

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

6/4/2025 - 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. Bucks County Community College President

Patrick Jones, President of Bucks County Community College, presented information on the college's strategic plan and the various advantages of a community college education, including career, certificate, dual-admission, and pre-apprenticeship programs the college offers. He also provided a financial update and spoke about some new and upcoming programs that are being implemented. Commissioner Marseglia noted the addition of a social work program and Commissioner Harvie said a few words about the Leadership Program.

B. High School Poet of the Year

The Commissioners recognized Nilufer Bektas, a junior at Harry S. Truman High School, as Bucks County's "2025 High School Poet of the Year" applauding her creative gift of poetry and commending her contribution to the literary tradition of the community. Ms. Bektas read her poem "Heat Lightening."

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Fran Haller from Newtown Township
- Stephanie Boccuzzi from Doylestown Borough
- Marselys Lucero from Doylestown Borough
- Art Larson from Doylestown Township
- Joe Frederick from Doylestown Borough
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Rochelle Porto from Bensalem
- Robert McLain from Milford Township
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township

Commissioner Harvie responded with clarification on many of the questions and comments. Commissioner Marseglia clarified a few points about Medicaid.

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 May 21, 2025 regular meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: CareSphere LLC, Bethlehem, PA
Amount: (\$9,708.53)
Purpose: Approve decrease and termination of contract to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/22 – 6/30/25
- b. With: Immediate Home Care, LLC, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: (\$176,927)
Purpose: Approve decrease and termination of contract to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

2. Children & Youth

- a. With: National Mentor Healthcare LLC d/b/a Pennsylvania Mentor Broomall, PA
Amount: \$510,000** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide foster care services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/26

3. General Services

- a. With: Carroll Engineering Corporation, Warrington, PA
Amount: \$68,080** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide engineering services at the Lower Bucks Government Services Center.

7/1/25 – 6/30/27

- b. With: GEM Mechanical Services, Inc., Aston, PA
 Amount: \$354,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve mechanical contract for Data Center Relocation project.
 365 from NTP

- c. With: GEM Mechanical Services, Inc., Aston, PA
 Amount: \$69,500** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve plumbing contract for Data Center Relocation project.
 365 from NTP

- d. With: Palman Electric, Inc., Huntingdon Valley, PA
 Amount: \$626,625** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve electrical contract for Data Center Relocation project.
 365 from NTP

4. Human Resources

- a. With: Pearson Koutcher Law, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$21,000 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve settlement of workers compensation claim for Velenta Duncan.

- b. With: Velenta Duncan, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$99,000 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve settlement of workers compensation claim.

- c. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 13, AFL-CIO (AFSCME)
 Plymouth Meeting, PA
 Purpose: Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement and Interest Arbitration Award for approximately 136 employees in the 05 Row unit.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/27

- d. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 13, AFL-CIO (AFSCME)
Plymouth Meeting, PA
 Purpose: Approve side letter agreement to correct the process for labor grade changes for approximately 136 employees in the 05 Row unit.

- e. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 13, AFL-CIO (AFSCME)
Plymouth Meeting, PA
 Purpose: Approve side letter agreement to correct health and welfare contributions for approximately 136 employees in the 05 Row unit.

- f. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 13, AFL-CIO (AFSCME)
Plymouth Meeting, PA
 Purpose: Approve side letter agreement to correct health and welfare contributions for approximately 210 employees in the 05 Court unit.

5. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Accelerated Care Plus Leasing, Inc., Reno, NV
 Amount: \$22,089.60** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide therapy equipment and related services for residents.
6/22/25 – 6/21/26

- b. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Inc., Manheim, PA
 Amount: \$104,279.04* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide personal cleansing wipes for residents.
7/15/25 – 7/14/28

6. Parks & Recreation

- a. With:
 Purpose: Approve unilateral declaration of covenants, restrictions and conditions for parcel 26-004-091, as required by DCNR grant.

7. Planning Commission

- a. With: Michael Baker International, Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$275,183** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide design and engineering services for Phase II of the Upper Bucks Rail Trail.
6/4/25 – Completion

- b. With: Montgomery County. Norristown, PA
Amount: \$10,900** (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding for the Perkiomen Creek Mapping and Flood Study project.
7/1/22 – 6/30/25

8. Purchasing

- a. With: Titan Mobile Shredding, LLC, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$25,000* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide shredding services and to add pick-up of boxes at District Courts.
7/17/25 – 7/16/26

9. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Bucks County Community College, Newtown, PA
Amount: \$6,340.02** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide In School Youth services for TANF-eligible high school students.
7/1/23 – 6/30/25

*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. Other Civics

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

10. Peace Valley Holistic Center Apprenticeship Café Program \$2,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt introduced Evan Stone, Executive Director of the Planning Commission, and Mike Roedig, Director of Planning Services, who presented an update of the Planning Commission's 2024 Annual Report.

Ms. McKevitt announced that the County's website will be unavailable tonight between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm for system maintenance.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

In response to a question posed earlier, Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick confirmed that neither the Commissioners nor Administration have received a copy of the signed 287(g) agreement.

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday, June 3rd, to discuss pending and prospective litigation, personnel matters, and to receive confidential legal advice.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia reminded everyone that June is Pride Month and commented about the renaming of the US Naval Ship Harvey Milk.

Commissioner Harvie thanked representatives from Bucks County Community College for being here and said a few words about the interns currently working for the County.

Commissioner Harvie advised of the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans Flag Memorial being held this weekend at Silver Lake Park.

Commissioner Harvie wished Happy Father's Day to all those who serve in that role.

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 18, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: June 18, 2025
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*