

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

7/10/2024 - 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 Governance Paralegal Kate Saul from the Law Department led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Marseglia welcomed the representatives from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) who were present.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Parks & Recreation Month

The commissioners proclaimed July 2024 as "Parks and Recreation Month," recognizing the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources. They commended the Bucks County Parks and Recreation staff for providing beautiful, fun and safe spaces and they encouraged all residents and guests to visit. Parks & Recreation Director Angie Nagle accepted the proclamation and presented information on the benefits of the parks. She also provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner DiGirolamo noted item 14c on the agenda and spoke briefly about this lease for the rowing teams at a few local high schools and he thanked Ms. Nagle for her help in putting it together.

B. Bucks County Home Repair Program

The commissioners welcomed Jeremy Newberg, owner and CEO at Capital Access, Inc., and Mike McPeak from Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County, who presented information on the Whole Home Repair Program.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Diane Meyer from Doylestown
- Jeff Glauber from Buckingham Township
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Bill Everett from Middletown Township
- Liz Youse from Northampton Township
- Cryss Harm from Middletown

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve minutes from the June 5, 2024 meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marsegia, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions from the Consent Agenda were approved except for item 17a, which was opposed by Commissioner Harvie and passed with a vote of 2-1.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

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| a. | With:
Amount:
Purpose: | Bristol Borough Area Active Adult Center, Bristol, PA
\$4,551** (County 0%)
Approve contract increase and amendment to Appendix E, funding allocation.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24 |
| b. | With:
Amount:
Purpose: | Bristol Borough Area Active Adult Center, Bristol, PA
\$117,900** (County 0%)
Approve contract to provide senior center services, congregate and home-delivered meals.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27 |
| c. | With:
Amount:
Purpose: | Elizabeth Doan, West Chester, PA
\$212,668** (County 0%)
Approve contract to provide professional services as the Regional Coordinator for the LINK/Aging and Disability Resource Center.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27 |
| d. | With:
Purpose: | Information Age Technologies, Mt. Pleasant, PA
Approve contract amendment to provide technical support and services related to State Management System.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27 |
| e. | With:
Amount:
Purpose: | Lenape Valley Foundation, Doylestown, PA
\$10,000** (County 0%)
Approve contract increase to provide Senior |

Empowerment for Life Fulfillment (SELF) demonstration program.

7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- f. With: Metz Culinary Management, LLC, Dallas, PA
 Purpose: Approve amendment of contract to provide shelf-stable meal packs to homebound residents.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- g. With: New Hope Adult Day Care, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: (\$45,000)
 Purpose: Approve termination of contract to provide adult day services for seniors.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/24

- h. With: Pennsylvania Department of Aging, Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$87,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve SHARE program intergovernmental agreement to provide senior housing services.
 Effective upon date of final signature - open ended.

- i. With: Valued Relationships, Inc., Franklin, OH
 Amount: \$20,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension to provide personal emergency response systems and medication dispensing and monitoring services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/26

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Goldstar Rehabilitation, Inc., Narberth, PA
 Amount: \$36,253** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide early intervention services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- b. With: OneWell, LLC., Lancaster, PA
 Amount: \$83,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide intellectual disability services.

11/1/23 – 6/30/24

- c. With: Sunny Days Early Childhood Developmental Services, Inc., Media, PA
 Amount: \$125,600** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide early intervention services for children.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: Bethany Christian Services of Central Pennsylvania Lancaster, PA
 Amount: \$50,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA
 Purpose: Approve amendment of contract to provide various support programs. 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$200,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve grant agreement for the Stable Housing in Facilitated Teams (SHIFT) program.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- d. With: Widener University, Chester, PA
 Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.

- e. With: YWCA of Bucks County, Trevoise, PA
 Purpose: Approve amendment of contract for life skills, camps and literacy programs, family finding and family searches programs, and employment services programs.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

4. Corrections

- a. With: PrimeCare Medical, Inc., Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$2,791,300** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program services
 and medications.
 8/1/24 – 7/31/25

- b. With: VITA Education Services, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$8,512** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for various workshops and
 training at the correctional facilities.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

5. Courts

- a. With: Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC)
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$20,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve acceptance of grant award and conditions of
 MOU supporting Bucks County's Mental Health Court
 and Drug Court programs.
 4/1/24 – 3/31/25

6. District Attorney

- a. With:
 Amount: \$3,093.90* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel for detective to attend Level
 3 Subsentio Academy for Cellular Expert Training in
 West Chester, OH.
 9/8/24 – 9/14/24

7. General Services

- a. With: Abeloff Auto Group Inc., Stroudsburg, PA
 Amount: \$26,420.60 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of vehicle for county detectives.

- b. With: Andrew and Allison Hamilton, Doylestown, PA
 Purpose: Approve easement on county owned property located at

1099 Pebble Hill Road in Doylestown.

- c. With: Athena Contracting, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$43,891.52** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Declare emergency and approve contract for emergency
 repair of Stover Mill. (Subject to final approval by county
 solicitor)
 120 days from NTP

- d. With: C&C Ford Sales, Inc., Horsham, PA
 Amount: \$31,050 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of vehicle for Sheriff's Deputy
 assigned to Department of Homeland Security.

- e. With: Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc., Wilmington, DE
 Amount: \$1,114,840.60** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for the rehabilitation of Bridge #356 on
 Erie Road over Tohickon Creek in Richland Township.
 120 days from NTP

- f. With: Fred Beans Ford, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$43,971 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of 2024 Police Interceptor Utility
 Vehicle for Emergency Health Services.

- g. With: Johnson Controls, Inc., Plymouth Meeting, PA
 Amount: \$29,503** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment to provide
 chiller maintenance at the Justice Center and
 Administration Building.
 2/22/24 – 2/21/25

- h. With: Loftus Construction, Inc., Cinnaminson, NJ
 Amount: \$544,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for the rehabilitation of Bridge #334 on
 Sternner Mill Road over Poquessing Creek in Lower
 Southampton Township.
 120 days from NTP

- i. With: S.K.D. Tryon's Emergency Vehicle Upfitting, Inc.
Croydon, PA
Amount: \$13,840.05** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to upfit one vehicle for Emergency Health Services.

- j. With: Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, New Castle, PA
Amount: \$30,170 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to relocate, replace, and remove Verizon facilities at 7321 New Falls Road.

8. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Advocates for Homeless and Those in Need, Inc.
Fairless Hills, PA
Amount: \$25,780.45** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for CDBG funding to provide emergency shelter services during Code Blue events.
8/1/24 – 3/31/25

- b. With: Bristol Borough
Amount: \$202,110** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2024 CDBG funding to install ADA curb ramps.
7/1/27 – 3/31/25

- c. With: Bucks County Housing Group, Warminster, PA
Amount: \$162,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Rapid Rehousing supportive services, rental assistance, and case management.
5/1/24 – 12/30/24

- d. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$20,457.33** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide landlord incentives.
2/1/24 – 3/31/25

- e. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$84,333** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide 2024 CDBG funding for

7/1/24 – 6/30/25

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| f. | With: | Family Service Association, Langhorne, PA |
| | Amount: | \$320,573.86** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide Housing Link Helpline services.
4/1/24 – 12/31/26 |
| g. | With: | Family Service Association, Langhorne, PA |
| | Amount: | \$19,110 (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide temporary emergency housing.
5/1/24 – 12/30/24 |
| h. | With: | Middletown Township |
| | Amount: | \$175,000** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract for 2024 CDBG funding to install ADA curb ramps.
7/1/24 – 3/31/25 |
| i. | With: | Penndel Mental Health Center, Langhorne, PA |
| | Amount: | \$75,000** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract for 2024 CDBG funding for group home kitchen renovations.
7/1/24 – 3/31/25 |
| j. | With: | Quakertown Community Outreach, Richlandtown, PA |
| | Amount: | (\$0.01) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract decrease and amendment for 2021 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) funding for street outreach assistance.
1/1/24 – 6/30/24 |
| k. | With: | United Way of Bucks County, Fairless Hills, PA |
| | Amount: | (\$19,562) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract decrease and extension for the LIFT United program.
3/1/24 – 12/31/24 |

9. Human Resources

- a. With: Approve side letter agreement for supplemental staffing bonuses for non-union employees of Neshaminy Manor.
Purpose: 7/1/24 – 12/31/24

- b. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), District Council 88, AFL-CIO Plymouth Meeting, PA
Purpose: Approve side letter agreement for weekend shift premium pay for CNA, LPN, and Restorative Aide employees of Neshaminy Manor.
7/1/24 – 12/31/24

- c. With: Independence Blue Cross, Philadelphia, PA
Purpose: Approve amendment of contract to provide administrative services and claims processing for county medical and vision plans.
1/1/23 – 12/31/25

- d. With: Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) Montgomeryville, PA
Purpose: Approve letter agreement for premium pay for PSEA nurses working at Neshaminy Manor.
7/1/24 – 12/31/24

- e. With: The Bucks County Peace Officers Association – Union 08, Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Ratify and approve collective bargaining agreement.
1/1/25 – 12/31/28

10. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Department of Adult Probation and Parole, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$121,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of Memorandum of Understanding for drug court probation officer, funded by opioid settlement funds.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$2,561** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to use opioid
 settlement funding to purchase and distribute drug test
 strips.
 7/1/24 – 12/31/24
- c. With: Tullytown Borough Police Department, Tullytown, PA
 Amount: \$52,500 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide reimbursement for Co-
 Responder Program.
 4/11/24 – 4/10/25

11. Information Technology

- a. With:
 Amount: \$4,939.50* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel for technical specialist to
 attend 2024 Hyland Tech Quest Conference.
 7/28/24 – 8/3/24
- b. With:
 Amount: \$3,690* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel for technical specialist to
 attend 2024 Hyland Tech Quest Conference.
 7/28/24 – 8/3/24
- c. With: Bucks County Community College, Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$44,730 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide cybersecurity training.
 7/10/24 – 9/23/24
- d. With: Ten4 Mobility, LLC d/b/a OpDecision, Baltimore, MD
 Amount: \$15,000 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 wireless expense management services.
 12/21/22 – 12/31/24

12. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: Alternative Living Solutions, Latrobe, PA
 Amount: \$148,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide supervised
 independent and transitional living programs.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- b. With: Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
 Columbia, PA
 Amount: \$55,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide residential services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

- c. With: George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania, Grove City, PA
 Amount: \$65,000** (County 40%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide long-term
 residential care.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- d. With: Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc.
 Greensburg, PA
 Amount: \$320,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide residential care and
 in-home family services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

13. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Abriola Company, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$19,750** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for restoration of kitchen flooring.

- b. With: American Health Care Services, Inc., Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$13,871.68* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase
 liquid nutritional supplements.
 9/1/24 – 8/31/25

- c. With: Vital Healthcare Solutions, LLC, Wernersville, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide behavioral
 healthcare services and evaluations for the residents.
 6/3/24 – 6/2/25

14. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Athena Contracting LLC, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$459,000** (County 89%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to repair the Silver Lake Nature Center
 Observation Platform.
 180 days from NTP
- b. With: Bucks County Foundation, Doylestown, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide fiscal sponsor services.
 3 years from NTP
- c. With: Holy Ghost Preparatory School et al, Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$45,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Land Lease Agreement with Holy Ghost
 Preparatory School, Villa Joseph Marie High School, and
 George School.
 7/10/24 – 3/31/29

15. Planning Commission

- a. With: Gilmore & Associates, Inc., New Britain, PA
 Amount: \$10,750** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 design, engineering, and archaeology services for Phase
 2 of the Newtown Rail Trail.
 8/3/24 – 6/1/25

16. Purchasing

- a. With: Professional Cleaning Services, Sewell, NJ
 Amount: \$34,744* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide janitorial services
 for the Levittown Government Services Building.
 6/1/24 – 5/31/26

- b. With: The Struggles, LLC Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: (\$31,200)
 Purpose: Rescind contract to provide janitorial services for the
 Levittown Government Services Building.
 6/1/24 – 5/31/26

17. Sheriff

- a. With: McDonald Uniform Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$43,158.61** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of civil unrest protective equipment.

18. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Economic Modeling, LLC d/b/a EMSI Burning Glass
 Moscow, ID
 Amount: \$17,510 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide research data and reporting
 to support employers and jobseekers.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc., Dearborn, MI
 Amount: \$250,000** (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

- c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of
 Workforce Development Administration, Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$205,747.59** (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve grant funding to provide employment training
 services.
 4/8/24 – 4/7/26

- d. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of
 Workforce Development Administration, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide Business &
 Education Grant funds to enable four youth programs.

7/1/24 – 8/31/24

- e. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of
 Workforce Development Administration, Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$1,055,813.20** (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve grant funding to provide education and skills
 attainment, career development, and support for youth
 with barriers to employment.
 4/1/23 – 6/30/25

- f. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of
 Workforce Development Administration, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve extension of Workforce Innovation and
 Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funding to provide One-
 Stop Operator employment and training programs.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- g. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Bureau of
 Workforce Development Administration, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to expand engagement and
 provisions for apprenticeships.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- h. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of
 Workforce Development Administration, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide pre-
 apprenticeships for students from the three technical high
 schools.
 7/1/24 – 12/31/24

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Budget Adjustments

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

19.

2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

July 10, 2024

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #6	Emergency Health	69,000
	Emergency Health (Revenue)	(69,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, this Budget Adjustment was adopted.

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. Board Appointments

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointment was approved:

20. Bucks County Community College Trustees (6-year term)
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| James H. Dancy, Jr | new appointment | term ends 6/30/26 |
| | * finishing the term of William D. Maeglin | |

Commissioner DiGirolamo noted his opposition to the replacement of the following Bucks County Community College board members. Commissioner Marseglia responded, voicing her support of the new board. Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, and with Commissioner DiGirolamo opposing, the following appointments were approved with a vote of 2-1:

21. Bucks County Community College Trustees (6-year term)
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|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Tabitha Dell'Angelo | new appointment | term ends 6/30/30 |
| Adrienne King | new appointment | term ends 6/30/30 |
| John Murray | new appointment | term ends 6/30/30 |
| Edward Tokmajian | new appointment | term ends 6/30/30 |
| Vincent Magyar, Jr. | new appointment | term ends 6/30/30 |

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

22. Bucks County Housing Authority (5-year term)
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| Raina Mehta | new appointment | term ends 6/30/29 |
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Bucks County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (2-year term)

Jeff Kopyta

new appointment

term ends 6/3/25

* finishing the term of Michael Dougherty

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:

23.	Animal Lifeline	\$1,500
	Bucks for Kids	\$3,000
	Fire Professionals Aiding Children	\$3,200
	Centennial School District (field trip program)	\$645.00
	Centennial School District (field trip program)	\$750.00
	Central Bucks School District (field trip program)	\$873.00
	Council Rock School District (field trip program)	\$287.50
	Council Rock School District (field trip program)	\$412.50
	Neshaminy School District (field trip program)	\$450.17
	Pennridge School District (field trip program)	\$534.32
	Pennridge School District (field trip program)	\$1,000.00
	Pennridge School District (field trip program)	\$1,000.00

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt reported on the following:

- The Build Business in Bucks grant applications for small businesses are due by July 31st. These \$3,000 grants work with partners in businesses for Human Resources, Accounting, and Marketing support. Applications can be found on-line.
- Thanks to Human Services, General Services, and Emergency Services for their coordinated efforts to help a local senior center with an emergency HVAC situation.
- Happy Birthday to Deputy COO and Chief Clerk, Gail Humphrey.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick echoed Happy Birthday wishes to Ms. Humphrey and reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday, July 9th, to discuss personnel matters, pending and prospective litigation, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None

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, July 24, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: July 24, 2024

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*