

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

11/20/2024 - 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized Gloria Williams from Neshaminy Manor and Zoraida Soto from the Health Department for thirty years of employment with the county. Also recognized were the following employees reaching twenty-year anniversaries: Paul Difranco and Karen Mary Stuebing Robos from Children & Youth; Nicholas Franklin from Juvenile Probation; Melissa Leonard from AAA; Karen Litzenberger, Maguie Antoine, and Rosaine Saint-Louis from Neshaminy Manor; and Crystal Carey from Adult Probation & Parole.

B. Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

The Commissioners proclaimed November 17 – 23, 2024 as "National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week." They commended the Bucks County Housing Link and community partners for their dedication in caring for hungry and unhoused people. Accepting the proclamation and providing information about hunger and homelessness in the county were Nikki Farrior, Impact Service Manager at United Way Bucks County, Ali Pottebaum from the YWCA, and Elizabeth Zbinden from the Bucks County Opportunity Council.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Agenda Items

Commissioner Marseglia advised that public comments would be heard at two separate times today, with the first one being for agenda items only. She offered assurance that everyone would get a chance to speak.

Commissioner Marseglia offered her apologies for the upset and confusion caused by her comments at a recent Board of Elections meeting.

At the suggestion of Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick, and based on the ongoing drought emergency, Commissioner Harvie made a motion to add a 15-day extension of the countywide burn ban to the consent agenda. This was seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo and passed with a vote of 3-0.

The following people spoke during Public Comment for Agenda Items:

- Christine Heitman from Bensalem
- Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead

Human Services Director Rachel Neff, Commissioner Harvie, Ms. Fitzpatrick, and Commissioner Marseglia provided clarification on the various questions raised.

Commissioner Marseglia noted a correction to item 11b on the consent agenda.

IV. 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. Approve minutes from the October 16, 2024 meeting.
- B. Approve minutes from the November 7, 2024 meeting

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, the following Resolutions from the consent agenda, including the addition of the extension of the burn ban (item 4e), were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3-0.

C. Resolutions

1. Agricultural Land Preservation

- a. With:
Purpose: Approve Resolution authorizing the Bucks County Municipal Partnership Program for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements.
- b. With: A. Bruce & Gretchen G. Weikel and The Estate of Doris L. Weikel, Perkasio, PA
Amount: (\$135,315)
Purpose: Rescind county portion of a 90.21-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Weikel Farm located on Callowhill Road in Hilltown Township. (TMPs 15-011-088-002; 15-011-091; 15-011-092; 15-011-064)
- c. With: A. Bruce and Gretchen G. Weikel, Perkasio, PA
Amount: \$135,315 + settlement charges and adjustments

Purpose: (County 100%)
Approve county portion of a 51.15-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Bruce and Gretchen Weikel farm in Hilltown Township. (TMP #15-011-064)

- d. With: Judith E.W. Kehr, Executrix of the Estate of Doris L. Weikel Perkasio, PA
Amount: \$54,684 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve county portion of a 39.06-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Doris Weikel farm in Hilltown Township. (TMPs #15-011-092, 15-011-091 & 15-011-088-002)

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Access Services, Inc., Fort Washington, PA
Purpose: Approve decrease of term on contract to provide master leasing and supports services.
9/18/24 – 12/31/28
- b. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$116,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide services to individuals with a mental health diagnosis.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- c. With: MCC Family Based Program, Inc. f/k/a Warwick Family Based Program, Inc., Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$30,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide family-based services to children with a mental health diagnosis.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: A Woman's Place, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$11,016** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide shelter services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Bucks County Housing Group, Inc., Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$280,205** (County 17%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Bridge Housing and HOME
 Family Stabilization program.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- c. With: Bucks County Housing Group, Inc., Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$717,550** (County 4%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide supportive housing services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- d. With: Christ's Home for Children, Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$1,450,000** (County 18%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide group home services,
 transitional living services, and a mother/baby program.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/26
- e. With: Clear Vision Residential Treatment Services, Inc.
 Montgomery, PA
 Amount: \$110,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential treatment services
 for dependent and delinquent youth.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- f. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$225,000** (County 5%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide the Nurturing Parenting and
 Parents as Teachers program.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- g. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$465,205** (County 11%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide various support programs.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- h. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA

Amount: \$400,000** (County 4%)
Purpose: Approve contract to support shelter operations.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

i. With: Maternity Care Coalition, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$69,760** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide prenatal/parenting skills class
for new and expectant parents.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

j. With: New Foundations, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$125,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/26

k. With: Open Door International, Inc. Reading, PA
Amount: \$5,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
7/1/23 – 6/30/24

l. With: Tabor Children's Services, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$520,079** (County 5%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide intensive family services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

m. With: Tabor Children's Services, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$975,000** (County 14%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide independent living, life skills and
other supportive services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

4. Commissioners

a. With:
Purpose: Approve change of the Bucks County Title II ADA
Coordinator from Danielle Lavery, Esq. to Dr. David
Damsker, effective 11/20/24.

b. With:

Purpose: Approve Laura Riba as Agency Open Records Officer (AORO) for all Right-To-Know requests submitted to the Commissioners and Administration, effective 11/20/24.

c. With:
Purpose: Approve delegation of authority to the Chief Operating Officer to execute any land development related documents, including indemnification, for the Lower Bucks County Government Service Center project located in Bristol Township.

d. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve application to PA DCED Local Share Account Grant Program.

e. With:
Purpose: Approve resolution extending the temporary ban on open burning in Bucks County in accordance with PA Law Act 1995-52, through December 11, 2024.

5. District Attorney

a. With: Cyber National, Inc., Murfreesboro, TN
Amount: \$183,835 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase laboratory grade ballistic firearms lab and projectile recovery system.
11/20/24 – 11/19/25

b. With: National Medical Services, Inc. d/b/a NMS Labs
Horsham, PA
Amount: \$939,639.96** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to operate the Bucks County Forensic Crime Lab in Warminster.
9/1/24 – 8/31/25

6. Emergency Communications

a. With: Motorola Solutions, Chicago, IL
Amount: \$36,893.02** (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve contract to purchase radios and parts.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

- b. With: The Lerro Corporation, Norristown, PA
Amount: \$23,114.03** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide audio visual upgrades for the 911 Center.
12/4/24 – 12/3/25

7. Emergency Health Services

- a. With: Cardio Partners, Inc., Detroit, MI
Amount: \$27,106.90** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and related equipment.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

8. Emergency Management

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve Interim Director of Emergency Management as new Applicant Agent for DR4506-COVID-19.

9. General Services

- a. With: Alan Kunsman Roofing & Siding Inc., Freemansburg, PA
Amount: \$30,240** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to replace roof at Churchville Horse Farm.
- b. With: Fred Beans, Inc. Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$120,480 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to license 60 parking spaces in the Broad & Union Street parking garage.
11/6/24 – 11/5/25
- c. With: KMA Design Studio, Ambler, PA
Amount: \$7,500** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide architectural, mechanical, and electrical engineering services for Public

Safety Training Center roof replacement and HVAC work.
4/3/24 – 4/2/25

- d. With: Pennoni Associates, Inc., Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$97,275** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide construction phase
 services for the African American Museum project.

- e. With: Quality First Restoration, Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$25,544.68** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve payment of invoices for repair and remediation
 work provided.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

10. Human Resources

- a. With: Colcia Brown, Upper Darby, PA
 Amount: \$197,200 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve settlement of workers compensation claim.

- b. With: Jeffrey S. Gross, Esq., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$49,300 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve settlement of workers compensation claim for
 Colcia Brown.

11. Information Technology

- a. With: Apple Inc., Dallas, TX
 Purpose: Authorize Chief Information Officer to sign agreements to
 participate in the Apple Developer program, subject to
 solicitor review.

- b. With: Global Data Consultants, LLC d/b/a GDC IT Solutions
 Chambersburg, PA
 Amount: \$20,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide ongoing support and
 enhancements to network and computer infrastructure on an
 as needed basis.
 11/20/24 – 11/19/25

- c. With: Verizon Business, Frazer, PA
 Amount: \$996,263.20* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide SONET
 ring to support data transfer between the Administration
 Building, 911, and Neshaminy Manor.
 12/6/24 – 12/5/25

12. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: RTM LLC, d/b/a The Academy Community-Based Services,
 Norristown, PA
 Amount: \$530,000* (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide community-based and
 transportation services for juveniles.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25

13. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Arjo Inc., Addison, IL
 Amount: \$148,524.66* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase patient lifts and slings.
 12/15/24 – 12/14/27
- b. With: Myco Mechanical Inc., Telford, PA
 Amount: \$6,091,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide the mechanical portion of water
 source heat pump replacement.
- c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of
 Long-Term Living, Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$15,367,157 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement to provide
 the non-federal share of medical assistance payments to
 Neshaminy Manor.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/25
- d. With: Safety First Ambulance, LLC, Huntington Valley, PA
 Amount: \$33.14/one way (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide basic
 life support transportation for residents.

11/1/24 – 10/31/25

14. Public Defender

- a. With: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$104,497 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve and authorize acceptance of Indigent Defense Grant.
7/1/24 – 12/31/25

15. Purchasing

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

16. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Chester County Economic Development Council, Exton, PA
Amount: \$28,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding to provide oversight of the PA DCED Engage! Program.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- b. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc., Dearborn, MI
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to reallocate 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

17. Youth Center

- a. With: Honeywell International, Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$24,350** (County 50%)
Purpose: Approve contract to replace ethernet switches.
9/20/24 – 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 information on the proposed budget adjustments.

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, these Budget Adjustments were adopted.

18. 2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

November 20, 2024

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #19	ERP	66,000
Adjustment #20	Juvenile Placement	1,844,000
	Juvenile Placement (Revenue)	(1,253,900)
	Juvenile Placement (Transfers)	(590,100)
	General Fund (Transfers)	590,100
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		656,100

B. Personnel Actions - Commissioners List

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie and seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, item #6 on the Commissioners List was tabled and the remaining Personnel Actions were approved with a vote of 3-0.

C. Board Appointments

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

19.

Bucks County Library Board (3-year term)

Mary Cwiklinski

Reappointment

Term ends 11/1/27

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:

20.	BC 4H	\$1,200
	BC Association for the Blind	\$1,600
	BC SPCA	\$4,000
	Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless (CSSH)	\$3,000
	Doylestown FISH	\$1,000
	Foundations at the Manor	\$3,000
	James Michener Arts Center	\$50,000
	Peace Center	\$2,500

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKeivitt, Chief Operating Officer, reported that today is National Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day. She clarified that this important mapping and data analysis technology is used every day in the county.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday, November 19th, to discuss pending and prospective litigation related to the election and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo advised that he attended several recent Veterans' Day events, including one at Neshaminy Manor, and he thanked all veterans for their service.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS - General

The following people spoke during Public Comment for General Items:

- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Fran Haller from Newtown Township
- Fran Grous from Middletown
- Rochelle Porto from Bensalem
- Stephanie Inselberg from Bensalem
- Christine Figueroa from Buckingham Township
- Pat Poprik from Buckingham Township
- Douglas Marshall from Lower Makefield Township

- Scott Presler
- Candace Cabanas from Falls Township
- Mike Diorka from Warrington
- Joe Linus from Washington Crossing
- Rebecca Simmons from Morrisville Borough
- Mary Vigna from Warwick Township
- Carol Dubas from Lower Southampton
- Mike Foti from Buckingham Township
- JoyAnn Kenny-Charlton from Newtown
- Agnes Morrison from Northampton Township
- Joan Cullen from Hilltown Township
- Lisa Boysel from Richland Township
- John Keyburn from Warrington
- John Sellani from Lower Makefield Township
- Calvin Huntzinger from Springfield Township
- Beth Ziegler from Milford Township
- Terry Carnes from Hilltown Township
- Janice Charlton from Warminster Township
- Carlo Grilletto from Plumstead
- John Zapf from Buckingham Township
- Art Larson from Doylestown
- Gigi Rosenberg from Yardley Borough

Ms. Fitzpatrick provided clarification regarding the public comments for agenda items vs. general comments.

- Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead
- Cheryl James from Horsham
- Frank Scavo from Old Forge, Lackawanna County
- Anastasia Theodoropoulos from Pike County

X. 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, December 4, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: December 4, 2024
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo

Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*