

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

12/4/2024 - 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 (attending by phone due to illness); Commissioner Robert J. Harvie, Vice Chair; and Commissioner Gene DiGirolamo, Secretary. Commissioner Harvie welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2024 Bucks County Poet Laureate

The Commissioners recognized Lake Angela of Warrington as the "2024 Bucks County Poet Laureate," commending her talents and leadership in conveying the beauty of poetry. Ms. Angela thanked the Commissioners for the recognition and read her poem "Dance Therapy."

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Prior to Public Comment, Commissioner Harvie noted that the Board Appointments should be corrected to reflect a 3-year term ending 12/31/27.

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Fran Haller from Newtown Township
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Sheriff Fred Harran from Bensalem
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Steve Nolan from Newtown
- Rochelle Porto from Bensalem Township

Commissioner Harvie responded to the questions and comments.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approve minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$36,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide drug take-back, medication
education programs, and prevention services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/26

- b. With: Ivins Outreach Center, Morrisville, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide management of
SHARE housing counselors.
10/1/24 – 12/31/24

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Allan Collaut Associates, Inc., Broomall, PA
Amount: \$102,595.76** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services for the
HealthChoices Program.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

- b. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Purpose: Approve extension of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
funding to assist families returning to the workforce.
1/1/25 – 12/31/26

- c. With: GEO Reentry, Inc., Boca Raton, FL
Amount: \$3,024,613** (County 0.5%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment to provide
services for the Diversion, Assessment, Restoration and
Treatment Center (DART).
6/16/21 – 6/30/26

- d. With: Penn Foundation, Inc. d/b/a St. Luke's Penn Foundation
Sellersville, PA
Purpose: Approve extension of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
funding to support camp programming for children and
adolescents.
1/1/25 – 12/31/26

- e. With: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of
 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
 Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension and amendment #7 to the
 HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/27

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley
 Jenkintown, PA
 Amount: \$62,300** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide funding for the Safe Families
 Program.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- b. With: Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency
 Doylestown, PA
 Purpose: Approve extension of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 funding to provide food cards for families experiencing a
 food emergency.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/26
- c. With: Diakon Child, Family, and Community Ministries
 Topton, PA
 Amount: \$737,000** (County 3%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Family Preservation/After-Care,
 Intensive Permanency, and Intensive Plus programs.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- d. With: K/S Consultants, Inc., Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$70,000** (County 5%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide the Triple P Positive Parenting
 Program.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- e. With: K/S Consultants, Inc., Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$268,500** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Transition to Foster Care
 Program.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- f. With: K/S Consultants, Inc., Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$345,000** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide intensive and step-down
 Truancy Prevention/Diversion to youth K-12.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- g. With: K/S Consultants, Inc., Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$569,447** (County 11%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide family therapy, advocate
 services, and educational consultation to maintain youth in
 their homes.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- h. With: K/S Consultants, Inc., Warrington, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to reallocate funds for family
 therapy and advocate services.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- i. With: K/S MST, Inc. Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$50,000** (County 5%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide multisystemic therapy services
 to youth and families.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- j. With: Libertae, Inc., Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$20,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide parenting group services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/26
- k. With: Neighborhood First Program, Inc., Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$1,706,830** (County 7%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide mentoring and monitoring
 services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/26
- l. With: Northeast Treatment Centers, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$55,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care and kinship services
 to children.

7/1/24 – 6/30/25

m. With: RTM LLC, d/b/a The Academy Community Based Services
Norristown, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide the Truancy
Prevention/Diversion program.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

n. With: The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$25,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide the Family Strengthening
program, drug & alcohol evaluations.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

o. With: University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy &
Practice, Philadelphia, PA
Purpose: Approve Student Affiliation Agreement to provide internship
opportunities.
8/1/24 – 7/31/29

4. Commissioners

a. With: Bucks County Industrial Development Authority (BCIDA)
Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Approve Certificate of Approval for Kampus Klothes, LLC for
an issuance of bonds not to exceed \$7,500,000 pursuant to
Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
amended.

5. Corrections

a. With: Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$425,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide food
services at county correctional facilities.
12/20/24 – 3/20/25

6. District Attorney

- a. With: Michael Neipp, Dublin, PA
Amount: \$90,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consultant services for Bucks County Crash Investigation Team. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
1/1/24 – 12/31/25
- b. With: Richard J. Mangan, New Hope, PA
Amount: \$32,958.80** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

7. Emergency Management

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$164,192 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement to reimburse salaries and benefits for approved staff.
10/1/25 – 1/28/27
- b. With: U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey
New Cumberland, PA
Amount: \$74,705 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide operation and maintenance of six gauging stations in the Neshaminy Creek Basin.
10/1/24 – 9/30/25

8. ERP

- a. With: Questica Software Ltd., Huntington Beach, CA
Amount: \$691,031.84** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide budgeting software.
12/4/24 – 12/3/29

9. Finance

- a. With: Bucks County Tax Collectors
Amount: \$6,415,190* (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve Bucks County Tax Collectors compensation agreement.
1/1/26 – 12/31/29

- b. With: Wright National Flood Insurance Company
St. Petersburg, FL
Amount: \$3,089 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve annual Flood Insurance Policy for Quakertown Library.
12/3/24 – 12/3/25

10. General Services

- a. With: Honeywell International, Morris Plains, NJ
Amount: \$24,425.59** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide security system for Diversion, Assessment, Restoration and Treatment Center (DART).
12/30/24 – 12/31/25
- b. With: Prime Sheet Metal Inc., Warminster, PA
Amount: \$17,825** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve mechanical contract increase for the restoration of the farmhouse for the African American Museum of Bucks County.
365 days from NTP

11. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks d/b/a Outreach Care, Quakertown, PA
Amount: \$50,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for supportive services and emergency temporary sheltering in hotels.
12/31/24 – 12/31/26
- b. With: Bucks County Housing Group, Warminster, PA
Amount: \$299,744.56** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Rapid Rehousing supportive services, rental assistance, and case

management.
12/31/24 – 12/31/25

- c. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$393,752.54** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for case management, engagement, canvassing, and diversion services.
 12/31/24 – 12/31/26

- d. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$175,063** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Housing Location assistance.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/26

- e. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$676,931.42** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide street medicine and temporary sheltering in hotels to assist individuals experiencing homelessness and to achieve permanent housing.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/26

- f. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide temporary emergency housing.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/26

- g. With: Interfaith Housing Development Corporation, Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$1,504,563** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the rehabilitation of 13 properties to be used as affordable rental housing.
 7/1/24 – 12/31/26

- h. With: Morrisville Borough
 Amount: \$300,000** (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve contract for CDBG-CV funding to support improvements at Manor Park in Morrisville Borough. 9/15/24 – 9/30/25

i. With: SkillSmart, Inc., Germantown, PA
Amount: \$12,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide project management and compliance software.
11/1/24 – 11/1/26

j. With: Towpath Apartments Limited Partnership, Bristol, PA
Amount: \$713,457** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the rehabilitation of 17 affordable housing units at Towpath Apartments in Morrisville.
11/16/24 – 12/31/26

k. With: YWCA Bucks County, Trevoise, PA
Amount: \$366,012** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide Rapid Rehousing assistance to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
12/31/24 – 12/31/26

12. Human Resources

a. With: HM Life Insurance Company, c/o Centerstone Insurance and Financial Services d/b/a BenefitMall, Phoenix, AZ
Amount: \$2,238,612* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide stop loss insurance coverage.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

13. Human Services

a. With: Advocates For Homeless & Those In Need
Fairless Hills, PA
Amount: \$7,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide shelter, meals, and transportation support to shelters during Code Blue events.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Bucks County Transport, Inc., Holicong, PA
 Amount: \$2,137,187** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide transportation services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- c. With: Bucks County Community College, Newtown, PA
 Amount: (\$34,500)
 Purpose: Approve contract extension and decrease to provide
 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for veterans'
 affairs and returning adults.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/26

- d. With: Hindsight Consulting Group, LLC, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$5,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide trauma informed
 training and peer support for staff. (Subject to final approval
 by county solicitor)
 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

- e. With: Libertae, Inc., Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$26,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide specialized services for
 recovering women.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- f. With: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services – Division of
 Medical Assistance Transportation, Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$2,137,187 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Participation Grant Agreement and Assurance of
 Compliance to provide transportation services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- g. With: Worthwhile Wear, Inc., Silverdale, PA
 Amount: \$12,500** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide protective services for women.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- a. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Manheim, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to purchase pressure-relieving mattresses for residents.
 2/1/25 – 1/31/26

- b. With: United Sales USA Corp., Brooklyn, NY
 Amount: \$5,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide disposable surface wipes.
 2/15/25 – 2/14/26

15. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Bucks County Conservation District, Doylestown, PA
 Purpose: Approve Landowner Agreement for improvements to Core Creek Park and Lake Luxembourg.

16. Planning Commission

- a. With: Morrisville Borough
 Amount: \$5,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide planning services.
 1 year from NTP

17. Purchasing

- a. With:
 Purpose: Approve revision to County Purchasing Policy authorizing Purchasing Director to sign Software License Agreements.

- b. With: Innovative Printing Systems, Inc., Pottstown, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension for county's portion of the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board's bid for toner cartridges.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/25

- c. With: Office Basics, Boothwyn, PA
 Amount: \$3,500* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of county's portion of the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board's

bid for paper products.

1/1/25 – 12/31/25

- d. With: Singer Equipment Company, Inc., Elverson, PA
 Amount: \$65,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of county's portion of the
 Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board's
 bid for paper products.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/25

- e. With: W.B. Mason, Inc., Brockton, MA
 Amount: \$80,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of county's portion of the
 Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board's
 bid for paper products.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/25

18. Sheriff

- a. With: CODY Computer Services, Inc. d/b/a CODY Systems
 Pottstown, PA
 Amount: \$91,496.04** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide a
 unified public records management system for the Sheriff's
 Office, Park Rangers, Security, and County Detectives.
 12/1/24 – 11/30/25

19. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Bucks County Community College, Newtown, PA
 Amount: \$1,100,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide Out of School Youth
 services for at-risk youth through the Workforce Innovation
 and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant.
 7/1/23 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Bucks County Community College, Newtown, PA
 Amount: \$34,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of American Rescue Plan
 Act (ARPA) funding to provide entrepreneurship program.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/26

- c. With: Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$50,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide paid student internship
 program, Mobile Fab Lab & Fab Center Funding, and
 CareerReady Bucks Website outreach to Bucks County
 schools and businesses.
 9/1/24 – 6/30/26

- d. With: Bucks County Redevelopment Authority, Bristol, PA
 Purpose: Approve cooperation agreement granting authority to
 administer a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program
 (RACP) grant for construction of a new facility for the Bucks
 County Children's Museum.

- e. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc., Dearborn, MI
 Purpose: Approve extension of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 funding to provide training and supportive services.
 1/1/25 – 9/30/26

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Personnel Actions - Commissioners List

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, 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:

20. Bucks County Conference & Visitors Bureau (4-year term)

Kyong Ha Growney, Esq.	new appointment	term ends 12/31/29
Steve Dougherty	new appointment	term ends 12/31/29

C. Other Civics

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

21.	American Red Cross	\$3,000
	Dementia Society of America	\$1,000
	Middletown Grange Fair	\$2,500
	Snipes Farm and Education Center	\$2,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, noted the retirement of Randy Miller and spoke about his legacy. She advised that there would be a small reception after the meeting for anyone who wants to come and wish Mr. Miller well. Commissioner DiGirolamo said a few words and wished Mr. Miller all the best in his retirement.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick also commented on Mr. Miller's retirement and thanked him for his service. She then reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday, December 3rd, to discuss personnel matters, pending and prospective litigation related to employment matters, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioners Marseglia and Harvie both echoed all the comments related to Mr. Miller's retirement. Commissioner Harvie shared a story about the first time he met Mr. Miller.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, 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 18, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*