

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

4/2/2025 - 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. Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Commissioners proclaimed April 2025 as "Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month." In doing so, they encourage all residents to cherish children and join in protecting them from all forms of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and to participate in child abuse awareness education. Accepting the proclamation and saying a few words were Lindsay Cooper from Children & Youth, Penny Ettinger from NOVA, and District Attorney Jen Shorn. Commissioner DiGirolamo said a few words about the statute of limitations for those guilty of abusing children.

B. Audubon Society

Michael Celec, Executive Director of the Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow, along with Sally Conyne and Barbara Stollsteimer, co-authors of "Birds of Bucks County," and accompanied by Heidi Shiver from Bird Town, shared information about the Audubon Society and the "Birds of Bucks County" book.

C. Habitat for Humanity

The Commissioners proclaimed April 2, 2025 as "Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County 35th Anniversary Day." In so doing, they applaud the abiding commitment of Habitat for Humanity to provide opportunities for Bucks County families to increase their independence and economic well-being through home ownership. CEO Florence Kawoczka thanked the commissioner for the proclamation and shared information about Habitat, including the Home Repair Program and the Habitat Restores.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Fran Haller from Newtown Township
- Fran Grous from Middletown

- Alix Paul from Langhorne Borough
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township
- Rochelle Porto from Bensalem
- Mona Chipman from Buckingham
- Susan Vorwerk from Warwick

Commissioner Harvie, Commissioner Marseglia, Commissioner DiGirolamo, Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt, and Human Services Director Rachel Neff each responded with clarification on the questions and comments, many regarding the closing of the law library.

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 March 19, 2025 regular meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Adult Probation

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| a. | With: | Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency
Harrisburg, PA |
| | Amount: | \$870,469 (Revenue) |
| | Purpose: | Approve application for Continuing County Adult Probation
and Parole Grant.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25 |

2. Area Agency on Aging

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| a. | With: | Ivins Outreach Center, Morrisville, PA |
| | Amount: | \$256,874** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide management of SHARE
housing counselors.
1/1/25 – 12/31/27 |

3. BH/DP

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| a. | With: | Horizon House, Inc., Philadelphia, PA |
| | Amount: | \$14,740** (County 3.9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract increase to provide supported living |

services to individuals with a mental health diagnosis.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Salisbury Behavioral Health, LLC, Lancaster, PA
 Amount: \$3,171,867** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide supported living and residential
 services to individuals with a mental health diagnosis.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: St. Francis Home for Boys, Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$120,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Community Residential and
 Supervised Independent Living Services.
 6/1/24 – 6/30/25

- b. With: YWCA of Bucks County, Trevoise, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to reallocate funding between
 the Life Skills, Camps and Literacy, Family Finding, and the
 Employment Service programs.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

5. Commissioners

- a. With: Bucks Beautiful, Doylestown, PA
 Purpose: Approve grant application for plant materials and supplies to
 be used at Administration Building entrance.

6. Corrections

- a. With: CHOR Youth & Family Services Inc.
 d/b/a Edison Court, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$17,419.52** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide therapy to inmates.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/25

- b. With: PrimeCare Medical, Inc., Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$110,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Methadone for opioid use

disorder to incarcerated patients.

4/2/25 – 4/1/26

7. District Attorney

- a. With:
Amount: \$3,158.28* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve out of county travel for one detective to attend Investigative Techniques training in Harrisburg.
4/28/25 – 5/2/25
- b. With:
Amount: \$3,158.28* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve out of county travel for one detective to attend Investigative Techniques training in Harrisburg.
4/28/25 – 5/2/25
- c. With:
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4/28/25 – 5/2/25
- d. With:
Amount: \$3,158.28* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve out of county travel for one detective to attend Investigative Techniques training in Harrisburg.
4/28/25 – 5/2/25
- e. With: CMO Court Reporting, LLC, Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$15,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide court reporting services.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

8. Emergency Health Services

- a. With: Newtown EMS Inc., Newtown, PA
Purpose: Approve Business Associate Agreement.

9. General Services

- a. With: Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd f/k/a McMahon Associates, Inc., Atlanta, GA
 Amount: \$3,810** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of contract to provide engineering design and construction consultation services for the rehabilitation of Bridge #356 on Erie Road over Tohickon Creek in Richland Township.
 7/31/22 – 4/30/25

- b. With: Bristol Township, Bristol, PA
 Purpose: Approve land development resolution for the Neighborhood First construction project.

- c. With: Industrial Diesel Power, Inc., Croydon, PA
 Amount: \$17,886* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for generator maintenance inspection program.
 3/2/25 – 3/1/26

- d. With: L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc., Brookhaven, PA
 Purpose: Approve extension of general construction contract for restoration and renovation of farmhouse for the African American Museum of Bucks County.
 1/17/24 – 9/30/25

- e. With: L. J. Paoella Construction Inc., Brookhaven, PA
 Purpose: Approve extension of elevator contract for restoration of the farmhouse for the African American Museum of Bucks County.
 1/17/24 – 9/30/25

- f. With: New Britain Township, Chalfont, PA
 Amount: \$2,500** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide legal & engineering services to rezone 226 North Chapman Road for park purposes, and delegate General Services Director to execute this and other related documents.

- g. With: Pennsylvania State Society Daughters of the American

Purpose: Revolution, Bucks County Chapter NSDAR
Doylestown, PA
Approve License Agreement to place Revolutionary War
Patriot marker on the grounds of the Bucks County
Administration Building.
4/2/2025 – 4/2/2124

h. With: Prime Sheet Metal Inc., Warminster, PA
Purpose: Approve extension of mechanical contract increase for the
restoration of the farmhouse for the African American
Museum of Bucks County.
1/17/24 – 9/30/25

10. Housing & Community Development

a. With: Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks
Quakertown, PA
Amount: \$12,171.34** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for CDBG-CV funding to support
emergency shelter services during Code Blue events.
1/1/25 – 4/30/25

11. Human Resources

a. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal
Employees DC 88, AFL-CIO, Plymouth Meeting, PA
Purpose: Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement for approximately
210 employees in the 05/55 Court unit.
1/1/25 – 12/31/27

12. Human Services

a. With: Barbara Simmons, Newtown, PA
Amount: \$10,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services for
community garden and educational projects.
10/21/23 – 5/31/25

b. With: Barbara Simmons, Newtown, PA
Amount: \$15,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services related to

DOJ Grant mural projects.
10/21/23 – 5/31/25

- c. With: Emilie House Sober Living, Penndel, PA
 Amount: \$98,300** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide opioid settlement funding for
 recovery house expansion.
 12/1/24 – 12/31/25

- d. With: Ivins Outreach Center, Morrisville, PA
 Amount: \$400,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide opioid settlement funding for
 InspireME program.
 7/1/24 – 9/30/25

- e. With: New Path TMB, LLC, Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$139,800** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide opioid settlement funding for
 recovery house expansion.
 12/1/24 – 12/31/25

- f. With: Richard Gold, LLC, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$10,000** (County 50%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services for Data
 Sharing Project.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/25

13. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Inc., Manheim, PA
 Amount: \$40,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase
 incontinence products for residents.
 3/29/25 – 3/28/26

- b. With: Medline Industries, Inc., Northfield, IL
 Amount: \$85,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase
 disposable briefs for residents.
 4/1/25 – 3/31/26

- c. With: Singer Equipment Company Inc., Elverson, PA
 Amount: \$31,128.11 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of a Cleveland Tilting Kettle.

14. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Eurofins Environment Testing Philadelphia LLC
 Horsham, PA
 Amount: \$498* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide water sampling &
 analytical testing services for county pools and parks.
 10/1/22 – 9/30/25

- b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic
 Development, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Authorize Executive Director, Parks and Recreation, to
 submit application for DCED Greenways, Trails and
 Recreation Program Grant Application for Silver Lake Park
 Playground Rehabilitation and if awarded, execute all grant
 related documents.

- c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural
 Resources, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve license and right of entry addendum for landowner
 assistance with tree and native meadow planting for an
 additional ten acres at Oxford Valley and Peace Valley
 Parks.
 7/24/24 – 7/23/29

- d. With: Turf Equipment and Supply Company, West Chester, PA
 Amount: \$38,089.44 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of aerator for Oxford Valley Golf Course.

15. Public Defender

- a. With: CMO Court Reporting, LLC, Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$80,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide court reporting services.
 1/1/25 – 1/1/26

16. Purchasing

- a. With: Filterbuy, Inc., Talledega, AL
 Amount: \$2,175* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase HVAC filters.
 4/15/25 – 4/14/28

- b. With: Midwest Air Filter, Inc., Ada, MI
 Amount: \$47,184.69* (County 98%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase HVAC filters.
 4/15/25 – 4/14/28

- c. With: Riggins, Inc. Vineland, NJ
 Amount: \$708,373.81* (County 99%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of contract to provide
 heating oil, diesel fuel, and gasoline. Additional location
 added.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

- d. With: Semco USA, Montville, NJ
 Amount: \$18,464* (County 93%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase custom file folders for District
 Attorney, Domestic Relations, Public Defender and Register
 of Wills.
 4/21/25 – 4/20/26

17. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Bucks County Technical High School,
 Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, &
 Upper Bucks County Technical School
 Amount: \$213,849.06** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Early Childhood Education,
 Certified Nursing Assistant, Cyber-security IT, and Culinary
 Arts pre-apprenticeships.
 11/1/24 – 12/31/26

- b. With: Bucks County Technical High School,
 Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, &

Purpose: Upper Bucks County Technical School
Approve extension of PASmart Bucks County Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Consortium Grant.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

c. With: Career Connections, LLC, Hatfield, PA
Amount: \$146,580** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide academic tutoring to students and assist in pre-apprenticeship package preparation.
11/1/24 – 12/31/26

d. With: Career Connections, LLC, Hatfield, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension to serve as the program coordinator for the PASmart Grant.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

18. Youth Center

a. With: County of Luzerne, Wilkes Barre, PA
Amount: \$650/day/resident (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

*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, the Personnel Actions on the Commissioners' List were approved.

B. Board Appointments

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

19. Bucks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board (3-year term)
Matthew Braud new appointment term ends 2/22/27

Bartley Millett (chair) reappointment term ends 2/22/26

20. Bucks County Emergency Health Advisory Council (3-year term)
Charles Barker reappointment term ends 2/1/28

21. Bucks County Penn State Cooperative Extension (1-year term)
Carl P. Vivaldi reappointment term ends 4/1/26

C. 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.	Autism Cares	\$1,500
	Bucks County Suicide Task Force c/o Drug & Alcohol Commission	\$2,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. McKevitt advised that they are monitoring state and federal budget activities to see what the impacts will be to the county.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday, to discuss pending and potential legal action, labor negotiations, personnel matters, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the state and federal budgets and their impact on the county and the services it provides.

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, April 16, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: April 16, 2025
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*