

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

4/16/2025 - 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. He asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence to remember the tragic death of county employee Christopher Cramp and his two sons.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized the following employees on their milestone anniversaries with the county:

20 years of service: Robert Andrea from Main Courts, Tecla Sola from Judicial Courts, Jason Cole from Juvenile Probation/Parole, Lindsay Cooper from Children & Youth, Shana Giel and Maureen Hampshire from 911, Susan Ann Wagner from District Courts, and Tonia Beh and Lenora Baker from Neshaminy Manor.

30 years of service: Cynthis McCourt and Nancy Hoffert from Judicial Courts

40 years of service: Robert Mekel from Voting Machines. Commissioner Harvie acknowledged Janet Simon in Human Resources for her work in providing this information each month.

B. Second Chance Month

The Commissioners proclaimed April 2025 to be "Second Chance Month." They commended Adult Probation and Parole, Juvenile Probation, Corrections, Courts, and various community agencies for their commitment to promoting positive behavior change among individuals in the criminal justice system while enhancing community safety. Accepting the proclamation and presenting a video on second chance employment was Mike Harrison from Adult Probation and Parole and chair of the Bucks County Reentry Coalition. Jessica Peterson, Operations Manager for PA CareerLink of Bucks County advised of a job and reentry resource fair being held on April 29th. They were accompanied by Lou Emanuele from the Department of Corrections and vice chair of the Reentry Coalition, who said a few words about the coalition, and Jason Ivey, Director of CareerLink. Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about second chance hiring and thanked all those involved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Sheriff Fred Harran from Bristol Borough

The meeting was briefly recessed after Sheriff Harran exceeded the allowed three minutes and continued speaking when the Chair requested that he stop. Once the meeting resumed, Commissioner DiGirolamo added clarification about school resource officers as they relate to the Intermediate Unit versus individual schools.

Public comments continued with the following speakers:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Hank Schrandt from Newtown Township
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Fran Grous from Middletown
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township
- Rochelle Porto from Bensalem
- Joe Frederick from Doylestown
- Mona Chipman

Commissioner Harvie responded with clarification on many of the questions and comments.

Commissioner DiGirolamo added a few words about the school resource officer for the Intermediate Unit and posed questions to Sheriff Harran. The Sheriff responded to his questions and Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick provided clarification regarding Law Department review of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Commissioner Marseglia responded to several of the prior items discussed, including those regarding the school resource officer.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve minutes from the April 2, 2025 regular meeting.

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

- B. Resolutions

1. Agricultural Land Preservation

- a. With:

Purpose: Approve delegation of authority to the Chief Operating Officer to execute Indemnity/Hold Harmless agreements

related to real estate documents, subject to review by Solicitor.

- b. With: Wesley M. and Laura M. Schmidt, Ottsville, PA
 Amount: \$37,794+ settlement charges and adjustments
 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve county portion of a 62.99-acre agricultural
 conservation easement on the Schmidt Farm on Bedminster
 Road in Bedminster Township. (TMP 01-012-008)

2. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Language Line Services Inc., Monterey, CA
 Amount: \$38,300** (County 61.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 language translation services.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/25

3. BH/DP

- a. With: Lower Bucks Hospital, Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$100,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide hospital inpatient
 services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- b. With: Woods Services, Inc., Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$64,500** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide intellectual disability
 services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

4. Emergency Communications

- a. With: Pathfinder Resilience Coaching, LLC., Fennville, MI
 Amount: \$9,980** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide on-site education sessions.
 4/2/25 – 4/1/26

- b. With: PowerDMS by NeoGov, El Segundo, CA

Amount: \$10,497** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to purchase time clocks that coordinate with the new scheduling software.
12/20/24 – 3/19/28

5. Finance

a. With: Aon Risk Services Central, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$9,458 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve insurance coverage for Drone/UAV program in Emergency Management and District Attorney's Office.
5/3/25 – 5/3/26

6. General Services

a. With: 10-8 Emergency Vehicle Service, LLC, New Holland, PA
Amount: \$19,397.28** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to upfit 2025 Ford 150 Transit Van for the Coroner's office.

b. With: C&C Ford Sales Inc. d/b/a Chapman Chrysler Jeep Dodge Horsham, PA
Amount: \$109,624 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of one 2025 Ford Transit wheelchair accessible passenger van for various departments.

c. With: Fred Beans Ford, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$55,134 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of one 2025 Ford 150 transit van for the Coroner's Office.

d. With: Guy M. Cooper, Inc., Willow Grove, PA
Purpose: Approve extension of fire protection contract for the Diversion, Assessment, Rehabilitation, and Treatment Center project.
1/18/25 – 6/6/25

e. With: Hirschberg Mechanical LLC, Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$8,847.07** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide

plumbing and fire protection for restoration and renovation of farmhouse for the African American Museum of Bucks County.
1/17/24 – 9/30/25

- f. With: Lou Stahl, Jamison, PA
 Amount: \$15,600 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve lease of county property located at 2835 Valley Road in Jamison.
 5/1/25 – 4/30/26

- g. With: Manafort Brothers Incorporated, Plainville, CT
 Amount: \$1,727,480** (County 66.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide asbestos abatement for the old Neshaminy Manor building.
 180 days from NTP

- h. With: Palman Electric, Inc., Huntingdon Valley, PA
 Amount: \$1,055.25** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of electrical contract for restoration and renovation of farmhouse for the African American Museum of Bucks County.
 1/17/24 – 9/30/25

- i. With: Perkiomen Performance Inc., Green Lane, PA
 Amount: \$22,568.56** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of two snowplows and one salt spreader.

- j. With: SML Automotive Services T/A Tri-County Collision Center Southampton, PA
 Amount: \$30,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide body shop repairs to county vehicles.
 6/19/25 – 6/18/26

- k. With: Tamco Construction, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$94,000** (County 66.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to remove underground storage tank, excavate & dispose contaminated soil at the old Neshaminy Manor building.
 180 days from NTP

- I. With: Tamco Construction, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$1,196,167.10** (County 66.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide demolition of the old Neshaminy Manor building.
180 days from NTP
 - m. With: The Farfield Company, Lititz, PA
Amount: \$15,401.83** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve electrical contract increase for the Diversion, Assessment, Restoration, and Treatment (DART) Center project.
10/20/23 – 6/6/25

7. Health Department

- a. With: Clarke Mosquito Control Products Inc., St. Charles, IL
Amount: \$32,993.57** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase pesticides under the West Nile grant.

8. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Housing Group, Warminster, PA
Amount: \$28,805** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide PHFA funding for SOAR Case Manager.
2/12/25 – 2/11/26
 - b. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension for Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) funding for Street Outreach assistance.
1/1/25 – 3/31/25
 - c. With: YWCA Bucks County, Trevoose, PA
Purpose: Approve contract extension for 2023 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) funding for Rapid Re-Housing services.
1/1/25 – 3/31/25

9. Human Resources

- a. With: Concentra Health Services, Inc., Addison, TX
 Amount: NTE \$413/exam*
 Purpose: Approve contract to administer Fitness for Duty Exams for
 county employees.
 2/1/25 – 1/31/26

- b. With: International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local
 835A, Unit 01, Drexel Hill, PA
 Purpose: Approve side letter agreement for Department of
 Corrections uniform allowance.
 4/16/25 – 12/31/25

10. Human Services

- a. With: Vilomah Foundation, Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$25,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide peer grief support program for
 those affected by an opioid overdose.
 6/1/24 – 12/31/25

11. Law Department

- a. With: Bucks County District Attorney's Office, Doylestown, PA
 Purpose: Authorize County Solicitor to enter into a Joint Prosecution
 Agreement with the District Attorney's Office to litigate
 insulin price-fixing claims.
 4/1/25 - Open

12. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$35,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide laboratory testing and services
 for residents.
 4/1/25 – 3/31/27

13. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Port A Bowl Restroom Co., Plumsteadville, PA
Amount: \$40,090.40* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide and service portable toilets in parks system.
6/1/25 – 5/31/26

14. Purchasing

- a. With: M&M Lawn Care East, Inc., Churchville, PA
Amount: \$165,625* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide snow removal services.
5/2/25 – 5/1/26
- b. With: Parkyn Landscape and Hardscape, LLC, Levittown, PA
Amount: \$83,937.90* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide snow removal services and remove Emergency Services Building from contract.
5/2/25 – 5/1/26
- c. With: Schmidt Services, LLC, Chalfont, PA
Amount: \$50,589* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide snow removal services.
5/2/25 – 5/1/26

15. Sheriff

- a. With: McDonald Uniforms Company, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$60,675** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to purchase uniforms and miscellaneous items.
7/1/23 – 12/31/25
- b. With: Motorola Solutions, Inc., Schaumburg, IL
Amount: \$28,686.24** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of four Motorola In-Car Radios.

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 16a – Tracy Timby from Bucks County Community College presented information on this partnership to bring rail training to first responders. Commissioner Harvie provided additional insight about this project and thanked those involved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, this Resolution was approved.

16. Commissioners

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| a. | With: | Bucks County Community College, Newtown, PA
Rohm & Haas Co., Collegeville, PA, and
Consolidated Rail Corporation, Mount Laurel, NJ |
| | Purpose: | Approve agreement to construct a rail spur on county-owned
land leased to Bucks County Community College. |

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 Nomination

Commissioner Harvie provided information about the Opioid Misuse & Addiction Abatement Trust Board.

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

17. Southeastern Pennsylvania Region – Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse &
Addiction Abatement Trust Board
Lori Heffner

D. Other Civics

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

18.	Bucks County Opportunity Council	\$2,000
	Betty's Blessed Bus	\$1,000
	Bristol Riverside Theater	\$35,000
	Family Services Homeless Shelter	\$1,000
	Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County	\$1,600
	SCORE	\$2,800
	Washington Crossing Council, BSA	\$4,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt reported on the following:

- National Telecommunicators Appreciation Week, a time to recognize and celebrate the critical work of telecommunicators who handle emergency calls and dispatch services. Ms. McKevitt expressed support and gratitude for the county's 911 telecommunicators.
- Medication Take-Back Day is Saturday, April 26th from 10 to 2 at 48 county locations.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported on Executive Sessions held since the last Commissioners' Meeting as follows:

- April 10th – to discuss labor negotiations and potential legal action
- April 15th – standing executive session to discuss pending and potential legal actions, labor negotiations, and personnel issues

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia noted an article in the news referencing cuts to the Intermediate Unit and she urged people to get in touch with their federal representatives.

Saturday, May 3rd is the 10th annual Hold On You Matter Walk for suicide prevention. It will start at the Lower Bucks Technical High School on Wistar Road in Fairless Hills. Visit www.holdonyoumatter.com to register.

Commissioner Harvie noted for the record that the meeting was briefly recessed during the public comment period when the three-minute comment time limit was exceeded. Public comments resumed with Ed Mackouse speaking.

Commissioner Harvie said he is very proud of the work being done with the community college and thanked them for their partnership. He spoke about rail disasters and the need for training.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the county's anticipated lawsuit against insulin manufacturers and pharmacy benefit managers for price fixing. He shared information

about diabetes, the history of insulin, and how it works to control diabetes. Ms. Fitzpatrick provided additional information regarding the original patent on insulin.

Commissioner Harvie reported that a settlement with Alphabet Inc. was announced earlier today at the Retirement Board meeting. He advised that Alphabet Inc. is the parent company of Google, and they are shareholders of the retirement board. The settlement will result in an overhaul of their corporate structure.

Commissioner Harvie spoke briefly about the recent arson incident at the Pennsylvania Governor's mansion. He wished everyone a peaceful and Happy Passover and Easter.

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, May 7, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: May 7, 2025

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*