

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

3/4/2026 - 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 Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Chair; Commissioner Robert J. Harvie, Vice Chair; and Commissioner Gene DiGirolamo, Secretary. Commissioner Marseglia welcomed everyone to the meeting and Director of Corrections, Dave Kratz, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Silver Lake Nursing Home First Responders

Rich Vona, Director of Law & Safety, spoke about the explosion at the Silver Lake Nursing Home this past December. He presented letters of recognition from the Commissioners to the following departments involved in the response: Emergency Management, Emergency Health, Fire Marshals, General Services, Park Police, Special Operations, and the Sheriff's Office. Director of Emergency Communications John Geib, Director of Emergency Management George Wilson, Sheriff Ceisler, and Bristol Township Police Chief CJ Winik each said a few words.

B. Problem Gambling Awareness Month

The Commissioners proclaimed March 2026 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" and commended the National Council on Problem Gambling, the Council on Compulsive Gambling of Pennsylvania, and the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission for their dedication to increasing public awareness of problem gambling. Lauren Foisy, Prevention Coordinator for the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission and Josh Ercole from the Council on Compulsive Gambling of Pennsylvania accepted the Proclamation and said a few words.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Chris Poli from Buckingham
- Jill Waldbieser from Middletown
- Caroline Devenuto from Quakertown Borough
- Christopher Dunham from Lower Southampton Township
- Susan Vorwerk from Warwick Township

Commissioner Marseglia responded with clarification on many of the questions and

comments.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Minutes from the February 18, 2026 regular meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: BTC Foods, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$1,068,000** (County 8%)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of contract to provide congregate meals to seniors.
4/1/26 – 3/31/27
- b. With: Bucks County Free Library, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$1,500** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to develop and implement programs and services for older adults.
7/1/26 – 6/30/27
- c. With: PSI Personnel, LLC, Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$85,000** (County 76.5%)
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of contract to provide as-needed temporary support staff for Area Agency on Aging and Board of Elections.
7/1/26 – 6/30/27

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Actuarial Solutions, LLC, Sanford, FL
Amount: \$62,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide actuarial services for the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Program.
1/1/26 – 12/31/28
- b. With: Bucks County Foundation, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Purpose: Approve contract to provide fiscal sponsorship services on

behalf of the Suicide Prevention Task Force.
3/4/26 – 3/3/29

- c. With: Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$645,418** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services for
 children.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

- d. With: Horizon House, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$55,404** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve increase of contract to provide supported living
 services to individuals with a mental health diagnosis.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- e. With: Kutest Kids Early Intervention, Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$178,409** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention therapy
 services for children.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

3. Board of Assessment

- a. With: Tyler Technologies, Inc., Overland Park, KS
 Amount: \$1,096,701.25** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide iasWorld software support &
 maintenance.
 1/1/26 – 12/31/28

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: Atlantic Diagnostic Laboratories, Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$40,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of contract to provide drug
 testing services.
 1/1/26 – 6/30/26

- b. With: KidsPeace National Centers, Inc., Schnecksville, PA
 Amount: \$100,000** (County 20%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
7/1/25 – 6/30/26

c. With: Maternity Care Coalition, Philadelphia, PA
Purpose: Approve extension of contract to provide prenatal/parenting skills class for new and expectant parents.
7/1/25 – 11/30/25

d. With: Sabina Mauro LLC, Yardley, PA
Amount: \$40,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster parent evaluations and screening services.
1/1/26 – 12/31/27

5. Corrections

a. With: R.W. Powitz Associates, P.C., Old Saybrook, CT
Amount: \$58,500** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services for environmental health and safety conditions.
1/1/26 – 12/31/27

6. District Attorney

a. With:
Amount: \$2,611.64 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve out of county travel for Criminal Analyst to attend Foundations of Intelligence Analysis training in Sacramento, CA
10/19/25 – 10/24/25

7. Emergency Communications

a. With: Fretz RV, Souderton, PA
Amount: \$18,410** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve emergency purchase order for repairs of command response vehicle.

8. General Services

- a. With: Kencor, LLC, West Chester, PA
 Amount: \$18,244.85** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase of contract to provide elevator
 maintenance and repair services.
 5/1/23 – 4/30/26

- b. With: TN Ward Company, Ardmore, PA
 Amount: \$379,517** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of contract to provide
 construction management for the Lower Bucks Government
 Services Center.
 7/1/25 – 12/31/26

9. Hazardous Materials

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$28,249 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Hazardous Material Response Fund (Act 165)
 grant.
 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

10. Human Resources

- a. With: Benefit Resource LLC (BRI), Oak Brook, IL
 Amount: \$22,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension of contract to provide
 administration of flexible spending accounts, COBRA,
 and retiree benefits.
 1/1/26 – 12/31/26

- b. With: Bucks County Park Police Benevolent Association
 Fountainville, PA
 Purpose: Approve Side Letter Agreement to clarify overtime
 calculation.

11. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Amount: (\$22,484.09)
 Purpose: Approve decrease of contract to provide rental assistance to

eligible residents.
7/1/25 – 6/30/26

12. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: CHOR Youth and Family Services, Inc., Reading, PA
Amount: \$950,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential treatment, foster care, and counseling services.
7/1/25 – 6/30/26
- b. With: Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$605,890 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant agreement for juvenile and specialized probation services.
7/1/25 – 6/30/26

13. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Imperial Bag & Paper Co., LLC, Jersey City, NJ
Amount: \$19,595.52* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide disposable wipes.
3/15/26 – 3/14/27

14. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Tinicum Township, Pipersville, PA
Purpose: Approve stormwater maintenance and monitoring agreement for Tohickon Valley Park parking lot.

15. Purchasing

- a. With: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Chicago, IL
Purpose: Approve contract to provide commercial procurement card program.

16. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Chester County Economic Development Council, Exton, PA

Amount: \$70,608.79 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to accept Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP) grant funding.
7/1/25 – 6/30/26

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

17. Commissioners

- a. With:
Purpose: Approve resolution ratifying Declaration of Disaster Emergency of February 22, 2026, relative to severe weather with heavy snowfall and blizzard conditions.

Item 17a - Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt thanked all departments involved for their efforts in response to the weather emergency. Commissioner Harvie emphasized Ms. McKevitt's thanks and noted the need for staff at Neshaminy Manor to get to work regardless of the weather.

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

18. Tax Claim Bureau

- a. With:
Purpose: Approve resolution to create the Hardship Waiver Program.

Item 18a – Kristin Nielsen, 1st Deputy in the Treasurers Office and Director of Tax Claim, and Paula Powers-Watts, Executive Director of the Credit Counseling Center, both provided information regarding this new program to assist homeowners who are delinquent on their taxes. Commissioner Harvie spoke in support of the program.

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

- b. With: Credit Counseling Center of Bucks County, Richboro, PA
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate cooperation with the Hardship Waiver Program.
3/4/26 - 3/3/29

Item 18b - Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, this Resolution was approved.

B. Budget Adjustments

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

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, this Budget Adjustment was adopted.

19. 2026 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
Agenda Description
March 4, 2026

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget to allow for additional expenditures.

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #1	Public Information	35,000
	General Fund	(35,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

C. Personnel Actions - Commissioners List

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

20.	Children & Youth Advisory Board (3-year term)		
	Bernadette Heenan	reappointment	term ends 3/1/29
	Jamie Seibert Thim	reappointment	term ends 3/1/29
	Victoria C. Velazquez	reappointment	term ends 3/1/29

E. Other Civics

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

21.	Bucks County Community College Veterans Club	\$1,500
	Bucks County Special Equestrians	\$4,000
	Gilda's Club	\$4,000
	NOVA	\$16,500

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. McKevitt congratulated BH/DP and Human Services for passing the test for the Diversion, Assessment, Restoration and Treatment Center.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

First Deputy County Solicitor Laura Riba reported on Executive Sessions held since the last Commissioners' Meeting:

- February 19th – to discuss emergency preparedness, protection of public safety and security
- March 3rd – to discuss litigation and receive confidential legal advice

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia presented a proclamation for March 1 – 7, 2026 to be "Consumer Protection Week." She applauded the ongoing efforts of consumer protection professionals at all levels of government for their role in defending the integrity of public commerce. Consumer Protection Director Mike Bannon accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for the recognition. He spoke about the types of issues his team deals with and information they have available to consumers. Mr. Bannon introduced Elizabeth Oquendo from District Attorney's Office, who spoke about their new Civil Litigation Division and their partnership with Consumer Protection.

Commissioner DiGirolamo thanked Mr. Bannon and his staff for the work they do on behalf of the people of Bucks County.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the new Diversion, Assessment, Restoration, and Treatment (DART) Center, noting its grand opening last week. The Commissioner also advised of a live feed available on the county website to show the ongoing construction of the Lower Bucks Government Services Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, 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, March 18, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: March 18, 2026
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*