

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

3/5/2025 - 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. Special Equestrians

From the Special Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Center, Janice Witt, accompanied by Beth Morris, Dana Fielding, and therapy horse Lugnut, provided information about some of their programs. She was also joined by Josh McGrory from the Warrington Chick-Fil-A, who recently provided a \$200,000 grant to the facility.

B. ALICE Awareness Month

The Commissioners proclaimed March 2025 as "ALICE Awareness Month," and commended United Way of Bucks County for the work they do to ensure the security and well-being of county residents. Accepting the proclamation and presenting information on behalf of United Way were President & Chief Executive Officer Marissa Christie, along with colleagues PJ O'Brien, Nikki Farrior, and Christina Burner, as well as several of their community bank partners.

C. Consumer Protection/Weights & Measures Week

The Commissioners proclaimed March 2 – 9, 2025 as "Consumer Protection/Weights & Measures Week," commending the Office of Consumer Protection/Weights & Measures for their commitment to promoting fairness and integrity in the marketplace. Consumer Protection Director Mike Bannon accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for the recognition. He spoke about the types of issues his team deals with and information they have available to consumers.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Christine Heitman from Bensalem
- Kathryn Price Engelhard from Morrisville Borough
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Nancy Sherlock from Morrisville

- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Rochelle Porto from Bensalem
- Crys Harm from Middletown
- Robert McLain from Milford Township

Commissioner Harvie responded with clarification on many of the questions and comments. Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt, Executive Director of Parks & Recreation Angie Nagle, and Human Services Director Rachael Neff all contributed responses to other questions raised.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Resolutions

1. Agricultural Land Preservation

- a. With: Barton Fleishman and Gerald B. Ottinger, Coopersburg, PA
 Amount: \$86,615 + settlement charges and adjustments
 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve a 10.19-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Fleishman and Ottinger farm in Springfield Township.
 (TMP 42-012-115)

- b. With: Peter J. and Joyce M. Weiss, Quakertown, PA
 Amount: \$52,350 + settlement charges and adjustments
 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve county portion of a 17.45-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Weiss farm in Milford Township. (TMP 23-002-140)

2. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Law Office of Karen M. Quinn, Bristol, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide legal services.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

- b. With: Patsy H. Long, Warrington, PA
 Amount: (\$42,997.29)
 Purpose: Approve decrease and termination of contract to provide services as Contracted Ombudsman.

7/1/23 – 3/31/25

3. BH/DP

- a. With: Children's Therapy Services, LLC, Pipersville, PA
Amount: \$466,162** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: Adelphoi Village, Inc., Latrobe, PA
Amount: \$1,775,000** (County 27%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide placement and various services for children.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- b. With: Atlantic Diagnostic Laboratories, Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$110,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide drug testing services.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25
- c. With: Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley
Jenkintown PA
Amount: \$120,000** (County 16%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- d. With: The Salvation Army (Children's Services), Allentown, PA
Amount: \$180,000** (County 13%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
7/1/24 - 6/30/26
- e. With: Woods Services, Inc., Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$400,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for residential and counseling services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

5. Commissioners

- a. With: National Park Service, Washington, DC
Purpose: Approve resolution to apply to the National Park Service Semiquincentennial Grant Program.

6. Coroner

- a. With: CM3 Building Solutions, Inc., Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$43,616** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide preventative maintenance and emergency repairs for HVAC system at the Bucks County Forensic Facility.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

7. Corrections

- a. With: Sysco Corporation, Houston, TX
Amount: \$1,750,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase food products.
3/1/25 – 6/3/26

8. District Attorney

- a. With: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension for Gun Violence Investigation & Prosecution Grant Award.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

9. Emergency Health Services

- a. With: Zoll Medical Corporation, Chelmsford, MA
Amount: \$44,899.14 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve payment of invoice for defibrillator and related equipment for the Paramedic Program.

10. Finance

- a. With: Aon Risk Services Central, Inc., Philadelphia, PA

Amount: \$150,000/year (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide insurance brokerage and risk management services.
9/1/24 – 9/1/27

b. With: Lower Makefield Township, Yardley, PA
Purpose: Approve forgiveness of 2025 municipal real estate taxes for TMP 20-016-030-002.

c. With: PELICAN Insurance c/o AIG Insurance Management Services, Burlington, VT
Amount: \$258,219 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide General Liability, Professional Liability, and Mcare Assessment for Neshaminy Manor.
3/1/25 – 3/1/26

11. General Services

a. With: C&C Ford Sales, Inc., Horsham, PA
Amount: \$93,689** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of (2) 2025 Ford Police Interceptors for the Sheriff's Office.

b. With: C&C Ford Sales Inc. d/b/a Chapman Chrysler Jeep Dodge Horsham, PA
Amount: \$45,999 (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of (1) 2025 Chrysler Pacifica for the Youth Center.

c. With: Chapman Chevrolet LLC, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$42,365 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of (1) 2025 Chevrolet Traverse for Juvenile Probation.

d. With: Elite Emergency Lights, LLC d/b/a Elite Vehicle Solutions Lakewood, NJ
Amount: \$51,307.52** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of two (2) Upfit packages for two (2) 2025 Ford Police Interceptors for the Sheriff's Office.

- e. With: Fred Beans Ford, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$137,361** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of (3) 2025 Ford Police Interceptors for
 the Park Rangers.

- f. With: Fred Beans Ford, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$91,574** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of (2) 2025 Ford Police Interceptors for
 Security.

- g. With: Integrity Mechanical, Inc., Plumsteadville, PA
 Amount: \$109,939** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve mechanical engineering contract increase for the
 Diversion, Assessment, Rehabilitation, and Treatment
 Center project.
 1/18/25 – 6/6/25

- h. With: Integrity Mechanical, Inc., Plumsteadville, PA
 Purpose: Approve mechanical engineering contract extension for the
 Diversion, Assessment, Rehabilitation, and Treatment
 Center project.
 1/18/25 – 6/6/25

- i. With: KMA Design Studio, Ambler, PA
 Amount: \$29,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide architectural and engineering
 support re-roofing of the 911 Training Center.
 3/5/25 – 3/4/26

12. Health Department

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Office of Public Health
 Preparedness, Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$1,499.84 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve increase and amendment to annual grant for the
 Pennsylvania Health Department's Public Health
 Preparedness Program.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

13. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: The Gulotta Group, LLC, Easton, PA
Amount: (\$12,016)
Purpose: Approve decrease of contract to provide blight study and development of a comprehensive blight program to address vacant or abandoned properties.
3/1/23 – 12/31/24

14. Human Resources

- a. With:
Purpose: Approve update to the County of Bucks telework policy effective 4/7/25.
- b. With: Bucks County Rangers Benevolent Association
Fountainville, PA
Purpose: Approve Unit 51 contract for approximately 16 employees.
1/1/25 – 12/31/29
- c. With: Pennsylvania Social Services Union (PSSU), Local 668,
SEIU, AFL-CIO, Conshohocken, PA
Purpose: Approve Unit 70 contract for approximately 51 Youth Counselors.
1/1/24 – 12/31/26

15. Human Services

- a. With: Bethany Christian Services of Greater Delaware Valley
Jenkintown, PA
Amount: \$198,142** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to expand the Safe Families for Children Program for families impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD).
1/1/25 – 6/30/26

16. Information Technology

- a. With: Sectri LLC, Fogelsville, PA
Amount: \$29,985 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of software to facilitate the completion of required cyber security questionnaires.

3/11/25 – 3/10/28

17. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: Community Specialists Corporation d/b/a The Academy
Pittsburgh, PA
Amount: \$110,000** (County 40%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential care for adolescent females.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

18. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: 360care LLC, Perrysburg, OH
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide audiology and dental services for residents.
3/16/25 – 3/15/26
- b. With: Penlight Health Corp., Bryn Mawr, PA
Amount: \$102,500** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide agency nursing services for residents.
3/5/25 – 3/4/26

19. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve submission of grant application for Tinicum Park Rehabilitation Project, and signature authority for Executive Director, Parks and Recreation to execute grant-related documents.

20. Planning Commission

- a. With: MXI Environmental Services, LLC, Abingdon, VA
Amount: \$1,230,000* (County 25%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide household hazardous waste services.
1/1/25 – 12/31/27

21. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: AARP Foundation, Bethlehem, PA
 Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding
 operation of the one-stop delivery system.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/27

- b. With: Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$67,064.50** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for student internship program,
 Mobile Fab Lab & Fab Center Funding, and CareerReady
 Bucks website and student job fair.
 9/1/24 – 6/30/26

- c. With: Upper Bucks County Technical School (UBCTS)
 Perkasie, PA
 Amount: \$15,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to fund a science, technology,
 engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) Camp for
 youth in grades 3 through 8.
 9/1/24 – 6/30/26

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Personnel Actions - Commissioners List

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, all Personnel Actions on the Commissioners' List were approved with the exception of item 24 which was approved by a vote of 2-0-1 with Commissioner Marseglia abstaining.

B. Board Appointments

Commissioner Harvie, in response to an earlier question during Public Comment, provided clarification on various boards and how members are appointed.

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

- 22. Bucks County Children & Youth Advisory Board (3-year term)
 - James B. Beerer, Jr. term correction term ends 3/1/28
 - Sherry Orr reappointment term ends 3/1/28

term ends 3/1/28

- Dianna Kelly

C. Other Civics

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

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| 24. | Bucks County Special Equestrians | \$4,000 |
| | Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans | \$1,000 |
| | NOVA | \$16,500 |
| | Tileworks of Bucks County | \$2,000 |
| | Warrington Fire Company | \$1,000 |

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. McKevitt called upon Evan Stone, Executive Director of the Planning Commission, who introduced Recycling Coordinator Deanna Miller. Ms. Miller provided a summary of the County's 2024 Household Hazardous Waste program efforts and the schedule for 2025.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick noted that Commissioner Marseglia had intended to abstain from voting on item #24 on the Commissioners' Personnel List and asked if she would like to change her vote. Commissioner Marseglia confirmed that she abstains from voting on item #24 and the vote was changed to 2-0-1.

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held March 4th to discuss pending and potential litigation – including a potential affirmative lawsuit – as well as labor negotiations, personnel matters, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvie thanked the technology staff for the work they do for the meetings, especially Technical Specialist Manager Shawn Loughlin.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the earlier presentations saying it is important to highlight the work of the many non-profits in the County.

Commissioner Harvie said a few words and expressed his best wishes for Lent, Ramadan, and St. Patrick's Day, advising that the St. Patrick's Day parade is on Saturday, March 15th.

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 19, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: March 19, 2025
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*