

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

8/7/2024 - 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 Clerk of Courts Eileen Albillar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Grange Fair

The commissioners proclaimed August 14th through 18th as "Middletown Grange Fair Week" saluting the Middletown Grange No. 684 fair directors and their dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment to holding one of the premier community events in Bucks County. They offered congratulations on many wonderful years of family entertainment, education, and excitement, and look forward to many more years of the Middletown Grange Fair. Amber Dilanni, accompanied by Danielle Tomlinson, accepted the proclamation and said a few words about the fair this year.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Andy Warren from Middletown Township
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Bill Everett from Middletown Township
- Liz Diehl from Sellersville Borough
- Beth Roth from Bedminster Township
- Liz Youse from Northampton Township

Commissioner Marseglia and Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick responded to 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:

- A. Approve minutes from the July 24, 2024 meeting.
- B. Resolutions

1. Agricultural Land Preservation

- a. With: Sarah Steel, Perkasio, PA
 Amount: \$72,264 + settlement charges and adjustments
 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Correct item 1a from the 7/24/24 agenda to read:
 Approve county's portion of a 30.11-acre agricultural
 conservation easement on the Sarah Steel Farm located
 on Birch Lane in Bedminster Twp. (TMPs 01-008-008 &
 01-008-008-001)

2. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Center, Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$21,900** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for senior center services, and
 amendment to Appendix E, funding allocation.
 7/1/20 – 6/30/24
- b. With: Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Center, Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$159,900** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide senior center services,
 congregate and home-delivered meals.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/27
- c. With: Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$135,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide legal services for seniors.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

3. BH/DP

- a. With:
 Amount: \$500,000 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve Notice of Federal Interest for the Federal
 Congressional Directives funding for the Diversion
 Assessment Restoration and Treatment (DART) Center
 project.
 9/1/22 – 8/31/25
- b. With: Access Services, Inc., Fort Washington, PA

Amount: \$27,500** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide various support services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

c. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide services to individuals with a mental health diagnosis.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

d. With: The Melmark Home, Inc., Berwyn, PA
Amount: \$4,401** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide intellectual disability services for community participation support and residential services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

4. Children & Youth

a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$200,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide the Stable Housing Interventions in Facilitated Teams (SHIFT) housing program.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

b. With: Christ's Home for Children, Warminster, PA
Amount: \$300,000** (County 13%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for group home services, transitional living services, and a mother/baby program.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

c. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to support shelter operations.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- d. With: Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Millersville, PA
 Purpose: Approve affiliation agreement to provide internship opportunities.
 8/7/24 – 8/6/29
- e. With: National Mentor Healthcare LLC d/b/a Pennsylvania
 Mentor, Broomall, PA
 Amount: \$135,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide foster care services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- f. With: Opportunity Adkinson Project, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$5,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide Community Based Residential Services to dependent children who are unable to remain in their own homes.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- g. With: Phoenix House, LLC, Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$300,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Community Based Residential Services to dependent children who are unable to remain in their own homes.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25
- h. With: West Chester University, West Chester, PA
 Purpose: Approve Affiliation Agreement to provide internship opportunities.
 8/7/24 – 8/6/29

5. Corrections

- a. With: Honeywell Building Solutions, Fort Washington, PA
 Amount: \$140,632** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide cameras and network switches to expand the Digital Video Management system.
 7/25/24 – 10/1/24
- b. With: PrimeCare Medical, Inc., Harrisburg, PA

Amount: \$112,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide Methadone for opioid use disorder to incarcerated patients.
6/22/23 – 6/21/25

6. Courts

a. With: Holy Family University, Philadelphia, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide design and assessment evaluation of the Drug Court Program.
6/2/23 – 4/1/24

7. District Attorney

a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$50,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to receive grant funding to support DNA testing fees for unsolved crimes.
1/1/24 – 12/31/25

8. Emergency Communications

a. With: Language Line Services, Inc., Monterey, CA
Amount: \$34,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement and contract to provide translation services.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

9. General Services

a. With: Erdy McHenry Architecture, LLC, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$23,035** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide architectural and land development design services for the Lower Bucks Government Services Center.
5/4/22 – 6/6/25

b. With: Johnson Controls, Inc., Plymouth Meeting, PA
Amount: \$70,720** (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide chiller maintenance at the Justice Center and Administration Building.
2/22/24 – 2/21/25

c. With: King Slayer Construction Inc. d/b/a KSC, Warrington, PA
Amount: \$65,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve payment of invoices for repair and maintenance work.
1/1/24 – 7/31/24

d. With: Loftus Construction, Inc., Cinnaminson, NJ
Amount: (\$4,285.79)
Purpose: Approve contract decrease for the replacement of Bridge #48 on Rolling Hills Road over Deep Run in Bedminster Township.

10. Health Department

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

11. Housing & Community Development

a. With: Indian Creek Foundation, Souderton, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension for 2023 CDBG funding for exterior accessibility improvements of group home.
5/1/24 – 8/30/24

b. With: Nelson Mullin Riley & Scarborough LLP, Greenville, SC
Amount: \$50,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide legal services.
8/7/24 – 12/31/26

c. With: Penndel Borough, Penndel, PA
Amount: \$175,004.70** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide CDBG funding for basketball court improvements at Penndel Memorial Park.
8/1/24 – 3/31/25

d. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve resolution authorizing submission of an application for Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR).

e. With: The Lighthouse LIHTC, LLC, Collingswood, NJ
 Amount: \$1,000,000 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve loan agreement for 51-unit affordable senior housing project in Bristol Township.
 8/7/24 – 8/9/26

12. Human Services

a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$33,446,994 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Human Services Block Grant Plan submission.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

13. Information Technology

a. With: Pennsylvania Broadband Authority (PBDA)
 Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve resolution to authorize Digital Connectivity Technology Program grant application.

14. Law Department

a. With: Rachel Stock c/o William P. Mansour, Esq.
 Allentown, PA
 Amount: \$27,371.90 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve payment in the matter of *Rachel Stock v. County of Bucks* for settlement of litigation and general release of claims.

b. With: Rachel Stock c/o William P. Mansour, Esq.
 Allentown, PA
 Amount: \$27,371.90 (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve payment in the matter of *Rachel Stock v. County of Bucks* for settlement of litigation and general release of claims.

- c. With: Mansour Law, LLC, Allentown, PA
Amount: \$30,256.20 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve payment in the matter of *Rachel Stock v. County of Bucks* for settlement of litigation and general release of claims.

15. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Detwiler Roofing, LLC, East Earl, PA
Amount: \$143,025* (County 58%)
Purpose: Approve contract to replace roof at Stover Myers Mill. 90 days from NTP

16. Planning Commission

- a. With: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$104,200 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide transportation planning services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$61,734 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide public transit planning services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- c. With: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$28,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

17. Public Defender

- a. With: CMO Court Reporting, LLC, Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$25,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment of terms for court stenographic services.
1/1/24 – 1/1/25

18. Security

- a. With: Johnson Controls Security Solutions, Milwaukee, WI
Amount: \$458** (County 62%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide security system maintenance at additional locations.
11/1/23 – 11/1/28

19. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$600,000** (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide grant funding for services to hire, retain, and train individuals employed in direct care positions at county healthcare facilities.
7/1/23 – 6/30/26

20. Youth Center

- a. With: County of Columbia, Bloomsburg, PA
Amount: \$650/day/resident (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- b. With: County of Dauphin, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$650/day/resident (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- c. With: County of Delaware, Upper Darby, PA

Amount: \$650/day/resident (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide temporary housing for
detention of out-of-county juveniles.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

d. With: County of Monroe, Stroudsburg, PA
Amount: \$650/day/resident (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide temporary housing for
detention of out-of-county juveniles.
7/1/24 – 6/30/28

e. With: County of York, York, PA
Amount: \$650/day/resident (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide temporary housing for
detention of out-of-county juveniles.
7/1/24 – 6/30/28

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. 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.

B. Board Appointments

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

21. Bucks County Human Relations Council (3-year term)
Melissa Cornick new appointment term ends 8/1/27

C. Other Civics

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

22.	Bristol Riverside Theater	\$30,000
	Final Farewell	\$1,200
	Leigh Leckerman Foundation	\$1,000
	Pennridge Music Association	\$300

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt reported on the following:

- Director of Emergency Services Audrey Kenny reported on the activation of cooling centers around the county due to the recent oppressive heat. Ms. McKeivitt added her thanks to the participating senior centers and other facilities.
- The Parks & Recreation Department is working on their Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan. She encouraged residents to participate in the survey on the website to help guide future use of the county's parks and open spaces.
- The next household hazardous waste collection will be held this Saturday, August 10th at Bensalem High School.
- The next commissioners' meeting date has been changed from August 21st to August 28th.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday, August 6th, to discuss personnel matters, pending and prospective litigation, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvie addressed several of the comments made, including those about the Minnesota state flag, conspiracy theories, election fraud and voter integrity. He also spoke about foreign actors influencing elections through social media and the accuracy of machine tabulation of ballots.

Commissioner Marseglia reiterated that the meeting for August 21st has been rescheduled to August 28th and announced that the September 4th meeting has been cancelled.

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, August 28, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: August 28, 2024
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*