

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

8/28/2024 - 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 Commissioner DiGirolamo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized Jodi Reimold from Parks & Recreation and Victoria Hall from Neshaminy Manor for thirty years of employment with the county. Also recognized were Sharon Carnahan from the Youth Center and Jennifer Sieger from the District Courts twenty-year anniversaries.

B. Clerk of Courts Delinquency Recovery Program (DRIP) Update

Clerk of Courts Eileen Hartnett Albillar presented an update on the DRIP delinquency recovery program and noted that in the four years since the program began, they have reached \$2 million in collections.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Beth Ziegler from Milford
- Bill Everett from Middletown Township
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Rochelle Porto from Bensalem
- Beth Roth from Bedminster Township
- Crys Harm from Middletown Township
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township

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 August 7, 2024 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Bensalem Senior Citizens Association, Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$37,924.36** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide low-income eligible seniors
 with electronic equipment, internet, and training activities.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$47,008** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide low-income eligible seniors
 with electronic equipment, internet, and training activities.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- c. With: Delcrest Medical Services, Ivyland, PA
 Amount: \$65,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide delivery of medical
 supplies and equipment to homebound seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/25

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Carelink Community Support Services, Media, PA
 Amount: \$73,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide maximum
 supervision residential rehabilitation services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- b. With: Child & Family Focus, Inc., Audubon, PA
 Amount: \$591,569** (County 0.1%)
 Purpose: Approve business associate agreement and contract to
 provide mental health services to children and families.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- c. With: Sunny Days Early Childhood Developmental Services,
 Inc., Media, PA
 Amount: \$1,636,719** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services
 for children.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- d. With: Voice & Vision, Inc., Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$457,755** (County 2.1%)
 Purpose: Approve business associate agreement and contract to
 provide consumer satisfaction surveys and peer support
 services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

3. Board of Elections

- a. With: Clear Ballot Group Inc., Boston, MA
 Amount: \$41,750 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide training, ballot set-up,
 election day and post-election support.
 8/1/24 – 11/30/24

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: Access Services, Fort Washington, PA
 Amount: \$161,000** (County 12%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide specialized foster
 care services for children with special needs.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- b. With: Auberle, McKeesport, PA
 Amount: \$50,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide enhanced visitation and
 foster care services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- c. With: Delta Family Services, LLC, Blue Bell, PA
 Amount: \$75,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care and supervised
 independent living services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- d. With: Info-Matrix Corporation, Camp Hill, PA
 Amount: \$523,636.36** (County 34%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide information technology
 services for Automated Children and Youth System
 Database.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- e. With: Temple University of the Commonwealth System of
Higher Education, Philadelphia, PA
Purpose: Approve Student Affiliation Agreement to provide
internship opportunities.
8/7/24 – Open

- f. With: Ward Home, Inc., McKeesport, PA
Amount: \$50,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Supervised Independent
Living Services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

5. Commissioners

- a. With:
Purpose: Approve fiscal agreement between America250PA
County Commission and the Friends of Washington
Crossing and authorize the Commission Chair to approve
expenditures of Commission funds in support of its
mission.
4/17/24 – 12/31/26

6. Corrections

- a. With: Keefe Commissary Network, LLC, Edison, NJ
Amount: 40% of all purchases (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide commissary
services for inmates.
5/28/24 – 2/28/25

- b. With: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
(PCCD), Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$143,371 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve application for 2024 County Jail-Based Vivitrol
Program grant.
10/1/24 – 9/30/26

7. Courts

- a. With: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$216,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve and authorize acceptance of grant for the Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

8. District Attorney

- a. With:
Amount: \$300,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding agreement to support the Domestic Violence Investigations (DVI) program.
3/3/21 – 12/31/26
- b. With: Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc. d/b/a Bode Technology
Lorton, VA
Amount: \$40,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide DNA testing services.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24
- c. With: I. Miller Precision Optical Instruments
Feasterville-Trevose, PA
Amount: \$109,972 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of Leica comparison microscope system.
8/14/24 – 9/14/25

9. Emergency Communications

- a. With: ProComm Systems, Inc., Phillipsburg, NJ
Amount: \$8,936.12** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approval contract to inspect and repair eight radio tower sites.
3 years from NTP

10. ERP

- a. With: RPI Consultants, LLC, Baltimore, MD
Amount: \$3,838,820** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract provide Infor Enterprise Resource

Planning (ERP) software.
28 months from NTP

- b. With: RPI Consultants, LLC, Baltimore, MD
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide Lawson support.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

11. Finance

- a. With: Wright National Flood Insurance Company
 St. Petersburg, FL
 Amount: \$14,317 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve annual Flood Insurance Policies.
 9/4/24 – 9/15/25

12. General Services

- a. With: Abeloff Auto Group, Stroudsburg, PA
 Amount: \$25,605.60 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of vehicle for County Detectives.

- b. With: Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc., Wilmington, DE
 Purpose: Approve contract extension for the rehabilitation of
 Bridge #226 on Stouts Valley Road over Cooks Creek in
 Durham Township.
 5/1/24 – 12/31/24

- c. With: U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources
 Conservation Service, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve Supplemental Watershed Work Plan No. 11 and
 Environmental Evaluation for Neshaminy Creek
 Watershed, Core Creek Dam (PA-620).

- d. With: Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, New Castle, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide right-of-way access on
 county properties located at 7321 and 7325 New Falls
 Road in Levittown. (TMPs 05-035-248 & 05-035-247)

13. Health Department

- a. With: U.S. Food & Drug Administration, Rockville, MD
 Purpose: Approve authorization for the Director of Health
 Department to sign information-sharing agreement.
 8/21/24 – 6/30/29

- b. With: Vericord, LLC dba Aveva, Dunn Loring, VA
 Amount: \$14,935** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 software for the HIV/STD clinic.
 9/1/24 – 8/31/25

14. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Housing Group, Warminster, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide Tenant Based
 Rental Assistance.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

- b. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Doylestown, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide Tenant Based
 Rental Assistance.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

- c. With: Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County, Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$180,000 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to
 acquire a blighted property at 823 Main Ave in Bristol
 Township to develop as affordable housing in the
 Community Land Trust.
 8/1/24 – 12/31/26

- d. With: Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County, Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$180,000 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to
 acquire a blighted property at 1109 Pennsylvania Ave in
 Bristol Township to develop as affordable housing in the
 Community Land Trust.
 8/1/24 – 12/31/26

- e. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve PA DCED ESG grant application and assignment of signature authority to Commissioner Chair and Housing & Community Development Director.

- f. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve PA DCED HOME-ARP grant application for rehabilitation of a non-congregate shelter.

15. Information Technology

- a. With: AT&T Corp., Bedminster, NJ
 Amount: \$492,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide cell phone services.
 8/11/24 – 8/10/25

- b. With: Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$40,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide cell phone services.
 8/12/24 – 8/11/25

16. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: BI Incorporated, Boulder, CO
 Amount: \$235,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for Global Positioning System (GPS) Electronic Monitoring Equipment and services for Adult Probation and Juvenile Probation.
 12/3/24 – 12/2/25

- b. With: Community Commitment, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$15,000** (County 12%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide intensive in-home counseling for juveniles and add community youthwork.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

- c. With: Community Commitment, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$625,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide community youthwork and
 intensive in-home counseling for juveniles.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- d. With: Doylestown Psychological Services, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$75,000** (County 50%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide court ordered psychological
 evaluations and screenings.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- e. With: Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
 Columbia, PA
 Amount: \$150,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential services and
 long-term drug & alcohol treatment.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- f. With: John C. D'Alessandro, Ph.D., Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$150,000** (County 50%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide court ordered psychological
 evaluations and screenings.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/26
- g. With: Lenape Valley Foundation, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$5,000** (County 50%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide consultations and
 coaching/support services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- h. With: Summit School, Inc. d/b/a Summit Academy
 Herman, PA
 Amount: \$5,000** (County 40%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide residential care for
 adolescent males.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

- a. With: Romed, Inc. d/b/a Romed Ambulance, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$120,000* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide wheelchair and basic life support transportation for residents.
9/1/24 – 8/31/25

18. Park Rangers

- a. With: Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ
Amount: \$2,012.50 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to purchase non-lethal safety equipment.
12/15/21 – 12/14/26

19. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Eurofins Environment Testing Philadelphia LLC
Horsham, PA
Amount: \$21,607.75* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide water sampling & analytical testing services for county pools and parks.
10/1/24 – 9/30/25

20. Planning Commission

- a. With: Traffic Planning & Design, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$179,070** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to complete design and engineering services for the Neshaminy Greenway Trail Phase I Project.
8/28/24 – 8/27/26

21. Purchasing

- a. With: Imperial Bag & Paper Company, LLC, Jersey City, NJ
Amount: \$5,100* (County 14.7%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide plastic utensils, cups, and other non-food kitchen items for Neshaminy Manor and the Youth Center.
9/19/24 – 9/18/25

- b. With: Imperial Bag & Paper Company, LLC, Jersey City, NJ
 Amount: \$22,048.20* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 containers, cups, and lids for Neshaminy Manor.
 9/19/24 – 9/18/25
- c. With: J.P. Pest Services, Inc., Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$2,992.50* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide pest control
 services for 21 tower site locations.
 11/1/23 – 10/31/24
- d. With: McDonald Uniforms, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$971,609** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase uniforms for the
 Departments of Correction, Security, and Park Rangers.
 12/1/24 – 11/30/27
- e. With: WB Mason, Allentown, PA
 Amount: \$68,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension of the county's
 portion of the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative
 Purchasing Board's bid for copy paper.
 10/1/24 – 9/30/25
- f. With: WB Mason Co. Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$42,040.30* (County 26.2%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 plastic utensils, cups, and other non-food kitchen items
 for Neshaminy Manor and the Youth Center.
 9/19/24 – 9/18/25
- g. With: WB Mason Co. Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$23,141.60* (County 1.7%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 containers, cups, and lids for Neshaminy Manor and the
 Youth Center.
 9/19/24 – 9/18/25

22. Tax Claim Bureau

- a. With: RBA Professional Data Systems, Inc., State College, PA
Amount: \$348,193.28** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide delinquent tax collection software.
3 years from NTP

23. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With:
Amount: \$55,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to American Rescue Plan Act funds for Build Business in Bucks grant program.
- b. With:
Amount: Up to \$3,000/recipient (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contracts for small business consulting services to qualified recipients using Build Business in Bucks grant funding. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
- c. With: Bucks County Community College, Newtown, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension for ARPA funding to provide a youth job readiness program.
1/1/24 – 12/31/26
- d. With: Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP)
Newtown, PA
Amount: \$233,288.10** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide LTC Career Pathway Coordinator services, Retention Bonuses, Professional Development, and Outreach for direct care workers at 31 county healthcare facilities.
7/1/24 – 2/28/26
- e. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc., Dearborn, MI
Amount: \$310,371.50** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide workforce counseling, supportive services, and training for direct care workers at 31 county healthcare facilities.
7/1/24 – 2/28/26

Adjustment	Department	Amount
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Adjustment #12	Grand Jury	30,000
Adjustment #13	ERAP	682,000
	ERAP (Revenue)	(682,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		30,000

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 DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointments were approved:

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| 26. | Bucks County Human Relations Council (3-year term) | | |
| | Seema Z. Kazmi | reappointment | term ends 8/1/27 |
| 27. | Bucks County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (2-year term) | | |
| | John Rarig | new appointment | term ends 6/3/25 |
| 28. | Bucks County Workforce Development Board (3-year term) | | |
| | Patrick M. Jones | new appointment | term ends 8/29/27 |
| | Heather Giampapa | new appointment | term ends 8/29/27 |

D. Other Civics

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

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| 29. | Lenape Valley (suicide prevention conference) | \$1,200 |
| | NAMI Bucks County | \$3,000 |
| | Potential, Inc. | \$3,000 |

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, thanked all financial staff from across the county for their hard work on the 2025 budget.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday, August 27th, to discuss personnel matters, pending litigation regarding the

Zimmerman v. Schmidt matter, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo, who will be celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary tomorrow, shared a story about his wedding day.

Commissioner Harvie congratulated Commissioner DiGirolamo and his wife on their anniversary.

Commissioner Harvie responded to public comments regarding the United Nations, state and federal grants, 2000 Mules, the Vice President's position on issues being reflected in her lengthy political career, and the Board of Elections.

Commissioner Harvie congratulated the Newtown Little League All Star team for making it to the World Series and for winning the Mid-East Championship.

Commissioner Marseglia apologized for the poor video quality during today's meeting and thanked everyone for their tolerance.

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, September 18, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: September 18, 2024
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*