, PA
 Amount: \$5,551** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for senior center services, and
 amendment to Appendix E.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- l. With: Middletown Senior Citizens Association, Levittown, PA
 Amount: \$172,100** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide senior center services,
 congregate and home-delivered meals.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/27
- m. With: Morrisville Senior Servicer, Morrisville, PA
 Amount: \$169,300** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide senior center services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/27
- n. With: Morrisville Senior Servicer, Morrisville, PA
 Amount: \$16,251** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for senior center services, and
 amendment to Appendix E.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Clarke Pennsylvania, Inc. d/b/a Clarke Schools for
 Hearing and Speech, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$10,000** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- b. With: Lower Bucks Hospital, Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$180,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide hospital inpatient services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC, Pittsburgh, PA
 Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.

- b. With: Neighborhood First Program, Inc., Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$10,000** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Summer Truancy Reduction
 and Curfew for Kids (TRACK) program.
 6/1/24 – 9/30/24

4. Corrections

- a. With: Singer Equipment Company, Inc., Elverson, PA
 Amount: \$110,880.93** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of kitchen equipment.
 6/5/24 – 6/4/25

- b. With: Tek84, Inc., Ponway, CA
 Amount: \$162,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase and installation of Compact Body
 Scanner with Integrated Temperature Scanner.
 6/6/24 – 8/7/24

5. Emergency Health Services

- a. With:
 Purpose: Approve bylaws for the Bucks County Emergency Health
 Advisory Council.

6. Finance

- a. With: Bucks County Free Library, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$64,460.10* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve reimbursement of emergency repairs to James
 A. Michener Library in Quakertown.

7. General Services

- a. With: Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. f/k/a Bergman
 Holmdel, NJ
 Purpose: Approve contract extension and change of vendor name
 for engineering design and construction consultation

services for the rehabilitation of Bridge #334 on Sterner Mill Road over Poquessing Creek in Lower Southampton Township.

7/1/23 – 12/31/24

- b. With: Fred Beans Ford, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$42,640** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of 2024 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle for Domestic Relations.

- c. With: Industrial Diesel Power, Inc., Croydon, PA
 Amount: \$24** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment for generator maintenance inspection program.
 3/2/22 – 3/1/25

- d. With: Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc., Newtown, PA
 Amount: \$57,170.13 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Authorize General Services Director of Operations to sign contract increase and extension for Bridge Project Specific Agreement #L00307 for Bridge #54 on King Road over Herkaken Creek in New Britain Township.
 4/19/24 – 12/31/24

- e. With: S.K.D. Tryon's Emergency Vehicle Upfitting, Inc.
 Croydon, PA
 Amount: \$18,471.95** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to upfit one Police Interceptor for Domestic Relations.

- f. With: S.K.D. Tryon's Emergency Vehicle Upfitting, Inc.
 Croydon, PA
 Amount: \$28,402.49** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to upfit three 2024 Police Interceptors for the Park Rangers.

- g. With: S.K.D. Tryon's Emergency Vehicle Upfitting, Inc.
 Croydon, PA
 Amount: \$94,090.77** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to upfit three 2024 vans for the Sheriff's Office.

- h. With: STV Incorporated, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$4,605.31** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide engineering design and construction consultation services for the rehabilitation of Bridge #365 on Beaver Run Road over Beaver Creek in Tinicum Township.
 1/1/23 – 12/31/24

8. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$604,104** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide administrative and financial assistance, and housing stability services to eligible households.
 4/1/24 – 9/30/25

- b. With: Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension and term correction for Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) grant funding.
 10/24/22 – 10/31/24

- c. With: Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County, Bristol, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension for 2022 CDBG for funding of owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program.
 8/1/24 – 12/31/24

9. Human Resources

- a. With:
 Purpose: Approve Pennsylvania Heart & Lung Act Policy.

- b. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Unit 81, Plymouth Meeting, PA
 Purpose: Approve a side letter agreement for Department of Corrections to create 12-hour shifts.

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| c. | <p>With: International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 835A, Unit 01, Drexel Hill, PA</p> <p>Purpose: Approve a side letter agreement for Department of Corrections employee bonuses.
5/29/24 - Open</p> |
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| d. | <p>With: The Bucks County Peace Officers Association
– Union 08, Doylestown, PA</p> <p>Purpose: Approve a side letter agreement to withdraw Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) in exchange for receiving two comp days.</p> |

10. Human Services

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| a. | With: | Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA |
| | Amount: | \$125,597** (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract increase for Community Based Mini-Grants for opioid settlement funded programs.
9/1/23 – 12/31/24 |
| b. | With: | Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA |
| | Amount: | \$4,005** (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract increase and extension to use opioid settlement funding to purchase and distribute Narcan kits.
7/1/24 – 12/31/24 |
| c. | With: | Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA |
| | Amount: | \$233,615** (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract increase and extension to use opioid settlement funding to provide sub-grantee awards.
7/1/24 – 12/31/24 |

11. Information Technology

- a. With: Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania
Bloomsburg, PA
- Purpose: Approve internship agreement.
5 years from full execution

- b. With: TouchPhrase Development, LLC d/b/a Julota
 Colorado Springs, CO
 Amount: \$100,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve increase, extension, and amendment of contract
 to purchase software for the data sharing and co-
 responder database.
 6/14/24 – 6/13/25
- c. With: Verizon Business Network Services LLC
 Basking Ridge, NJ
 Amount: \$228,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for private IP
 access.
 6/22/24 – 6/21/25

12. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: Diakon Child, Family, and Community Ministries
 Middletown, PA
 Amount: \$100,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Weekend Alternative
 Program with transportation services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25

13. Law Department

- a. With:
 Amount: \$400/hour + expenses (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve maximum hourly rates for outside counsel for
 Election and Voter Registration Counseling, Litigation,
 and Department of Corrections matters.
 5/6/24 – Open
- b. With: Myers, Brier, & Kelly LLP, Scranton, PA
 Purpose: Approve law firm to provide legal services for the County
 within applicable maximum rates.
 5/6/24 – Open

14. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Medline Industries, LP, Northfield, IL
 Amount: \$55,759.20* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide skin care protectant products
 for residents.
 6/15/24 – 6/14/26

15. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$246,500 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve acceptance of grant funds for the design and
 construction of boat ramp at Hal H. Clark Park.
 NTP – 12/31/26

16. Planning Commission

- a. With: EBA Engineering, Inc., Laurel, MD
 Amount: \$25,000** (County 65%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to upgrade the county's Geographic
 Information System (GIS).
 6/5/24 – 12/31/24

- b. With: PECO Energy Company, Philadelphia, PA
 Purpose: Approve Trail License Agreement for the Frosty Hollow
 Trail project in Middletown Township.

17. Public Defender

- a. With: CMO Court Reporting, LLC, Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$65,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide court stenographic services.
 5/1/24 – 5/1/25

18. Purchasing

- a. With: Pitney Bowes Presort Services, LLC, Omaha, NE
 Amount: \$15,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide pre-
 sort mail services.
 7/18/24 – 7/17/25

19. Security

- a. With: Johnson Controls Security Solutions, Milwaukee, WI
Amount: \$182,838.29** (County 62%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide security system maintenance at additional locations.
11/1/23 – 11/1/28

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 20a – Economic Development Program Manager Brian Cummings provided additional information about the Build Business in Bucks Program.

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

20. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With:
Amount: \$200,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act funds for Build Business in Bucks grant program.

B. Budget Adjustments

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

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2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

June 5, 2024

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Adjustment #4	Sheriff	185,000
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Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance	185,000
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Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, this Budget Adjustment was adopted.

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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| 22. | Bucks County Community College Authority (5-year term) | | |
| | Nancy Sherlock | new appointment | term ends 1/1/27 |
| 23. | Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission | | |
| | Gwendolyn Schwartz | new appointment | term ends 6/1/27 |
| | | *student representative | |

E. Other Civics

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

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| 24. | Big Brothers/Big Sisters | \$12,000 |
| | Haycock Historical Society | \$2,000 |
| | NAMI Bucks County | \$1,200 |

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt reported on the following:

- The annual Father's Day Fishing Derby will be held at Peace Valley Park on June 16th. Happy Father's to all the dads!
- The next household hazardous waste collection will be held on Saturday, June 29th, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at Central Bucks South High School in Warrington.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick wished a happy belated birthday to Ms. McKevitt.

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday, June 4th, to discuss personnel matters, pending and prospective litigation, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo welcomed David Bria, the new Purchasing Director.

Commissioner DiGirolamo reported that he met with a couple members of the public who had been appearing at the commissioners' meetings with questions regarding county elections. He suggested they meet with Gail Humphrey and Deputy Director of Board of Elections Charlene Maloney regarding additional concerns.

Commissioner Harvie also wished a Happy Birthday to Ms. McKevitt and a Happy Father's Day to all those in that role.

Commissioner Harvie noted that tomorrow is the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion, aka D-Day, and he shared some insight on that historical event from World War II.

Commissioner Marseglia spoke about the fairness and honesty inherent in the country's judicial and election systems and expressed frustration toward those who denounce them and claim otherwise.

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

Approved: July 10, 2024

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*