

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 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 Marseglia welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Commissioner acknowledged that everyone was wearing masks and she requested that they remain on, even during public comment.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

III. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. Bensalem Co-Responders Program – Rachael Neff, Director of Human Services
Human Services Director Rachel Neff provided a brief overview of the Co-Responder program. This initiative with the Bensalem Police Department pairs a social worker with a police officer to jointly respond to select 911 calls. Rachel Agosto and Walter Bynum from Human Services shared additional information and highlights of the program.
- B. International Overdose Awareness Month Proclamation – Diane Rosati, Executive Director of the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
The Commissioners proclaimed August 31, 2021 as “International Overdose Awareness Day” to acknowledge the importance of drug and alcohol prevention and education, to recognize those who suffer with addiction, and to honor the dedicated professionals at Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc., who are committed to bringing awareness. Accepting the proclamation was Diane Rosati, Executive Director of the Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. Ms. Rosati said a few words about the Commission and their efforts to prevent overdose deaths. She demonstrated how to administer Narcan and said it is available to any county resident upon request.
- C. Farm Preservation – John Ives, Director of Agricultural Land Preservation & Open Space Programs
John Ives, Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation & Open Space Programs, presented information on the County's portion of a 243.70-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Millet Farm in Durham and Springfield Townships. He shared some information about the farm's soil and crops, and said it will be the 15th farm preserved in Durham and the 40th farm preserved in Springfield Township. This brings the total acreage preserved by the County to 18,304. In response to a question from Commissioner Harvie, Mr. Ives advised that Bucks County received the third largest allocation of state funds.

IV. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Megan Brock from Northampton spoke on agenda items 9a & b.

V. 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. Approve minutes from August 4, 2021 regular meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. **Agricultural Land Preservation**

- a. With: Millett Holdings II, LLC
Cheyenne, WY
- Amount: \$397,535.70 + settlement charges and adjustments
(County 100%)
- Purpose: Approve county's portion of a 243.70-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Millet farm located on Durham and Bodder Roads in Durham and Springfield Townships. (TMPs 11-004-002, 42-017-117, 42-017-117-002 and 42-022-014-001)

2. **Area Agency on Aging**

- a. With: Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania
Bristol, PA
- Amount: \$2,000** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide legal services for seniors.
7/1/20 – 6/30/21

3. **BH/DP**

- a. With: Associated Production Services, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve contract amendment to provide community participation support and vocational rehabilitation services.
7/1/20 – 6/30/21

- b. With: Children's Therapy Services, LLC
 Coopersburg, PA
Amount: \$17,000** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide early intervention
 services for children up to age three.
 7/1/20 – 6/30/21
- c. With: Community Options, Inc,
 Princeton, NJ
Amount: \$59,178** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide supported employment and
 residential services. (Subject to final approval by county
 solicitor)
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- d. With: Elwyn of Pennsylvania and Delaware
 Elwyn, PA
Amount: \$620,865** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential treatment and
 support services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- e. With: Goodwill Keystone Area
 Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$123,573** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide supported employment
 services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- f. With: Growing Children with Challenges, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$87,774** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services for
 children.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- g. With: KenCrest Services
 Blue Bell, PA
Amount: \$823,147** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide services to individuals with
 intellectual disabilities and early intervention services for

children up to age three.

7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- h. With: Kutest Kids Early Intervention
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$15,000** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention therapy
 services for children up to age three.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- i. With: Lower Bucks Hospital
 Bristol, PA
Amount: \$180,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide hospital inpatient services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- j. With: NetSmart Technologies, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$151,769.21 (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide software maintenance and
 support for the myAvatar system.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- k. With: NetSmart Technologies, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$15,499.38 (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide software maintenance and
 support for the MS Dynamics product.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- l. With: Salisbury Behavioral Health, Inc.
 Lancaster, PA
Amount: \$121,069** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide supported living and
 residential services.
 7/1/20 – 6/30/21
- m. With: Shared Support South, Inc.
 Warrington, PA
Amount: \$23,464** (County 3.9%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide in home and community support services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

4. Board of Elections

a. With: Clear Ballot Group Inc.
Boston, MA
Amount: \$51,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide pre- and post-election support services.
7/11/21 – 11/30/21

5. Commissioners

a. With: Bucks County Industrial Development Authority (BCIDA)
Doylestown, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve resolution authorizing a Certificate of Approval for an issuance of bonds not to exceed \$3,200,000 pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to finance a project for Aldie Foundation in Langhorne and Doylestown.

6. Corrections

a. With: Honeywell Building Solutions
Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$14,016** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve fire alarm system contract increase for the Women's Correctional Facility expansion project to include new relay components.
NTP – 12/31/21

b. With: Keefe Commissary Network
Edison, NJ
Amount: 40% of all purchases (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide commissary services for inmates.
7/29/21 – 7/28/22

- c. With: Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.
 Houston, TX
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve contract amendment to reflect corporate name
 change.
 2/1/19-1/31/22

7. Finance

- a. With: Aon Risk Services Central, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
- Amount: \$110,000 (County 100%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide insurance brokerage and risk
 management/loss control support services.
 9/1/21 – 8/31/22
- b. With: Wright National Flood Insurance Company
 St. Petersburg, FL
- Amount: \$23,974 (County 100%)
- Purpose: Approve annual Flood Insurance Policy.
 9/4/21 – 9/15/22

8. General Services

- a. With: Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc.
 Wilmington, DE
- Amount: \$40,282** (County 100%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase for the rehabilitation of Bridge
 #50 on Mill Road over Watson Creek in Buckingham
 Township.
- b. With: Johnson Controls, Inc.
 Plymouth Meeting, PA
- Amount: \$11,995** (County 100%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase to replace refrigerant monitor
 for the chillers at the Administration Building.
 2/22/21 – 2/21/24
- c. With: Kencor, Inc.

West Chester, PA
Amount: \$19,005 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to replace elevator brake unit.

9. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Advocates for Homeless and Those in Need
Fairless Hills, PA
Amount: \$80,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2021 CDBG funding to support emergency shelter services.
8/1/21 – 7/31/22
- b. With: Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$47,260** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to support emergency shelter services.
8/1/21 – 4/30/22
- c. With: Dublin Borough
Amount: \$120,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding for the installation of ADA compliant sidewalks & curbs along Middle Road.
8/1/21 – 7/31/22

10. Information Technology

- a. With: Kronos Incorporated
Lowell, MA
Amount: \$85,684.81* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide application support for the Workforce Central Module.
9/25/21 – 9/24/22
- b. With: Kronos Incorporated
Lowell, MA
Amount: \$40,471.77* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide application support for the

11. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: New Jersey Respiratory, Inc.
 Fairfield, NJ
 Amount: \$14,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide respiratory care
 management services to residents.
 8/4/21 – 8/3/22

- b. With: PAC Industries
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$18,442.83* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for inspection,
 maintenance, and repair of laundry equipment at
 Neshaminy Manor.
 10/1/21 – 9/30/22

12. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Chester County Economic Development Council
 Exton, PA
 Amount: \$30,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding to provide
 oversight of the PA DCED Engage! Program.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- b. With: JobWorks, Inc. d/b/a JobWorks Education and Training
 Systems
 Fort Wayne, IN
 Amount: \$19,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide training programs through
 PA CareerLink® Bucks County.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22

- c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
 Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
 Harrisburg, PA

Amount: \$554,941.99 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant funds to provide career and training services.
10/1/20 – 6/30/22

d. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$197,681.73 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant funds to develop strategies for serving dislocated workers and coordinating programs and service among PA CareerLink® Bucks County partners.
7/1/20 – 6/30/22

e. With: Pennsylvania Society of Biomedical Research
Camp Hill, PA
Amount: \$85,000* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to facilitate STEM program for high school students.
7/1/21 – 12/31/23

13. Youth Center

a. With: County of Pike
Milford, PA
Amount: \$350/day/resident (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

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

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

Item 14a – Corrections Director Dave Kratz provided additional information regarding this charging station.

Item 15a – General Services Director Kevin Spencer spoke about the purchase of this hybrid vehicle.

Items 16a & b – Ms. Neff introduced Jim Raymond from Bucks County Transport and Carol Boyle from the Area Agency on Aging, who highlighted the wide variety of transportation services provided.

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

A. Resolutions

14. **Corrections**

- a. With: ChargePoint, Inc.
Campbell, CA
- Amount: \$10,843 (County 100%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to purchase commercial electric vehicle charging station.

15. **General Services**

- a. With: Koch Holdings, Inc.
Easton, PA
- Amount: \$37,879 (County 100%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to purchase 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Hybrid Utility Vehicle for the Department of Corrections.

16. **Human Services**

- a. With: Bucks County Transport, Inc.
Holicong, PA
- Amount: \$2,291,471** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide transportation services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services –
Division of Medical Assistance Transportation
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$2,291,471 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Participation Grant Agreement and Assurance of
Compliance to provide transportation services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

B. Personnel Actions

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

C. Board Appointments

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

Workforce Development Board

Christopher LaBonge (Small Business)	new appointment	term
expires 11/4/21*		

*finishing term of Archana Sharma

D. Other Civics

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

BC Community College Foundation	\$2,000
BC Historical Society	\$6,000
James Michener Arts Center	\$20,000

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

Gilda's Club	\$4,000
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VII. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Referencing the flooding event on July 12th, Margie McKeivitt, Chief Operating Officer, yielded her time to Ms. Neff and Audrey Kenny, Director of Emergency Management, who provided updates on efforts to assess needs and assist those residents who were affected. Ms. McKeivitt advised there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with legislators and non-profits to discuss available funding sources to provide additional assistance.

VIII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan reported on the following Executive Sessions held since the last Commissioners' Meeting:

August 10th – an Executive Session was held to discuss the potential allocation and distribution of settlement funds in the opioid litigation.

August 12th – an Executive Session was held to discuss emergency preparedness.

This continued virtually through August 17th.

August 17th – the Standing Executive session was held to discuss litigation, legal issues, and personnel matters.

Mr. Khan also reported that, in response to the recent issues in Lower Bucks related to flooding and evictions, Consumer Protection has retained office space in the Lower Bucks Government Services Center in Levittown. They will be available Tuesday through Thursday to provide in-person assistance to those residents with concerns. They can also be reached by phone and email.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo provided an update on a news story he spoke about at the last Commissioners' Meeting.

Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about Narcan and he thanked Diane Rosati for taking the lead to educate people and make it available to all county residents.

Commissioner Harvie shared a story about a family member who passed away from a drug overdose. He emphasized that every family has problems and stressed that there are many supports and services available to those who need them.

X. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

The Commissioners received public comment for 30 minutes (not counting a 90 second recess) from 14 County residents, after which County officials addressed some of the issues raised by members of the public.

The following people spoke about the recent county guidance regarding face masks in schools:

Jamie Walker from Chalfont-New Britain
Rayanne Banker from Buckingham Township
Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead Township
Sue Staffer from Warrington
Dr. Carrie Kafalas from Plumstead Township
Dave Meningo from Doylestown Borough
Megan Brock from Northampton

The following residents from Newtown Township spoke about the lease of a county farm in Newtown:

Zack (last name not audible)
Lee Gittens
Warren Keyser
Kathleen Keyser
Sarah (last name not audible)

Chris Spear, Milford Township resident and member of the Quakertown School Board, said a few words in support of Bucks County Health Department Director Dr. David Damsker.

Andy Warren, former commissioner from Middletown Township, commented on the opioid epidemic and the flow of drugs through the southern borders.

Kathy Bennett, Director of the Bucks County Area Agency on Aging and former Associate Director for Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA), spoke about human trafficking shelters. She noted that historically there are not security issues. She added that these shelters generally house victims who are young women from the area who are returning to receive services.

General Services Director Kevin Spencer responded to earlier questions posed regarding the county-owned farm in Newtown. He noted that the lease of the farm was on agenda and approved at the December 2, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting and he advised that the County has been working with staff in Newtown Township to obtain the necessary permits for the renovations. Commissioner Marseglia noted that no community notification was required because there will be less than five people living in the house. Commissioner Harvie advised that the operation will be run by the YWCA, noting the extensive support services they are able to provide. He also advised that the Commissioners met yesterday with a group of concerned citizens from Newtown. The District Attorney and Assistant District Attorney, as well as Mr. Spencer were also present to address the residents' concerns.

Commissioner Harvie responded to several other questions posed during the public comment session. He emphasized that the County recommended but did not mandate the wearing of masks in schools and he offered further clarification regarding the updated guidance. The Commissioner said that vaccinations are key, and he stressed the need for everyone to help with mitigation efforts.

XI. 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, September 15th, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: September 1st, 2021
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner, Chair

Robert J. Harvie, Jr.
Commissioner, Vice-Chair

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*