

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

1/22/2025 - 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 Robert J. Harvie, Chair; Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Vice Chair; and Commissioner Gene DiGirolamo, Secretary. Commissioner Harvie welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized the following employees for their milestone anniversaries with the county: For twenty years, was Marta Dressel from the Sheriff's Office and Michael Lassnoff from Emergency Services; For thirty years was Kierin Martin from Corrections; and for forty years was Denise Pierce from the District Attorney's Office.

B. The Peace Center

Danny Thomas from The Peace Center provided information and shared a video highlighting various programs and services available to help prevent violence and promote peaceful conflict resolution. Commissioner Marseglia thanked Mr. Thomas for his work and noted the bi-partisan support the county has provided to the Peace Center over the years. Emphasizing the necessity of this work, Commissioner Harvie shared news of a local elementary school student who died by suicide just last night. He reminded everyone that the number for the suicide hotline is 988.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Michael Foti from Buckingham
- Fran Haller from Newtown Township
- Sheriff Fred Harran
- Robert McLain from Milford Township
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Rochelle Porto from Bensalem
- Connie Keener from Doylestown

John Ives from Agricultural Land Preservation provided information on item 1a and the municipal participation program.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve minutes from the January 6, 2025 reorganization meeting
- B. Approve minutes from the January 8, 2025 regular meeting
- C. Resolutions
 - 1. Agricultural Land Preservation
 - a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Farmland Preservation, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$2,000,000 (County 50%)
Purpose: Approve annual allocation for matching funds for farmland preservation.
1/1/25 – 12/31/26
 - 2. Area Agency on Aging
 - a. With: BTC Foods, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$1,038,000** (County 8%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide congregate meals to seniors.
4/1/25 – 3/31/26
 - 3. BH/DP
 - a. With: Bake Ability, Holicong, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide job coaching.
1/1/25 – 3/31/25
 - b. With: Horsham Clinic, Ambler, PA
Amount: \$25,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide inpatient hospitalization services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
 - c. With: MCC Family Services, Inc., Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$158,396** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide After School Applied Behavior

Analysis Group Program.

1/1/25 – 12/31/25

- d. With: Penn Foundation Inc. d/b/a St. Luke's Penn Foundation
 Sellersville, PA
 Amount: \$76,860** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide Community Support
 Program (CSP) services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- e. With: Penndel Mental Health Center, Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$3,759,533** (County 3.8%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide mental health and intellectual
 disability services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- f. With: Resources for Human Development, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$5,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide intellectual disability
 services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: Children's Home of Easton, Easton, PA
 Amount: \$330,000** (County 14%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide various residential and foster
 care services for children.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Community Service Foundation, Bethlehem, PA
 Amount: \$285,000** (County 5%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Family Group Decision Making
 (FGDM) and other services for dependent and delinquent
 youth.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- c. With: K/S Consultants, Inc., Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$227,387** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide intensive and immediate family

therapy and advocate services.

7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- d. With: Valley Youth House Committee, Inc., Bethlehem, PA
 Amount: \$1,300,000** (County 15%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide emergency shelter, independent living, and group home services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/26

5. Corrections

- a. With: R.A. Walton & Co., Inc. d/b/a Walton & Co., Inc., York, PA
 Amount: \$41,900** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of window guards.
 12/31/24 – 1/31/25

6. Courts

- a. With: Criminal Conflict Counsel
 1. Timothy J. Barton
 2. Daniel M. Keane
 3. Marc S. Stolee

 Amount: \$142,206.12* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contracts with three 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

- b. With: Marc S. Stolee, Esquire, Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$30,259.44* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to represent parties in dependency cases when there is a conflict of interest with Legal Aid.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/25

7. Emergency Management

- a. With: The Olson Group, Ltd., Alexandria, VA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide Cybersecurity Planning, Training and Exercise Project.

5/1/25 – 4/30/26

8. General Services

- a. With: Alan Kunsman Roofing & Siding Inc., Freemansburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to replace roof at Churchville Horse Farm.
 1/12/25 – 4/1/25

- b. With: Quality First Restoration, Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$4,552** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for repair and remediation work provided.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

9. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: (\$75,334.47)
 Purpose: Approve decrease of contract to provide administrative and financial assistance, and housing stability services to eligible households.
 4/1/24 – 9/30/25

10. Human Resources

- a. With: Pennsylvania Social Services Union (PSSU), Local 668, SEIU, AFL-CIO, Conshohocken, PA
 Purpose: Approve compensation for Adult Probation & Parole Officers to administer drug testing.

- b. With: Pennsylvania Social Services Union (PSSU), Local 668, SEIU, AFL-CIO, Conshohocken, PA
 Purpose: Ratify and approve Unit 07 contract with interest arbitration award for approximately 110 employees in Court-related departments.
 1/1/24 – 12/31/27

11. Human Services

- a. With: \$500,000** (County 100%)
 Amount: \$500,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding for use of opioid
 settlement funding for the Co-Responder Program.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/25

- b. With: Bucks County Area Agency on Aging, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$95,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide personal care and adult day
 services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- c. With: Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$1,549,960** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to use opioid
 settlement funding to provide sub-grantee awards.
 1/1/25 – 6/30/25

- d. With: Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$386,903** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for Community
 Based Mini-Grants for opioid settlement funded programs.
 1/1/25 – 6/30/25

- e. With: Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to use opioid settlement funding
 to purchase and distribute Narcan kits.
 1/1/25 – 6/30/25

- f. With: Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$31,939** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to use opioid
 settlement funding to purchase and distribute drug test
 strips.
 1/1/25 – 6/30/25

- g. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA

Amount: \$300,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for opioid settlement funding to provide case management and short-term housing to families affected by the opioid epidemic.
1/1/25 – 6/30/26

12. Information Technology

- a. With: Masergy Communications, Inc., Plano, TX
Amount: \$689,564.40* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide voice (VoIP) services.
11/20/24 – 11/19/29
- b. With: Ten4 Mobility, LLC d/b/a OpDecision, Baltimore, MD
Amount: \$72,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide wireless expense management and support services.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

13. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC, Pittsburgh, PA
Amount: \$875,000** (County 40%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide long-term drug & alcohol treatment services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

14. Law Department

- a. With: Thomas Waltman c/o Jamie L. Ford, Esq., Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$51,205.85 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve payment in the matter of Waltman v. COB et al. for settlement of litigation and general release of claims.
- b. With: The Gold Law Firm, P.C. Attn: Jamie L. Ford, Esq.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$38,794.15 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve payment in the matter of Waltman v. COB et al. for settlement of litigation and general release of claims.

15. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: United Sales Corp USA, Brooklyn, NY
Purpose: Approve extension of contract to provide hand sanitizer
wipes for residents.
3/6/25 – 3/5/26

16. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Caliber Service Management, LLC, Exton, PA
Amount: \$9,325** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for emergency roof repairs and
interior remediation at the Peace Valley Nature Center.
- b. With: Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center, Bristol, PA
Purpose: Approve donation of pavilion at Silver Lake Nature Center.

17. Planning Commission

- a. With: Michael Baker International, Inc., Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$58,797** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide design
and engineering services for the Levittown Trail Project in
Tullytown Borough and Bristol & Falls Townships.
3/1/25 – 12/31/25
- b. With: Social Pinpoint Inc., Middletown, DE
Amount: \$29,680** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide annual licenses for municipal
planning software.
2/3/25 – 2/2/26
- c. With: U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC
Amount: \$404,580 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve acceptance of Energy Efficiency and Conservation
Block Grant (EECBG) award.
12/1/24 – 11/30/26

18. Veterans Affairs

- a. With: Jerard Johnson, Bristol, PA
Amount: \$30,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Veteran Court Social Worker services.
1/27/25 – 12/31/25

19. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Chester County Economic Development Council, Exton, PA
Amount: \$70,608.79 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to accept Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP) grant funding.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Unemployment Compensation, Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding operation of the one-stop delivery system.
7/1/24 – 6/30/27
- c. With: Vita Education Services, Inc., Doylestown, 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

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

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

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2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

January 22, 2025

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #29	Board of Elections	395,000
Adjustment #30	Tax Claim	124,000
Adjustment #31	General Services	476,000
Adjustment #32	Police Training	60,000
	Police Training (Revenue)	(60,000)
Adjustment #33	BC Transport Pass Thru	18,000
	BC Transport Pass Thru (Revenue)	(18,000)
Adjustment #34	Workforce & Economic Development	350,000
	Workforce & Economic Development (Revenue)	(350,000)
Adjustment #35	Emergency Communications	299,000
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		1,294,000

B. Personnel Actions - Commissioners List

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the Personnel Actions on the Commissioners' List were approved.

C. Board Appointments

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

21. Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (5-year term)
Kenneth Hayes new appointment term ends 7/17/28
*finishing the term of John Cordisco

Mr. Hayes thanked the Commissioners for appointing him and said he looks forward to serving on the board.

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:

22. Animal Lifeline \$1,500

Bucks County Community College Veterans Club	\$1,500
Historic Fallsington	\$2,500

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt introduced Diane Rosati, Executive Director of the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission. Ms. Rosati provided a brief overview of the upcoming community survey on drug and alcohol prevention services, and she introduced Prevention Supervisor Mallory Perrotti, who provided more information.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday, January 21st, to discuss personnel matters, pending and prospective litigation, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvie reminded everyone to check in on their neighbors and friends during this cold weather. He noted a recent carbon monoxide death in Solebury and stressed the importance of having working carbon monoxide detectors.

Noting the county's investment in a website platform that enables the livestreaming of commissioner meetings from the county's website, as well as ongoing issues with the Facebook Live broadcast of commissioners' meetings, Commissioner Harvie announced that this is the last meeting that will be on Facebook. He emphasized that all meetings going forward will continue to be available live on the county website.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, 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, February 5, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: February 5, 2025
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*