

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

11/7/2024 - 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 Sargeant David Kenderdine, Director of Security, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Beth Roth from Bedminster Township
- Liz Diehl from Sellersville Boro
- Fran Haller from Newtown Township
- Mike Caputo from Middletown Township
- Kristi Ann Morris from Middletown Township
- Gail Thibodeau from Middletown Township
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt, Commissioner Marseglia, Commissioner Harvie, and Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Operating Officer Gail Humphrey responded to the questions and comments.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

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| a. | With: | Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA |
| | Amount: | \$13,547 (Revenue) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide nutrition services to seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25 |

- b. With: Nancy Morgan, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: (\$36,938.56)
 Purpose: Approve decrease and termination of contract to provide
 services as Ombudsman.
 7/1/24 – 11/22/24

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks
 Quakertown, PA
 Amount: \$15,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide shelter and support to homeless
 population.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- b. With: Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.,
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$179,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide student assistance program
 services to Bucks County Schools.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- c. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$75,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to fund Housing Locator activities to
 support housing sustainability for those with mental health
 issues.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- d. With: Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$798,972** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services for
 children.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- e. With: Horizon House, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$875,839** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide supported living services to
 individuals with a mental health diagnosis.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- f. With: KenCrest Services, Blue Bell, PA
 Amount: \$867,759** (County 9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention and
 intellectual disability services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- g. With: Lenape Valley Foundation, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$7,565,139** (County 4%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide mental health, intellectual
 disability, and early intervention services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- h. With: LifePath, Inc. Bethlehem, PA
 Amount: \$368,967** (County 8.3%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide intellectual disability and early
 intervention services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- i. With: Merakey Bucks County, Lafayette Hill, PA
 Amount: \$1,535,011** (County 7%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide mental health and early
 intervention services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- j. With: Penn Foundation Inc. d/b/a St. Luke's Penn Foundation
 Sellersville, PA
 Amount: \$199,563** (County 3.6%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide mental health,
 intellectual disability, and early intervention services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- k. With: Penn Foundation Inc. d/b/a St. Luke's Penn Foundation
 Sellersville, PA
 Amount: \$3,132,443** (County 4.6%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide mental health, intellectual
 disability, and early intervention services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- l. With: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$2,700,000** (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment #6 to the
HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement.
7/1/24 – 12/31/24

m. With: Shared Support South, Inc., Warrington, PA
Amount: \$127,299** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide intellectual disability services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

n. With: The Salvation Army, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$256,698** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide intellectual disability residential
services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

o. With: Woods Services, Inc., Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$1,875,528** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide intellectual disability services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

3. Board of Elections

a. With: Cerida Investment Corp. d/b/a AnswerNet
Willow Grove, PA
Amount: \$39,500** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Call Center support.
10/28/24 – 11/6/24

4. Commissioners

a. With:
Purpose: Approve resolution enacting a temporary ban on open
burning in Bucks County in accordance with PA Law Act
1995-52, effective 10/27/24 + 30 days

5. Coroner

- a. With: Nicole Harvilla, M.D., Ventnor City, NJ
Amount: \$950/autopsy* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approved contract to provide forensic pathology services.
11/7/24 – 11/6/27

6. District Attorney

- a. With: Roberta Kostick, New Britain, PA
Amount: \$900/completed investigation + expenses* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services for domestic violence investigations.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

7. Emergency Communications

- a. With: PowerDMS, Inc., El Segundo, CA
Amount: \$4,211.28** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide policy and compliance management platform.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24
- b. With: Unified Power, Terrell, TX
Amount: \$9,348.58** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for maintenance of uninterruptible power supply.
9/26/24 – 9/25/27

8. General Services

- a. With: Carrier Corporation, Plymouth Meeting, PA
Amount: \$46,984.60** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide HVAC maintenance for the Emergency Services Complex and Churchville Nature Center.
4/1/24 – 3/31/27
- b. With: Elliot Auto Supply Co, Inc. d/b/a Factory Motor Parts Minneapolis, MN
Amount: \$35,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide auto parts and supplies.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

- c. With: Johnson Controls, Inc., Horsham, PA
 Amount: \$162,425** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to replace boilers at the Justice Center.
 (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
 90 days from NTP

- d. With: KMA Design Studio, Ambler, PA
 Amount: \$12,000 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve payment for design services provided for repairs
 made to Bucks County Barn.

- e. With: Michael Calvin, Inc. d/b/a Pinnacle Vending Group
 Bristol, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide vending services at
 eight county locations and food services at the
 Administration Building and Justice Center.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/25

9. Hazardous Materials

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$28,832 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Hazardous Material Response Fund (Act 165)
 grant.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

10. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: \$2,813.12* (County 0%)
 Amount: \$2,813.12* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel to attend the 2025 Innovations
 and Solutions for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness
 Conference in Los Angeles, CA.
 2/25/25 – 3/1/25

- b. With: Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$52,896** (County 0%)

- Purpose: Approve contract for CDBG-CV funding to support emergency shelter services during Code Blue events.
9/1/24 – 4/30/25
- c. With: Co-Mans, Inc., Penndel, PA
Amount: \$445,910** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to acquire and repair property at 81 Crab Tree Drive in Levittown for use as affordable shared housing.
7/3/24 – 3/31/26
- d. With: Co-Mans, Inc., Penndel, PA
Amount: \$455,590** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for CDBG funding to acquire and repair property at 81 Crab Tree Drive in Levittown for use as affordable shared housing.
8/15/24 – 2/28/25
- e. With: Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County, Warminster, PA
Purpose: Approve extension of contract for the Bucks County Home Repair Program (BCHRP).
7/1/23 – 12/31/26
- f. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$103,023 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant agreement for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
1/1/25 – 12/31/25
- g. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$126,591 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve 2023 Continuum of Care planning grant agreement for development and implementation of the housing services plan to address homelessness.
7/1/25 – 6/30/26

11. Human Resources

- a. With: Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA)

Purpose: Montgomeryville, PA
Approve updated Personnel Policy for the meet and discuss supervisory unit, PSEA 86, covering PHN IV Supervisors, RN Supervisors, and Unit Managers.
1/1/25 – 12/31/29

- b. With: Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA)
Montgomeryville, PA
Purpose: Approve updated collective bargaining agreement for PSEA 06, covering RNs, RN Assessment Coordinators, and PHNs.
1/1/25 – 12/31/29

12. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Department of Corrections
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$1,200,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve increase of contract to provide opioid settlement funding for Medication Assisted Treatment Program.
7/1/24 – 12/31/24
- b. With: Lenape Valley Foundation, Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to support the construction costs for Bright Path Center (Crisis Stabilization Unit).
7/1/24 – 12/31/25
- c. With: Snipes Farm and Education Center, Inc., Morrisville, PA
Amount: \$50,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide community garden, educational events, and food donation/delivery services in support of a LOVE Is The Answer grant award.
3/1/24 – 5/31/25

13. Information Technology

- a. With: Dell Marketing USA L.P., Round Rock, TX
Amount: \$950,000* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase computer hardware for various county departments.
11/4/24 – 11/3/25

14. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: White Deer Run, LLC d/b/a Cove Prep, Pittsburgh, PA
Amount: \$175,000** (County 40%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide a secure facility to treat adjudicated adolescent males.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

15. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Arjo Inc., Addison, IL
Amount: \$35,838.79** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide lift maintenance.
1/1/24 – 7/31/25
- b. With: Genesis HealthCare LLC d/b/a Genesis Administrative Services LLC, Kennett Square, PA
Amount: \$298,620** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide cost report preparation and management care contracts.
11/1/24 – 10/31/27
- c. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Inc., Manheim, PA
Amount: \$68,573* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase mattresses for residents.
12/1/24 – 11/30/27
- d. With: Silversphere, LLC f/k/a Senior TV, Ormond Beach, FL
Purpose: Approve corporate name change on contract to provide cable service for residents.

16. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Deere & Company, Cary, NC
Amount: \$14,024.15** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of Gator utility vehicle.
- b. With: Heritage Conservancy, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Approve partnership agreement and application for

Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change
Grant program.

17. Purchasing

- a. With: Bob Barker Company, Inc., Fuquay Varina, NC
 Amount: \$8,300* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to purchase janitorial supplies.
 3/1/24 – 2/28/25

- b. With: Equalis Group, LLC, Plano, TX
 Purpose: Approve County participation in the Equalis Group
 Purchasing Program and authorize Purchasing Director to
 electronically accept the Master Intergovernmental
 Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

- c. With: GovMVMt, Camden, DE
 Purpose: Approve County participation in the GovMVMt Purchasing
 Cooperative and authorize Purchasing Director to
 electronically accept the Master Intergovernmental
 Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

18. Sheriff

- a. With: United States Department of Justice-Office of Justice
 Programs, Washington, DC
 Amount: \$727,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve acceptance of Bureau of Justice Assistance grant.
 6/1/24 – 12/31/25

19. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Bucks County Community College, Newtown, PA
 Purpose: Approve extension of contract for American Rescue Plan
 Act (ARPA) funding to provide employer training.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/26

- b. With: Bucks County Community College, Newtown, PA
 Amount: \$160,951.13** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide In School Youth

services for TANF-eligible high school students through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant.
7/1/23 – 6/30/25

- c. With: Bucks County Department of Corrections, Doylestown, PA
 Purpose: Approve extension of contract for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide re-entry assistance and services.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/26

- d. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc., Dearborn, MI
 Amount: \$257,560.22** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for One-Stop Operator to provide employment and training programs for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25

- e. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development, Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$51,450 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve business & education grant to provide services at Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 and Upper Bucks County Technical School.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/27

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

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Budget Adjustments

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

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

- 20. 2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
 Agenda Description
 November 7, 2024

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #18	Consumer Protection	12,000
	Consumer Protection (Revenue)	(12,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

B. 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.

C. Board Appointments

In response to earlier questions, Commissioner Harvie provided additional clarification about the Workforce Development Board. Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointments were approved:

21. Bucks County Library Board (3-year term)

Andrew Laureti	new appointment	term ends 11/1/27
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22. Bucks County Workforce Development Board (3-year term)

Theodore Dorand	reappointment	term ends 11/4/27
Dr. Mark Hoffman	reappointment	term ends 11/4/27
Gregory F. Krug	reappointment	term ends 11/4/27
Christopher LaBonge	reappointment	term ends 11/4/27

D. Other Civics

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

23.

A Woman's Place	\$4,000
Foundations Community Partnership	\$1,500
Ivins House Resource & Referral Center	\$2,500
Peace Center	\$2,500
Peace Valley Holistic Center (Café Program)	\$2,500
VITA	\$12,000

V. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKeivitt, Chief Operating Officer, thanked the Board of Elections staff and all departments that assisted with the election for their hard work.

VI. SOLICITOR REPORT

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

VII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

In response to the comments on the recent election, Commissioner DiGirolamo provided insight and historical information regarding Act 77 and the need for early voting. He noted the amazing job of the Board of Elections and staff and emphasized that the elections here in Bucks County are safe and secure.

Commissioner Harvie announced that the County is currently under a burn ban, due to the lack of rain and resulting dangerous conditions. He noted that five major brush fires have occurred recently in the area.

Commissioner Harvie echoed Commissioner DiGirolamo's comments regarding the election, and he provided information regarding the logistics of providing ballots for on-demand voting. The Commissioner also provided statistics on the applications and ballots requested, returned, and processed, as well as voter registrations.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the upcoming Veterans Day holiday and thanked all veterans for their service and dedication to the Country. He reminded them about the services available in the Veteran's Affairs Office.

VIII. 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, November 20, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: November 20, 2024
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*