

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

1/8/2025 - 10:30 AM

Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 1st Floor, 55 East Court St., Doylestown, PA

I. WELCOME

II. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- B. Bucks County Suicide Prevention Task Force

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve minutes from the December 18, 2024 meeting
- B. Resolutions

1. BH/DP

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$289,948** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide Community Based Care Management (CBCM) services to individuals with mental health diagnoses.
1/1/24 – 12/31/25
- b. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$48,300 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant to provide rental assistance.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

2. Board of Assessment

- a. With: Hill Wallack, LLP, Yardley, PA
Amount: \$25,000/year** + expenses (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve appointment of outside counsel as Board of Assessment Solicitor.
1/8/25 – Open
- b. With: Russell P. Sacco, LLC, Yardley, PA
Amount: \$10,000/year** + expenses (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve appointment of conflict counsel for Board of Assessment Solicitor.
1/8/25 – Open

3. Board of Elections

- a. With: Cerida Investment Corp. d/b/a AnswerNet
Willow Grove, PA
Amount: \$5,088.22** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide Call Center support.
11/7/24 – 11/12/24
4. Clerk of Courts
- a. With: Kilkenny Law, LLC, Norristown, PA
Amount: \$15,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of contract to provide legal services.
1/1/24 – 12/31/25
5. Commissioners
- a. With: Bucks County Community College, Newtown, PA
Purpose: Approve extension of Memorandum of Understanding for continued management of the Doylestown and Bristol Public Safety Training Centers.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25
6. Corrections
- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve intergovernmental agreement to provide Pennsylvania Identification Cards, Driver's Licenses, and/or Photo Camera Cards to inmates.
2 years from NTP
7. Courts
- a. With: Anthony Q. Lewis, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$125/hour* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Treatment Court Intervention Counseling services.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25
- b. With: Children & Youth Conflict Counsel
1. Joseph M. Remagli
2. Keith J. Williams
- Amount: \$60,518.88* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contracts with two private attorneys to represent parties in dependency cases when there is a conflict of interest with Legal Aid. (\$30,259.44 per contract)
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

c. With: Criminal Conflict Counsel

1. Harry J. Cooper
2. Mel D. Kardos
3. Christopher Serpico
4. Keith J. Williams

Amount: \$189,608.16* (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve contracts with four private attorneys to represent individual defendants in cases when there is a conflict of interest with the Bucks County Public Defender's Office. (\$47,402.04 per contract)
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

d. With: Sean R. Ryan, Perkasio, PA

Amount: \$16,524** (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve contract to act as General Master in Court matters.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

e. With: W. Joshua Buchanan, Esquire, Quakertown, PA

Amount: \$52,466.16** (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve appointment as Advocate Counsel to the Drug Court/Mental Health Diversionary Programs.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

8. Emergency Communications

a. With: Vendor 24807

Amount: \$120,150** (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve purchase of services to enhance network support.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

b. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Harrisburg, PA

Amount: \$55,000 (Revenue)

Purpose: Approve grant to develop and sustain GIS data critical to 911 operations.
1/1/25 – 1/31/26

9. General Services

a. With: Farfield Acquisition Company f/k/a The Farfield Company
Lancaster, PA

Purpose: Approve assignment of electrical contract for the Diversion, Assessment, Restoration, and Treatment (DART) Center project and authorization for Chief Operating Officer to execute any related documents.

b. With: Industrial Diesel Power, Inc., Croydon, PA

Amount: \$51,726.33* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for generator maintenance inspection program.
3/2/25 – 3/1/26

c. With: JVI Group Inc., York Springs, PA
Amount: \$59,356.98** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for the replacement of Bridge #333 on Strocks Grove Road over Beaver Creek in Nockamixon Township.
6/29/23 – 11/14/24

d. With: United Tire of Southampton, Southampton, PA
Amount: \$26,399** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase tires and related services.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

10. Health Department

a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Office of Public Health Preparedness, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$473,011 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve annual grant for the Pennsylvania Health Department's Public Health Preparedness Program.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

11. Housing & Community Development

a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$65,625** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) funding for landlord incentives and diversion.
11/1/24 – 3/31/26

b. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$191,802.50** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Rapid Rehousing and homelessness prevention assistance.
12/1/24 – 3/31/26

c. With: Higher Information Group, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$125,730** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide document digitization services.
1/8/25 – 1/7/26

d. With: YWCA Bucks County, Trevoze, PA
Amount: \$24,098** (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve contract for Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) funding for Continuum of Care staffing support.
1/1/25 – 3/31/26

12. Human Resources

a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$61,117 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve payment of 2024 Administration Fund Assessment for Self-Insureds.

13. Human Services

a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$70,693** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide counseling, housing, and service planning/case management services for families.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

b. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$329,781.09** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide rental assistance to eligible residents.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

c. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$48,300** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide homeless assistance case management services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

d. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$41,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide information and referral services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

e. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide supports to shelter residents with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), Substance Use Disorder (SUD), and co-occurring disorders.
1/1/25 – 6/30/25

f. With: Hagopian Arts, Philadelphia, PA

Amount: \$22,200** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to design and paint a large mural in the Administration Building and facilitate law enforcement and community painting events. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
1/1/25 – 5/31/25

14. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Delcrest Medical Services, Ivyland, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to purchase low to the floor electric beds.
2/15/25 – 2/14/26
- b. With: Personal Touch Health Care Apparel, Brooklyn, NY
Amount: \$20,000* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide socks, gowns, and bibs for residents.
2/16/25 – 2/16/26

15. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Friends of Peace Valley Nature Center, Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Approve donation of flooring for Peace Valley Nature Center.
- b. With: Friends of Peace Valley Nature Center, Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Approve donation of landscaping services at Peace Valley Nature Center.

16. Planning Commission

- a. With:
Purpose: Approve revision of resolution 19a approved on 7/24/24 to endorse adding certain tributaries of the Delaware River to the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River, Partnership and Scenic Rivers Designation program.

17. Police Training

- a. With: Kelcy Pitts, Lansdale, PA
Amount: \$33,840** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Assistant Coordinator services for Traffic Services grant.
10/1/24 – 9/30/26

18. Veterans Affairs

- a. With: National Flag and Display Co., d/b/a Metro Flag Company Wharton, NJ
Amount: \$32,150.88* (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve contract to purchase flags for veterans' graves.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

19. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Bucks County Assistance Office, Bristol, PA
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding operation of the one-stop delivery system.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27
- b. With: Bucks County Community College, Newtown, PA
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- c. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding operation of the one-stop delivery system.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27
- d. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc., Dearborn, MI
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding operation of the one-stop delivery system.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27
- e. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$98,550 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide services at Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 and Upper Bucks County Technical School.
10/1/24 – 6/30/27
- f. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development, Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding operation of the one-stop delivery system.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27
- g. With: Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Norristown, PA
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding operation of the one-stop delivery system.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27
- h. With: The Career Wardrobe, Philadelphia, PA
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding operation of the one-stop delivery system.

7/1/24 – 6/30/27

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Budget Adjustments

20. 2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

January 8, 2025

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #27	Area Agency on Aging Area Agency on Aging (Revenue)	615,000 (615,000)
Adjustment #28	Opiod Remediation Program Opiod Remediation Program (Revenue)	1,700,000 (1,700,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

B. Personnel Actions - Commissioners List

C. Board Appointments

21. Bucks County Airport Authority (5-year term)
Louis E. McKay reappointment term ends 1/1/30
22. Bucks County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (3-year term)
Michael Bannon reappointment term ends 1/1/28
Jeremy Wechsler reappointment term ends 1/1/28
Nicole Bachman new appointment term ends 1/1/28
Linda Brinker new appointment term ends 1/1/28
Susan DeRosier new appointment term ends 1/1/28
Michelle Karabin new appointment term ends 1/1/28
23. Bucks County Community College Authority (5-year term)
David D. Oxley reappointment term ends 1/1/30
24. Bucks County Industrial Development Authority (5-year term)
Brent Alderfer new appointment term ends 1/1/30
25. Bucks County New Americans Advisory Commission (4-year term)
Matthew Pienkowski new appointment term ends 1/2/28
26. Bucks County Opportunity Council (3-year term)
Tobias Bruhn, Ed.D. reappointment term ends 12/31/27

27. Bucks County Parks & Recreation Board (5-year term)
Nancy Sherlock new appointment term ends 11/1/27
* to finish the term of Theodore Moore Sr.
28. Bucks County Planning Commission (4-year term)
Thomas J. Jennings reappointment term ends 1/1/29
James J. Keenan reappointment term ends 1/1/29
Edward Tokmajian reappointment term ends 1/1/29
Harold Hayes new appointment term ends 1/1/26
* to finish the term of Judi Reiss
29. Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (5-year term)
John F. Cordisco reappointment term ends 1/1/30
30. Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority (5-year term)
Robert J. Harvie, Jr. reappointment term ends 1/7/30
Gregory C. McCarthy new appointment term ends 1/5/26
31. Saint Mary Hospital Authority (5-year term)
Umar Farooq, M.D. reappointment term ends 12/31/29

D. Other Civics

32. Drummers with Attitude \$3,000
Peace Center \$2,500

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment

The Commissioners will receive public comment for up to thirty minutes, with a per person maximum of three minutes. Bucks County residents and taxpayers who wish to comment must sign up prior to the public comment period, providing their name and township or municipality of residence. Public comment period is an opportunity at each public meeting for residents and/or taxpayers of Bucks County to comment on matters of County concern, official actions or deliberation which are or may be before the Board. Those making comment should at all times demonstrate decorum, respect the speaking time of others, and refrain from any threatening or obscene language.

Consent and Regular Agendas

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board of Commissioners to be routine or non-controversial, whereas items on the Regular Agenda are expected to require more discussion or explanation. On the day before each public meeting, the Consent and Regular Agendas, including a proposed list of Personnel Actions, are posted on the County's website. The Board of Commissioners votes on Personnel Actions listed on the "Commissioners List," but not on those listed under the Court or Row Officer lists.