

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

10/2/2024 - 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 Shawn Loughlin, Manager of Technical Specialists, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Juvenile Justice Week

The commissioners proclaimed October 6 – 12th as “Juvenile Justice Week,” to raise awareness and understanding of juvenile justice. Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Will Chapman thanked the commissioners and all those who support their work, and he shared information about the juvenile justice system in Bucks County.

B. Protection from Abuse Report

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Prothonotary Coleen Christian presented information on the significant increase in the number of Protection from Abuse (PFA) orders and she shared some of the initiatives the Prothonotary's Office is using to combat domestic violence.

C. Visit Bucks County – Fall Foliage Destination

In celebration of being named the nation's “Top Fall Foliage Destination for 2024,” the commissioners recognized Visit Bucks County for their hard work and dedication to promoting the beauty that is Bucks County. Visit Bucks County President/COO Paul Bencivengo presented information on the impact of tourism and hospitality, and he encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy what the county has to offer.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Beth Roth from Bedminster
- Bill Everett from Middletown Township
- Kristi Ann Morris from Middletown Township
- Crys Harm from Middletown Township
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township

Commissioner Marseglia responded to several of the questions and comments. Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Operating Officer Gail Humphrey, Chief Information Officer

John Regula, Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt, and Commissioner Harvie all provided clarification on other agenda items.

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 September 18, 2024 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Agricultural Land Preservation

- a. With: Janice M. Thomas, Trustee, and Mark R. & Justina M. Thomas, Perkasio, PA
Amount: \$408,496 + closing costs (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve county's portion of 67.52-acre agricultural conservation easements on the Thomas farms on Kellers Church and Farm School Roads in Bedminster Township. (TMPs 01-008-081, 01-008-081-001, 01-008-082)

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Brooke Glen Behavioral Hospital, Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide inpatient services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- b. With: Horizon House, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$130,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide supported living and crisis residential services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- c. With: Mental Health Partnerships, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$20,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide peer support services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- d. With: NetSmart Technologies, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$188,536.22** (County 3.9%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide software maintenance and support for the myAvatar system and MS Dynamics product.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

e. With: Pediatric Therapeutics, Inc., Newtown, PA
Amount: \$950,948** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services for children.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

f. With: The Melmark Home, Inc., Berwyn, PA
Amount: \$195,776** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide intellectual disability services for community participation support and residential services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

g. With: Welcome Ambulance, Inc., Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$10,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide ambulance transportation services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

h. With: Woods Community Services, LLC, Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$68,012** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide Alternative Outpatient Program in a Community Living Arrangement.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

3. Commissioners

a. With: Bucks County Industrial Development Authority (BCIDA)
Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Approve cooperation agreement for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for Levittown Bristol Pike Redevelopment Project.

4. Coroner

a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic

Amount: Development, Harrisburg, PA
\$100,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant to identify unidentified human remains and to acknowledge electronic signatures of Commissioner Chair and the Chief Operating Officer.
1/1/24 – 6/30/26

b. With: Radox Laboratories US Limited, Kearneysville, WV
Amount: \$9,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to purchase test kits for toxicology machine.
5/1/24 – 4/30/25

5. Corrections

a. With: MessageMedia, USA, Inc., Denver, CO
Amount: \$12,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide texting service product to communicate with staff. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
8/16/24 – 8/15/25

6. Courts

a. With: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
Rockville, MD
Amount: \$1,998,920 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant to provide expansion of Bucks County Drug Treatment Court and to authorize Chief Operating Officer to execute grant documents.
9/30/24 – 9/29/29

7. ERP

a. With: Infor (US) LLC, New York, NY
Amount: \$2,725,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Infor CloudSuite enterprise resource planning (ERP) System.
10/2/24 – 10/1/29

b. With: UKG Kronos Systems, LLC, Lowell, MA

Amount: \$30,697.58* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide application support for the Workforce Central timekeeping application.
9/25/24 – 1/25/25

8. General Services

a. With: Elizabeth A. Worthington, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$4,952.50 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve right-of-way acquisition, channel easement, and temporary construction easement for work on Bridge #54 on King Rd over Herkaken Creek in New Britain Township, and authorize County Asset Manager and/or Director of Operations to execute settlement documents.

9. Housing & Community Development

a. With: Penn Foundation, Inc, Sellersville, PA
Amount: \$35,000 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide funding for operating costs associated with Village of Hope transitional housing program.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

10. Human Services

a. With:
Amount: \$200,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve amendment to Memorandum of Understanding for increase and extension of opioid settlement funding for the Co-Responder Programs.
7/1/24 – 12/31/25

b. With: Area Agency on Aging
Amount: \$224,250** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve Interdepartmental Agreement to provide the Senior Connect Program.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

c. With: Bristol Borough Police Department, Bristol, 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: CoreBTS Inc. Indianapolis, IN
Amount: \$20,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide technical professional services as needed.
10/2/24 – 10/1/25
- b. With: CoreBTS Inc. Indianapolis, IN
Amount: \$20,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide IT Support-Professional Services as needed.
10/2/24 – 10/1/25

12. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Interboro Packaging, Montgomery, NY
Amount: \$82,574* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase examination gloves.
10/17/24 – 10/16/26

13. Planning Commission

- a. With: Boucher & James, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: (\$25,449.65)
Purpose: Approve contract decrease and termination for design and engineering services for the Neshaminy Greenway Trail.
5/5/17 – 12/31/22

14. Purchasing

- a. With: Duro Beam, LLC, Hollywood, FL
Amount: \$89,178** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase prefabricated storage buildings for General Services and Corrections.

- b. With: J.P. Pest Services, Inc., Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$12,765* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide pest control services for 21 tower sites and 5 county office locations.
 11/1/24 – 10/31/25

- c. With: Marina Textiles, Inc., Houston, TX
 Amount: \$4,500* (County 89%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide bedding and linen supplies.
 11/1/24 – 10/31/25

- d. With: Standard Textile Co., Inc., Cincinnati, OH
 Amount: \$1,000* (County 50%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide bedding and linen supplies.
 11/1/24 – 10/31/25

- e. With: Universal Pest Services, Inc., Wynnewood, PA
 Amount: \$12,480* (County 48%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide pest control services.
 11/1/24 – 10/31/25

- f. With: Victory Supply, LLC, Mount Pleasant, TN
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide bedding and linen supplies.
 11/1/24 – 10/31/25

15. Sheriff

- a. With: OCV, LLC, Opelika, AL
 Amount: \$39,900 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide mobile application for public information and notifications.
 10/2/24 – 10/1/25

16. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc., Dearborn, MI
 Amount: \$2,030,400** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for Workforce Innovation &
 Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 funding to provide delivery of
 programs, activities, and job training for underemployed and
 unemployed individuals.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Philadelphia Works, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$60,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve grant to provide clean energy sector Incumbent
 Worker Training, Customized-Job-Training, and On-the-Job
 Training.
 12/1/23 – 6/30/25

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. 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.

B. Board Appointments

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

17. Bucks County Workforce Development Board (3-year term)

Becca Lynde	new appointment	term ends 10/5/27
Perry A. Lawton	new appointment	term ends 10/5/27

18. SEPTA Citizens Advisory Committee (2-year term)

Patrick Garraud	new appointment	term ends 10/7/26
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C. Other Civics

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

19. YWCA of Bucks County \$1,250

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKeivitt, Chief Operating Officer, thanked the Finance Department and other county departments, including the row offices and courts, for their work on next year's upcoming budget.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday, October 1st, to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvie provided information on the Bucks 2040 plan, highlighting several key parts.

Commissioner Harvie noted the one-year anniversary of the terror attacks on Israel, expressing his wish for peace in the Middle East. The commissioner reflected on the upcoming Jewish holidays and wished a blessed holiday to those who observe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

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, October 16, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: October 16, 2024
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*