

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 4, 2021

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. Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia welcomed everyone to the meeting and Amy Fitzpatrick, First Assistant County Solicitor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Marseglia welcomed District Attorney, Matthew Weintraub.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

The commissioners proclaimed August 2021 as “Child Support Awareness Month” to acknowledge the importance of child support to children and families, applaud those parents who financially support their children, and honor the dedicated Bucks County Domestic Relations professionals who are committed to making a difference in the lives of children. Karen Winkler, Director of Domestic Relations, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the department.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the efforts of Emergency Management and the Health Department, and he encouraged everyone who is eligible to get a COVID vaccine. He presented a video about the strike teams that have been going out to vaccinate the homebound population in the county.

Mike Harrison, from Adult Probation and chair of the Bucks County Re-entry Coalition, spoke about the coalition and introduced the recently launched website bucksreentry.com.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Commissioner Marseglia and Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt responded to questions about rental assistance posed by Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, regarding agenda item 5b.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes from the July 21, 2021 regular meeting
- B. Resolutions

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Transitional Care Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Interim Healthcare of Lower Bucks County Trevose, PA	Approve contract to provide In-Home services. 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$15,000** (County 0%)
2. BH/DP	a. Access Services, Inc. Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract to provide various support services. 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$806,591** (County 3.9%)
	b. BARC Developmental Services, Inc. Holicong, PA	Approve contract increase for Early Intervention Grant administrative expenses. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$5,000** (County 9%)
	c. Bucks County Transport, Inc. Holicong, PA	Approve contract amendment to add new rate for transportation services for individuals with disabilities. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	
	d. Bucks County Transport, Inc. Holicong, PA	Approve contract to provide transportation services for individuals with disabilities. 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$72,423** (County 3.9%)
	e. CareLink Community Support Services Media, PA	Approve contract to provide maximum supervision residential rehabilitation service. 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$202,911** (County 3.9%)

	f.	Child & Family Focus, Inc. Audubon, PA	Approve contract to provide respite services to youth with mental health diagnoses. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor) 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$311,569** (County 0.1%)
	g.	Employment Technology, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide employment services. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor) 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$276,483** (County 3.9%)
	h.	LifePath, Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract to provide community participation and residential services. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor) 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$329,463** (County 8%)
	i.	The Melmark Home, Inc. Berwyn, PA	Approve contract amendment to add new rates for residential services and community participation support. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	
	j.	Warwick Family Based Program, Inc. Bensalem, PA	Approve contract to provide family-based services to children with a mental health diagnosis. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor) 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$30,000** (County 3.9%)
	k.	Woods Services Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide residential and day program services. 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$1,679,937** (County 3.9%)
3.	GENERAL SERVICES			
	a.	Cintas Corporation No. 2 d/b/a Cintas Corporation Mason, OH	Approve contract amendment to reflect corporate name change. 11/6/18 – 11/5/21	
	b.	Kencor, Inc. West Chester, PA	Approve contract increase for elevator maintenance and repair services.	\$27,774.80 (County 100%)
	c.	Lobar, Inc. Dillsburg, PA	Approve contract decrease for general sitework and construction/demolition contract for Administration Building Parking Garage.	(\$26,365.22)
	d.	Servpro of Media Folsom, PA	Approve contract for emergency repair of water damage at Administration Building.	\$24,212.66 (County 100%)
	e.	Signal Perfection LTD Tampa, FL	Approve contract decrease to install and service audio visual systems at the Justice Center and Administration Building.	(\$15,728)
	f.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Right of Way Department New Castle, PA	Approve contract to provide property access easement on County property located at 1990 N. Woodbourne Rd, Langhorne.	
4.	HEALTH DEPARTMENT			
	a.	AMI Expeditionary Healthcare, LLC Reston, VA	Approve contract for COVID-19 vaccination services. 8/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$3,961,410.69** (County 0%)
5.	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
	a.	Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks Quakertown, PA	Approve contract for CDBG-CV funding to support emergency shelter services. 8/1/21 – 7/31/22	\$43,400** (County 0%)
	b.	Bucks County Housing Group Warminster, PA	Approve contract extension to provide tenant based rental assistance. 7/1/21 – 6/30/23	
	c.	Bucks County Housing Group Warminster, PA	Approve contract extension to provide housing counseling services. 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	

6. JUVENILE PROBATION	a. Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services, Inc. Columbia, PA	Approve contract increase to provide residential services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$12,285** (County 40%)
	b. Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services, Inc. Columbia, PA	Approve contract to provide residential services. 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$10,000** (County 40%)
	c. George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania Grove City, PA	Approve contract to provide long-term residential care. 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$500,000** (County 40%)
7. NESHAMINY MANOR	a. Delcrest Medical Services Ivyland, PA	Approve contract termination to provide personal cleansing wipes for residents. 8/1/20 – 9/30/21	(\$62,507.28)
8. PLANNING COMMISSION	a. Innovative Signs, Inc. Longwood, FL	Approve contract to purchase signs and plaques for properties preserved in the Agricultural Land Preservation Program.	\$34,713.58** (County 100%)
9. PURCHASING	a. Concordance Healthcare Solutions Tiffin, OH	Approve contract to provide medical and surgical supplies for Neshaminy Manor and Health Department. 8/16/21 – 8/15/23	\$83,439.63* (County 10%)
	b. Delcrest Medical Services Ivyland, PA	Approve contract to provide medical and surgical supplies for Neshaminy Manor and Health Department. 8/16/21 – 8/15/23	\$6,303.50* (County 0%)
	c. Manheim Medical Supply Manheim, PA	Approve contract to provide medical and surgical supplies for Neshaminy Manor and Health Department. 8/16/21 – 8/15/23	\$44,326.73* (County 4%)
	d. Maven Medical, LLC Montgomeryville, PA	Approve contract to provide medical and surgical supplies for Neshaminy Manor and Health Department. 8/16/21 – 8/15/23	\$23,766.11* (County 0.4%)
	e. Cintas Corporation No. 2 d/b/a Cintas Corporation Mason, OH	Approve contract amendment to reflect corporate name change. 1/1/18 – 12/31/21	
10. WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	a. Educational Data Systems, Inc. Dearborn, MI	Approve contract to provide training programs through PA CareerLink® Bucks County. 1/18/21 – 10/31/21	\$321,250** (County 0%)
	b. Educational Data Systems, Inc. Dearborn, MI	Approve contract to provide additional outreach to promote services at the PA CareerLink® Bucks County. 1/1/21 – 9/30/21	\$140,000** (County 0%)
	c. Full Circle Computing, Inc. Exton, PA	Approve contract to provide training programs through PA CareerLink® Bucks County. 7/1/21 – 7/31/22	\$58,000 (County 0%)
	d. Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development Administration Harrisburg, PA	Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant funds. 4/1/21 – 6/30/23	\$1,119,805.10 (Revenue)
	e. Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development Administration Harrisburg, PA	Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant funds for dislocated worker programs. 5/27/20 – 6/30/22	\$26,010.94 (Revenue)
	f. Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development Administration Harrisburg, PA	Approve School to Work Grant funds for STEM education classes.	\$250,000 (Revenue)

g. Northampton Community College Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract to provide job training for eligible PA CareerLink® clients. 7/1/21 – 7/31/22	\$26,000** (County 0%)
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*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes only. ** Unit Cost/Not to Exceed

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 11a - Commissioner Harvie provided additional information on this MOU and the funding for this agreement between the DVRPC and Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, and Delaware Counties to pursue renewable energy resources.

Item 12a - Solicitor Joe Khan spoke about the county’s commitment to the environment and this potential partnering with the District Attorney to engage a coalition of law firms to work on a contingent basis.

Upon Motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions from the regular agenda were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners.

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11. COMMISSIONERS	a.	Approve resolution ratifying, confirming, and restating Declaration of Disaster Emergency of July 30, 2021, relative to severe weather with tornado strikes occurring on July 29, 2021.	
	b. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA	Approve Memorandum of Understanding to issue a Request for Proposals to retain and fund an energy services consultant to explore strategies for long-term electricity purchasing and renewable energy purchasing. 8/4/21 – 6/30/23	\$30,000 (County 100%)
12. LAW DEPARTMENT	a. Dilworth Paxson, LLP Philadelphia, PA Baron & Budd, PC Dallas, TX Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC Belle Chasse, LA	Authorize County Solicitor to enter into Legal Services Agreement to evaluate and litigate potential environmental claims on behalf of the County on a contingent basis and enter into a Joint Prosecution Agreement with the District Attorney’s Office for litigation of claims.	25% contingent fee on gross recovery + expenses

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

David Boscola, Chief Financial Officer, provided additional clarification on the proposed budget adjustment.

2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
Agenda Description
August 4, 2021

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional grant funds

<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adjustment #21	Workforce & Economic Development	250,000
	Workforce & Economic Development (Revenue)	(250,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

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

PERSONNEL

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

OTHER CIVICS

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

Families Behind the Badge	\$3,000
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Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following Other Civics contribution was approved:

Garden of Reflection	\$2,000
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CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt reported on the following:

Household Hazardous Waste – a collection will be held on Saturday, August 14th at the Bucks County Technical High School in Fairless Hills from 9 am to 3 pm. This is a no contact event and on-line pre-registration is required. See website for more information.

Narcan Drive-Through Events – One event was held yesterday in Falls Township. One event will be held today at St. Bede the Venerable Church in Holland, and one is scheduled for tomorrow at St. Peters Tohickon UCC in Perkasié – both events will be from 6 to 8 pm. The kits include two doses of Narcan, a mouth shield, gloves, and written resources. One kit will be distributed per car. Please spread the word. In the past twelve months, there have been over 779 opioid overdoses in Bucks County.

Business Surveys – Only 202 responses have been received from the 20,000 surveys sent out by the Planning Commission seeking input for the Bucks 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Feedback received will assist the commissioners in directing American Rescue Plan funds to help businesses with COVID recovery. Please go on the website and take the survey.

Congratulations to Audrey Kenny, recently name Director of Emergency Management Services; to Dave Kratz, newly appointed Director of Corrections; and to Director of County Communications Larry King on his upcoming retirement.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Commissioner Marseglia congratulated Mr. Khan on being recognized as Outstanding Solicitor for 2021 by the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. Mr. Khan said the award recognizes all the work done by the whole team and he was happy to accept it on behalf of the Commissioners and the County.

Mr. Khan reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday and advised there will be a special Executive Session next week to discuss another proposed settlement in the opioid litigation.

On behalf of the Law Department and Consumer Protection, Mr. Khan said it has been a privilege to work with stakeholders in the county in response to the recent flooding in Lower Bucks County. Noting the increased concerns caused by notices to vacate damaged properties for those already facing housing insecurity, he advised that there are resources available. There is a dedicated attorney from Legal Aid, help available from the senior law center, and additional resources that can be found by visiting [buckscounty.gov](https://www.buckscounty.gov).

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia asked Ms. Kenny to speak about assistance available to flooding victims from the Small Business Administration in the form of low interest loans. Ms. Kenny advised that it is a generous opportunity that is available to small businesses, homeowners, and renters. Representatives will be available to take applications at the library through August 12th. Applications can also be submitted on-line and via phone.

Commissioner Harvie congratulated Mr. Khan on his award and spoke about the changes in the Law Department that have taken place under his direction. Mr. Harvie also noted that Ms. McKevitt had been nominated for COO of the year.

Commissioner DiGirolamo also congratulated Mr. Khan and emphasized what an honor it is to be selected out of 67 county solicitors in the state.

Commissioner DiGirolamo reported on a recent visit the commissioners made to the homeless shelter in Levittown. He commended the staff on the job they do and said it was heartwarming to know we have this available in the county for those in need. The commissioner also relayed a story from the news and commented on the need for assistance for these families that are struggling.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Megan Stricker from the District Attorney’s office presented information on the Ben to the Shore Bike Tour on August 29th and a fundraising event at Station Tap House on August 18th, both events to benefit the Families Behind the Badge Children’s Foundation.

Mr. Warren commented on conditions at the southern border of the United States.

Greg Garber, from Newtown and former minority inspector and judge of elections, spoke about mail-in voting and elections.

Dr. Carrie Kefalas from Plumstead Township spoke about COVID vaccinations and testing.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, 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, August 18, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Room.

Approved: August 18, 2021

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia	Robert J. Harvie, Jr.	Gene DiGirolamo
<i>Commissioner, Chair</i>	<i>Commissioner, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*