

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

2/19/2025 - 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 Donalee Brabazon from Area Agency on Aging and Nancy Frith from Guardian ad Litem for thirty years of employment with the county. Also recognized were the following employees reaching twenty-year anniversaries: John Worthington, Jr. from Area Agency on Aging; Michael Baier from Adult Probation/Parole; Roy Hendricks, III and Kyle Wojciechowski from Security; Michele Smith from Domestic Relations; Revonda Johnson from MH/DP; Robert Marino from Corrections; and Alicienne Alexis and Islande Serome from Neshaminy Manor.

B. American Heart Month

The Commissioners proclaimed February 2025 as American Heart Month and Active People, Healthy Nation Month. In so doing, they commended the American Heart Association and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for making the connection between staying healthy and being physically active. They encouraged everyone to explore the parks system to stay healthy and to consider becoming CPR certified. Jacob Zychick, Community Advocacy Director with the American Heart Association, accepted the proclamation and presented information on American Heart Association data and initiatives.

C. African American Museum of Bucks County

Bernard Griggs, Interim Director of General Services, provided an update on the Bucks County African American Museum construction project.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Pastor Patience Momah from Penndel
- Jebbeh Kawah from Bristol Township
- Fran Haller from Newtown Township
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township

Commissioner Harvie responded with clarification on many of the questions and

comments. Dr. David Damsker, Health Department Director, and Commissioner Marseglia also contributed responses.

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 February 5, 2025 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Agricultural Land Preservation

- a. With: Janice M. Thomas, Trustee, and Mark R. & Justina M. Thomas, Perkasio, PA
Amount: (\$408,496)
Purpose: Rescind county portion of 67.52-acre agricultural conservation easements on the Thomas farms on Kellers Church and Farm School Roads in Bedminster Township. (TMPs 01-008-081, 01-008-081-001, 01-008-082)
- b. With: Mark R. and Justina M. Thomas, Ottsville, PA
Amount: \$139,250 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve county portion of a 27.25-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Thomas farm in Bedminster Township. (TMPs 01-008-081-001 and #01-008-082)
- c. With: Janice M. Thomas, Trustee of the Thomas Revocable Living Trust, Perkasio, PA
Amount: \$280,070 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve county portion of a 40.68-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Thomas farm in Bedminster Township. (TMP 01-008-081)

2. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Advanced Nurse Transport Service, Inc., Warminster, PA
Amount: \$3,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide non-medical ambulance transportation services for seniors.

7/1/25 – 6/30/26

- b. With: Bucks County Free Library, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$1,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to develop and implement programs and
 services for older adults.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

- c. With: PSI Personnel, LLC, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$85,000** (County 76.5%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide as-
 needed temporary support staff for Area Agency on Aging
 and Board of Elections.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

3. BH/DP

- a. With: Bucks County Transport, Inc., Holicong, PA
 Amount: \$52,160** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide transportation services for
 individuals with disabilities.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Woods Community Services, Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$73,215** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential services for
 individuals with intellectual disabilities.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

4. Board of Elections

- a. With: Clear Ballot Group Inc., Boston, MA
 Amount: \$37,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide election support services.
 2/1/25 – 5/31/25

5. Children & Youth

- a. With: Haven Adoptions, Inc., Ambler, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to update the maintenance

and administration rate split approved by the State.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

6. Commissioners

- a. With: Approve annual delegation of authority.
Purpose:

- b. With: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$600,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve municipal gaming grant agreement to support
Lower Bucks Public Safety Training Center Operations.
12/20/24 – 12/31/25

7. Coroner

- a. With: Ferno Washington, Inc, Wilmington, OH
Amount: \$32,640.40 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase refurbished electric stretcher.

8. Corrections

- a. With: Keefe Commissary Network, LLC, Edison, NJ
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide commissary services
for inmates.
3/1/25 – 2/28/26

9. Courts

- a. With: The Lerro Corporation, Norristown, PA
Amount: \$1,847,526.69** + freight (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to upgrade audiovisual systems in the
Bucks County Justice Center.
2/19/25 – Completion

10. District Attorney

- a. With: \$2,678.73** (County 100%)
Amount: \$2,678.73** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve out-of-county travel for one attorney to attend 2025 Insurance Fraud Management Conference in Amelia Island, FL.
3/2/25 – 3/5/25
- b. With: Maureen Flannery Spang, Chambersburg, PA
Amount: \$18,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25
- c. With: Richard J. Mangan, New Hope, PA
Amount: \$2,711.80** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide consulting services.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

11. District Courts

- a. With: 28 North State Street c/o Danella Realty & Mgmt. Co.
Blue Bell, PA
Amount: \$23,687.16** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve condo fees for District Court 07-2-07 location in Newtown.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25
- b. With: Neshaminy Professional Center Condo Association c/o
Danella Realty, Blue Bell, PA
Amount: \$53,486.40** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve condo fees for District Court 07-1-12 location in Bensalem.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

12. Emergency Management

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$11,952,986 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Agreement for Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force.
Final Execution – 12/29/27

- b. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$1,351,611 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program
 agreement for Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force.
 Final Execution – 12/29/27

13. General Services

- a. With: Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc., Wilmington, DE
 Purpose: Approve contract extension for the rehabilitation of Bridge
 #356 on Erie Road over Tohickon Creek in Richland
 Township.
 12/25/24 - 2/28/25

- b. With: Richboro Property, LLC, Southampton, PA f/k/a 755 York
 LLC, Willow Grove, PA
 Purpose: Approve owner/landlord change for the Juvenile Probation
 location at 755 York Road, Warminster.

- c. With: STV Incorporated, Philadelphia, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension for engineering services for the
 replacement of Bridge #30 on Clay Ridge Road over Beaver
 Creek in Tinicum Township.
 8/2/24 – 8/1/25

14. Health Department

- a. With: Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP)
 Newtown, PA
 Amount: \$154,500*/year (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to pay a portion of
 the salary/fringe for the BCHIP executive director position
 and staffing support for immunization coalition.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/27

15. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County

Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$180,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2024 CDBG funding for emergency homeless shelter operations.
3/1/25 – 2/28/26

16. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Housing Group, Inc., Warminster, PA
Amount: \$6,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide service planning and case management services for families.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- b. With: Bucks County Public Defender's Office, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide opioid settlement funding for a social services advocate.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25
- c. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$154,056** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide emergency shelter services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

17. Information Technology

- a. With: Equinix LLC, Redwood City, CA
Amount: \$128,400** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide private IP access for two county locations.
3/1/25 – 2/28/30

18. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: CHOR Youth and Family Services, Inc., Reading, PA
Amount: \$1,875,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential treatment, foster care, and counseling services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

19. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Arjo Inc., Addison, IL
 Amount: \$8,528.10* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment to purchase
 patient lifts and slings.
 12/15/24 – 12/14/27

20. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural
 Resources, Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$190,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve grant to acquire approximately 2.6 acres for an
 addition to Peace Valley Park along Chapman Road in New
 Britian Township.
 2/6/24 – 12/31/28

21. Planning Commission

- a. With: James D. Morrissey, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$2,867,793** (County 5%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide construction of the Neshaminy
 Greenway Trail and authorization for Director of
 Transportation Planning to electronically sign all related
 documents.
 4/14/25 – 8/24/26

- b. With: PennDot, King of Prussia, PA
 Amount: \$124,679 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve increase of Reimbursement Agreement for the
 Neshaminy Greenway Trail in Core Creek Park
 and authorization for Director of Transportation Planning to
 electronically sign all related documents.
 10/18/23 – 10/18/28

- c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic
 Development (DCED), Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve authorization for Planning Commission to file a
 Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) grant application on

behalf of Langhorne Borough.

22. Purchasing

- a. With: Central Poly-Bag Corp., Linden, NJ
 Amount: \$2,478* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment to purchase
 bags and can liners.
 6/24/24 – 6/23/27

- b. With: HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, LTD, Jacksonville, FL
 Amount: \$14,432.99* (County 74%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase
 janitorial supplies.
 4/15/25 – 4/14/26

- c. With: WB Mason Co., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$25,102.92* (County 99%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase
 janitorial supplies.
 4/15/25 – 4/14/26

23. Security

- a. With: Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ
 Amount: \$162,732** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase tasers and provide training.
 5/15/25 – 5/14/30

24. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of
 Workforce Development Administration, Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$400,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve grant funding to provide four pre-apprenticeships
 for students from the three technical high schools.
 7/1/23 – 12/31/26

*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 Marsegia, with the vote being 3-0, the Personnel Actions on the Commissioners' List were approved.

B. Board Appointments

Upon motion of Commissioner Marsegia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointments were approved:

25. Bucks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board (3-year team)

Kenneth W. Bupp	reappointment	term ends 2/22/28
Wesley M. Schmidt	reappointment	term ends 2/22/28
Jonathan R. Snipes	reappointment	term ends 2/22/28

26. Bucks County Emergency Health Council (3-year term)

Kenneth D. Coluzzi	reappointment	term ends 2/1/28
Kathleen Fox	reappointment	term ends 2/1/28
Richard Goldsmith	reappointment	term ends 2/1/28
Robert Race, III	reappointment	term ends 2/1/28
Mark Scholl	reappointment	term ends 2/1/28

27. Bucks County Human Relations Council (3-year term)

Mary Theresa Gonzalez	new appointment	term ends 6/1/26
	* to finish term of Celia Sharp	

28. Bucks County Workforce Development Board (3-year term)

Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski	reappointment	term ends 2/15/28
	C2 - post-secondary	

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt introduced Director of Parks & Recreation Angie Nagle, who presented information on her department's initiatives and accomplishments for 2024.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday, February 18th, to discuss personnel matters, pending and prospective litigation, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None

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, March 5, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*