

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

5/21/2025 - 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 on their milestone anniversaries with the County:

20 Years – Donna Wiggins from Children & Youth, Jonathan Byrnes from Adult Probation, Joseph Renson and Gregory Szafran from the Sheriff's Office, and Kim Neville from Juvenile Probation

30 Years – Todd Neuman from Emergency Services and Kelly Senderling from Neshaminy Manor

40 Years – Laurie Oxenford from District Court 07-2-5

B. Park Rangers

The Commissioners presented a commendation to the Bucks County Park Rangers in appreciation for the vital role they play in educating, protecting, and serving the visitors of the Bucks County Park System. On behalf of his department, Chief of Rangers Patrick Durkin thanked the Commissioners for the recognition.

C. Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Week

The Commissioners proclaimed the week of May 18 – 24, 2025 as "Emergency Medical Services Week," to thank those who have dedicated their lives to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of others through the administration of swift, life-saving medical treatment. This proclamation was accepted by Larry Loose, EMA Director, and Karla Hurlbert, Deputy Director of EHS, who thanked the Commissioners and shared information about Emergency Services.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvie reminded commenters to stay within their allotted three minutes

per person.

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Zachary Rubin from Lower Makefield
- Jackie Quinn Palmer from Northampton Township
- Sharon Furlong from Lower Southampton Township
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Nancy Sherlock from Morrisville
- Laura Rose from Newtown
- Bill Levinson from Solebury
- Barbara Simmons from Newtown
- Meagan Little from Morrisville
- Sharon Moon from Lower Makefield Township

Commissioner Harvie noted that they were at the half hour point allotted for public comment. After confirming with the other commissioners, he advised that they would extend the public comment period in order to allow the rest of those who signed up to speak. Public Comment continued with the following people speaking.

- Joe Frederick from Doylestown Borough
- Hank Schrandt from Newtown Township
- Steve Nolan from Newtown
- Stephanie Inselberg from Bensalem
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township
- Robert McLain from Milford Township

Commissioner Harvie responded with clarification on many of the questions and comments. Executive Director of Parks & Recreation Angie Nagle and Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick contributed responses to other questions raised.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Harvie advised of a correction to item 8a. 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 May 7, 2025 regular meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Aging Well PA, LLC, Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve amendment of contract to provide eligibility assessments for county residents.
2/1/23 – 1/31/26

- b. With: Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$5,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide cable TV services to seniors.
 7/1/25 – 9/30/25

- c. With: Comfort Home Care, Inc., Feasterville, PA
 Purpose: Approve extension and amendment of contract to provide
 home health, personal care, and home support services for
 seniors.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/27

- d. With: Nicole Bringham, Wayne, PA
 Purpose: Approve amendment of contract to provide consulting
 dietitian services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- e. With: Nicole Bringham, Wayne, PA
 Amount: \$10,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 consulting dietitian services.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Acute Care Medical Transport, Inc., Fort Washington, PA
 Amount: \$75,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide transportation services for
 individuals in crisis.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

3. Commissioners

- a. With: Bucks Beautiful, Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$1,600 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve acceptance of grant award and signature authority
 to Denise Rimby for plant materials and supplies to be used
 at the Administration Building entrance by the Bucks County
 Employees Garden Club.

5/22/25 – 12/31/25

- b. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$150,000 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve appropriation of funds for housing and emergency
 shelter services.

4. Corrections

- a. With: Hightec HVAC, Southampton, PA
 Amount: \$117,800* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Declare emergency and approve contract for emergency
 replacement of the correction facility chiller.

5. District Attorney

- a. With: Higher Information Group, LLC, Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to complete backfile conversion
 project.
 9/1/24 – 8/31/25

6. Fire Marshal

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)
 Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve submission of application to the Emergency
 Service Training Center Capital Grant Program
 (ESTCCGP).

7. General Services

- a. With: United States Roofing Corporation, Norristown, PA
 Amount: \$591,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for roof replacement at the Public Safety
 Training Facility.
 60 days from NTP

8. Health Department

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Office of Public Health Preparedness, Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve amendment to annual grant for the Pennsylvania Health Department's Public Health Preparedness Program.
7/1/25 – 6/30/25

9. Human Resources

- a. With: Independence Blue Cross, Philadelphia, PA
Purpose: Approve contract amendment for Keystone Health Plan East (KHPE) and PPO plans.
1/1/23 – 12/31/25

10. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$5,400** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase 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
- b. With: Hagopian Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$6,800** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to design and paint a large mural in the Administration Building, and facilitate law enforcement and community painting events.
6/1/25 – 8/31/25
- c. With: Walk It Out Recovery Services, Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$87,400** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide opioid settlement funding for family recovery and peer support services.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

11. Information Technology

- a. With: Adult Probation & Parole /Workforce & Economic Development
Purpose: Approve interdepartmental laptop loan agreements to

support the Digital Connectivity Technology Program (DCTP).

5/21/25 – 12/31/28

- b. With: Ahead, Inc., Chicago, IL
 Amount: \$291,112** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide CyberArk software.
 6/2/25 – 6/1/28

- c. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Doylestown, PA
 Purpose: Approve laptop loan agreements to support the Digital
 Connectivity Technology Program (DCTP).
 5/21/25 – 12/31/28

- d. With: No Longer Bound, Levittown, PA
 Purpose: Approve laptop loan agreements to support the Digital
 Connectivity Technology Program (DCTP).
 5/21/25 – 12/31/28

12. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: Community Commitment, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$280,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide community youthwork
 and intensive in-home counseling for juveniles.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

13. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Nurse Partners, Inc., Pottstown, PA
 Amount: \$35.36/hour*-\$72.80/hour* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide agency nursing for residents.
 5/22/25 – 5/21/26

- b. With: Walter R. Dorn Estate, Inc., Telford, PA
 Amount: \$37,902.69** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve payment of invoices for repairs to rooftop air
 conditioning unit.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/25

14. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: People, Parks & Community Foundation, State College, PA
Purpose: Authorize Executive Director to submit grant application and delegate signature authority for the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director to execute and authorize all related documents.

- b. With: Ply-Mar Construction Co. Inc., Plymouth Meeting, PA
Amount: \$408,800** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for construction of restroom facilities at Ringing Rocks Park.
90 days from NTP

- c. With: Ply-Mar Construction Co. Inc., Plymouth Meeting, PA
Amount: \$245,279 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for site improvements and parking lot expansion at Ringing Rocks Park.
90 days from NTP

15. Planning Commission

- a. With: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery & Philadelphia Counties
Purpose: Approve Inter-Governmental Agreement to continue with regional household hazardous waste collection.
1/1/25 – 12/31/29

16. Purchasing

- a. With: Bob Barker Company, Inc., Fuquay Varina, NC
Amount: \$11,856.50* (County 17%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase inmate and residential clothing.
4/13/25 – 4/12/26

- b. With: Holmdel Footwear, LLC, Marlboro, NJ
Amount: \$21,275* (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase inmate and residential clothing.

4/13/25 – 4/12/26

- c. With: Pitney Bowes Presort Services, LLC, Omaha, NE
 Amount: \$25,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide pre-sort
 mail services.
 7/18/25 – 7/17/26

- d. With: Witmer Public Safety Group, Coatesville, PA
 Amount: \$76,350.65** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase public safety equipment for
 Sheriff, Adult Probation, Juvenile Probation, and Clerk of
 Courts.
 1/1/25 – 9/2/25

17. Youth Center

- a. With: Johnstone Supply #180, Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$30,089.09 (County 50%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of replacement parts for HVAC and
 refrigeration systems for General Services, Neshaminy
 Manor, Parks, and Youth Center.

- b. With: US Foods, Allentown, PA
 Amount: \$99,700* (County 50%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase food products.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 18a – Ms. Fitzpatrick summarized this resolution clarifying the Commissioners' authority and noting key points. Ms. Fitzpatrick responded to several questions posed by Commissioner DiGirolamo. Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about Sheriff Harran's history with public safety and law enforcement.

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, and

with Commissioner DiGirolamo opposing, the following resolution was approved with the vote being 2-1:

18. Commissioners

- a. With:
Purpose: Consideration of a Resolution regarding Board of Commissioner authority over contractual agreements with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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. Other Civics

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

19. Charles Kane Emergency Fund \$1,800

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt introduced Deputy Chief Operating Officer Gail Humphrey, who spoke about yesterday's primary election and thanked all those who helped throughout the county.

Ms. McKevitt reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Neshaminy Greenway Trail is scheduled for next Thursday, May 29th.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Ms. Fitzpatrick voiced appreciation for Assistant County Solicitors Laura Riba and Dan Greiser for their help covering the Board of Elections on election day.

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held this past Monday to discuss pending and prospective litigation, labor negotiations, personnel matters, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo thanked all those involved with the election and for all the well wishes regarding his mother.

Commissioner Harvie also thanked those who worked on the election, especially those who worked at the polls.

Commissioner Harvie wished a Happy Belated Mother's Day to all moms.

Commissioner Harvie announced the Memorial Day ceremony being held this Friday at the fountain at Broad and Main. He urged people to take time to acknowledge the reason for the holiday and spoke about the meaning of the poppies that people wear as a symbol of those who have died in military service.

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, June 4, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: June 4, 2025
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*