

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

12/17/2025 - 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 everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for the horrendous acts of violence around the world over the past several days.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition

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

Therese Alimi from Children & Youth; Kevin Givens from the Youth Center; Lucy Nganga from Neshaminy Manor; and Nicole Van Reymersdal from MH/DP.

B. Washington Crossing

The Commissioners proclaimed December 25, 2025 as "249th Washington Crossing the Delaware Anniversary Day." They thanked the Friends of Washington Crossing Park for their abiding commitment to this rich annual observance and extended their best wishes for another successful reenactment. Jennifer Martin, Executive Director of Friends of Washington Crossing Park, and George Washington, also known as Board President John Godzieba, shared information about the historical significance of the crossing and the park.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Fran Haller from Newtown Township
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Michael Weisser from Buckingham Township

Commissioner Harvie responded to the questions and comments.

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 December 3, 2025 regular meeting.
- B. Resolutions
 - 1. Agricultural Land Preservation
 - a. With:
Purpose: Approve increase of the maximum easement purchase price for the Bucks County Agricultural Land Preservation Program from \$12,000 to \$15,000 per acre.
 - 2. Area Agency on Aging
 - a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Aging, Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve correction to language and term of the Older Adult Services Grant Agreement approved on October 1, 2025.
7/1/26 – 6/30/30
 - 3. BH/DP
 - a. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$116,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide services to individuals with a mental health diagnosis.
7/1/25 – 6/30/26
 - b. With: Merakey Bucks County, Lafayette Hill, PA
Amount: \$1,535,011** (County 6.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide mental health and early intervention services.
7/1/25 – 6/30/26
 - c. With: Pediatric Therapeutics, Inc., Newtown, PA
Amount: \$950,948** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services for children.
7/1/25 – 6/30/26

- d. With: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of
 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
 Harrisburg, PA
 Purpose: Approve amendment #8 to the HealthChoices Behavioral
 Health Agreement.
 1/1/25 – 12/31/27

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley
 Jenkintown PA
 Amount: \$200,000** (County 16%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26
- b. With: Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley
 Jenkintown, PA
 Amount: \$62,300** (County 5%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide funding for the Safe Families
 Program.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26
- c. With: Community Service Foundation, Bethlehem, PA
 Amount: \$3,625,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide various services for dependent
 and delinquent youth. (Subject to final approval by county
 solicitor)
 7/1/25 – 6/30/27
- d. With: Delta Family Services, LLC, Blue Bell, PA
 Amount: \$700,000** (County 17%)
 Purpose: Approved contract to provide foster care and supervised
 independent living services.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/27
- e. With: Merakey Montgomery County, Lafayette Hill, PA
 Amount: \$150,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/27

- f. With: Network of Victim Assistance, Inc., Jamison, PA
Amount: \$319,030.90** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide counseling and support services.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26
 - g. With: Network of Victim Assistance, Inc., Jamison, PA
Amount: \$130,000** (County 5%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide counseling and mentoring services.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26
 - h. With: Opportunity Adkinson Project, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$20,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of contract to provide Community Based Residential Services to dependent children who are unable to remain in their own homes.
 7/1/24 – 8/31/24
 - i. With: Phoenix House, LLC, Warminster, PA
Amount: \$775,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Community Based Residential Services to dependent children who are unable to remain in their own homes.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/27
 - j. With: Widener University, Chester, PA
Purpose: Approve Student Affiliation Agreement to provide internship opportunities.
 12/17/25 – 12/16/30

5. Commissioners

- a. With: Bucks County Industrial Development Authority,
Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Approve Certificate of Approval for River Crossing Young Men's Christian Association, for an issuance of bonds, not to exceed \$20,000,000 pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, as amended, and authorize the Chair to execute related documents.

6. Corrections

- a. With: Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$305,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to continue HOPE program.
1/1/26 – 12/31/26

- b. With: The GEO Group, Inc., Boca Raton, FL
Amount: \$81,760* (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding to provide meals to residents of the Diversion, Assessment, Restoration, and Treatment (DART) Center.
12/3/25 – 12/2/27

- c. With: VITA Education Services, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$236,464** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide workshops and training at the correctional facilities.
1/1/26 – 12/31/26

7. Courts

- a. With: Christopher J. White, LPC, Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$46,800** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to serve as Clinical Director for Drug/Mental Health Court.
1/1/26 – 12/31/26

8. Emergency Communications

- a. With: Vendor 24807
Amount: \$120,150** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for CAD access program for first responders.
1/1/26 – 12/31/26

- b. With: Pathfinder Resilience, Fennville, MI
Amount: \$19,900** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract amendment and increase to create digital content for in-house resiliency program application.

4/2/25 – 4/1/26

9. General Services

- a. With: Johnstone Supply, Warminster, PA
Amount: \$4,123.11** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve increase of contract to purchase replacement parts for HVAC and refrigeration systems.
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

10. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bristol Borough
Amount: \$250,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2025 CDBG funding for the construction and rehabilitation of ADA compliant curb ramps.
9/10/25 – 3/31/26

- b. With: Bucks County Housing Group, Warminster, PA
Purpose: Approve extension of contract to provide Rapid Rehousing supportive services, rental assistance, and case management.
1/1/26 – 12/31/26

- c. With: Capital Access, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to reallocate funds for the Bucks County Home Repair Program (BCHRP).
10/1/23 – 12/31/26

- d. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: (\$112,543.03)
Purpose: Approve decrease of contract to provide street medicine and temporary sheltering in hotels for individuals experiencing homelessness.
1/1/25 – 12/31/26

- e. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA

Amount: \$225,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2025 CDBG funding for facility improvements at Bucks Villa to expand services for individuals experiencing homelessness.
9/1/25 – 3/31/26

f. With: McCright & Associates, LLC, Chattanooga, TN
Purpose: Approve extension of contract to provide housing quality standards inspection services.
2/1/26 – 1/31/28

g. With: Northeast & Bucks Company d/b/a Mullin & Lonergan Associates, Mechanicsburg, PA
Amount: \$50,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide project and administrative support related to the County's federally and state-funded housing and community development programs.
11/15/25 – 12/31/27

h. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$6,110,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve acceptance of the DCED HOME-ARP NCS grant award and authorize the Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Director of Housing & Community Development to execute grant documents.
6/10/25 – 6/9/29

11. Human Resources

a. With: Bucks County Detectives Association, Unit 99 Southampton, PA
Purpose: Approve contract for 28 employees.
1/1/26 – 12/31/29

12. Human Services

a. With: Lenape Valley Foundation, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$1,187,426.70** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Opioid Settlement Funding for construction of the Bright Path Center.
7/1/25 – 6/30/26

13. Information Technology

- a. With: Aspire Technology Partners, LLC, Eatontown, NJ
 Amount: \$226,666.83** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of equipment to rebuild the EMA Security Teams surveillance & physical access control system network.

- b. With: CoreBTS d/b/a NRI, Indianapolis, IN
 Amount: \$866,418.12** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract renewal to provide telecommunications platform.
 12/15/25 – 12/14/27

- c. With: Keymark IMR, Inc., Liberty, SC
 Amount: \$222,623.60** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide licenses and maintenance for electronic workflows.
 12/31/25 – 12/31/27

14. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: BI Incorporated, Boulder, CO
 Amount: \$663,624.75* (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Global Positioning System (GPS) Electronic Monitoring Equipment and services for Adult Probation and Juvenile Probation.
 12/1/25 – 11/30/28

15. Law Department

- a. With: Kline and Specter, P.C. and Martha and Paul Stringer
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$950,000 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve payment in the matter of Martha Stringer and Paul Stringer, et al v. COB et al. for settlement of litigation and general release of claims.

16. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Dr. Pat McLeod, d/b/a PAM Global Professionals, LLC
 Riverview, FL
 Amount: \$17,264* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide blood glucose supplies for
 residents.
 1/1/26 – 12/31/26

- b. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Inc., Manheim, PA
 Amount: \$39,780* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide blood glucose supplies for
 residents.
 1/1/26 – 12/31/26

17. Park Police

- a. With: Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ
 Amount: \$52,178.19** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase tasers.
 2/1/26 – 1/31/31

- b. With: Law Enforcement Accreditation Services, LLC
 Southampton, PA
 Amount: \$32,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve consultation services to assist with departmental
 accreditation.
 10/1/25 – 9/30/27

18. Purchasing

- a. With: American Textile Systems, Long Beach, CA
 Amount: (\$2,175)
 Purpose: Rescind contract to provide bedding and linen supplies.
 11/1/25 – 10/31/26

- b. With: Spec-Tex, Inc., Coral Springs, FL
 Amount: (\$1,483.20)
 Purpose: Rescind contract to provide bedding and linen supplies.
 11/1/25 – 10/31/26

19. Recorder of Deeds

- a. With: Optical Storage Solutions, Inc., Lebanon, PA
Amount: \$50,550** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Landex software licensing, support, and maintenance.
2/1/26 – 1/31/27

20. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc., Dearborn, MI
Amount: \$16,227.38** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve increase of Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 contract to add career training funds for veterans.
7/1/25 – 12/31/26

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Budget Adjustments

Chief Financial Officer Jeanette Weaver provided information on the proposed budget adjustments.

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, these Budget Adjustments were adopted.

21. 2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
Agenda Description
December 17, 2025

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #21	Household Hazardous Waste	12,000
Adjustment #22	Neshaminy Manor	750,000
	Neshaminy Manor (Revenue)	(750,000)

B. 2026 County Budget, Tax Levy and Appropriations

Ms. Weaver provided information on the proposed budget, tax levies, and appropriations. Commissioner Harvie and Commissioner Marseglia each added additional clarification. Solicitor Dan Grieser raised questions regarding changes to the capital funds and suggested voting on the tax levies and millage rate first if the budget will need to be adjusted.

22. i. Adopt the 2026 County Tax Levies, Millage Rate and User Fee Schedules as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, and by roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Harvie– aye, Commissioner Marseglia – aye, Commissioner DiGirolamo – no, this motion was approved 2-1.

23. ii. Adopt the 2026 County Budget as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer including the slight change to the millage rate, as discussed.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, and by roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Harvie– aye, Commissioner Marseglia – aye, Commissioner DiGirolamo – no, this motion was approved 2-1.

24. iii. Approve the 2026 Appropriations to County Agencies and Authorities as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, and by roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Harvie– aye, Commissioner Marseglia – aye, Commissioner DiGirolamo – no, this motion was approved 2-1.

C. 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.

D. Board Appointments

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

25. Bucks County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (3-year term)
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| Jeff Trently | reappointment | term ends 1/1/29 |
| Wilma W. Willoughby | reappointment | term ends 1/1/29 |

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| 26. | Bucks County Community College Authority (5-year term)
William Appleton | reappointment | term ends 1/1/31 |
| 27. | Bucks County Conference & Visitors Bureau (4-year term)
Pete Borowsky
Marjan Shirzad | new appointment
new appointment | term ends 12/31/29
term ends 12/31/29 |
| 28. | Bucks County Mental Health/Developmental Programs Advisory Board (3-year term)
Correne Kristiansen | new appointment | term ends 1/1/29 |
| 29. | Bucks County Opportunity Council (3-year term)
Kelley Keeling | reappointment | term ends 12/31/28 |
| 30. | Bucks County Planning Commission (4-year term)
James E. Miller Jr.
David R. Nyman | reappointment
reappointment | term ends 1/1/30
term ends 1/1/30 |
| 31. | Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (5-year term)
Bryan Allen | reappointment | term ends 1/1/31 |

E. Other Civics

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

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| 32. | American Red Cross | \$3,000 |
| | Dementia Society of America | \$1,000 |
| | YWCA of Bucks County | \$1,250 |

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt thanked all department heads and staff for their hard work on the budget. She also thanked General Services staff for their quick response to the snow event on Saturday and wished everyone a safe, peaceful and happy holiday season.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Dan Grieser reported on the Executive Sessions held yesterday and this morning to discuss real estate and personnel matters.

Mr. Grieser also wished outgoing District Attorney Jen Shorn best of luck in her future endeavors.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo thanked Ms. Shorn for all her hard work over the years in the District Attorney's Office and wished her all the best.

Commissioner Marseglia wished everyone a happy holiday and said she hopes we embrace kindness in 2026.

Commissioner Harvie echoed other comments to Ms. Shorn and said he appreciates her dedication and professionalism.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about some of recent tragedies that have happened and expressed his desire for patience, tolerance and kindness in the new year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah, and a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year.

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

Approved: January 7, 2026
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*