

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 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.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Marseglia welcomed everyone to the meeting and Peace Officer Everette Robertson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Marseglia asked for a moment of silence in honor of the 13 US Service Members who were killed in Afghanistan.

II. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Marseglia welcomed county row officers Linda Bobrin, Register of Wills and Kristian Ballerini, Treasurer. The Commissioner advised anyone wishing to speak during Public Comment to sign in on the sheet in the back of the room.

III. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Suicide Prevention Month – Wendy Flanigan, BH/DP

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month - Wendy Flanigan, Program Coordinator at Bucks County Behavioral Health and Developmental Programs, as well as Chair of the Bucks County Suicide Prevention Task Force, presented information to kick off National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. She highlighted upcoming events and resources that are available, and she introduced colleagues, who each said a few words. They were Kyle Esposito, Coordinator for the Bucks County Suicide Prevention Task Force; Keeley Rosenthal, QPR Coordinator; and Nick Emeigh, Director of Outreach and Development for NAMI Bucks County.

IV. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

None

V. 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. Approve minutes from the August 18, 2021 regular meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

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| a. | With: | Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
Doylestown, PA |
| | Amount: | \$12,287 (Revenue) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide nutrition services to senior |

citizens.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- b. With: Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC
 Philadelphia, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide cable TV services
 to seniors.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

- c. With: Delaware Valley University
 Doylestown, PA

 Amount: \$5,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide senior discounts for the Fall
 2021 Center for Learning in Retirement (CLR) Program.
 (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor)
 9/8/21 – 12/3/21

- d. With: PSI Personnel, LLC
 Doylestown, PA

 Amount: \$7,100** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to add temporary support
 staff for the Treasurer's Department.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Newfound Freedom, Inc.
 Bristol, PA

 Amount: (\$309,940.62)
 Purpose: Approve termination of contract to renovate and operate
 Transition House.
 3/30/21 – 9/1/21

- b. With: Be Well Supportive Living LLC
 Bristol, PA

 Amount: \$338,921.99** (County 2.1%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to renovate and operate Transition
 House. (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor)
 9/1/21 – 6/30/22

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$205,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to operate the
 family reunification program.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- b. With: Merakey Montgomery County, f/k/a NHS Montgomery
 County
 Erdenheim, PA
 Amount: \$300,000** (County 18%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide therapeutic family care,
 foster care, and mother/baby programs. (Subject to final
 approval by County Solicitor)
 7/1/20 – 6/30/22

- c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$205,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve grant increase and extension for the Family
 Reunification (FR) Program.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- d. With: Turning Points for Children
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$29,371.55** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
 (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor)
 7/1/20 – 6/30/21

4. Emergency Management

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$31,470 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Radiological Emergency Response (Act 147)
 grant.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- b. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$6,141.90 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve reimbursement for civil unrest costs.
 5/25/20 – 12/30/21

5. General Services

- a. With: IEH Auto Parts LLC d/b/a Auto Plus Auto Parts
 Kennesaw, GA
 Amount: \$20,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide auto supplies for
 county fleet maintenance.
 1/12/21 – 12/31/21
- b. With: PennDot Engineering District 6-0
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$270,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve signature authorization and execution of
 amendment for reimbursement agreement Supplement
 E (GRA 061841E) for additional construction costs for
 replacement of County Bridge #45 located on Stoney
 Bridge Road in Bedminster Township.
- c. With: TE Construction Services, LLC
 Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$11,961 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve general construction contract increase for the
 Bristol Education Center at Humphrey's Park project.
 (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
- d. With: The Pennsylvania State University on behalf of Penn
 State Extension
 Collegeville, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide for use of the Neshaminy
 Manor Center for Master Gardener demonstrations.
 8/5/21 – 6/30/22

6. Hazardous Materials

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$48,711 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Hazardous Material Response Fund (Act 165)
grant.
7/1/21 – 7/30/22

7. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
Doylestown, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension for Emergency Solutions
Grant funds to provide Rapid Rehousing and
homelessness prevention assistance.
1/9/22 – 6/30/22
- b. With: Family Service Association
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$50,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2020 Pennsylvania Housing
Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE)
funding for Housing Link Helpline staffing.
2/25/21 – 8/25/22
- c. With: Morrisville Borough
Amount: \$126,977.36** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension of 2020 CDBG
funding for completion of roof replacement at the
Morrisville Borough Free Library.
11/1/21 – 3/31/22
- d. With: Penndel Mental Health Center, Inc.
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$20,300 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for 2020
CDBG funding for additional construction costs for
renovations of 1517 Durham Road facility.
9/1/21 – 10/30/21

- e. With: YWCA Bucks County
 Trevose, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract extension for Emergency Solutions
 Grant funds to provide homeless assistance and
 support.
 1/9/22 – 6/30/22

8. Human Resources

- a. With:
 Amount:
 Purpose: Authorize Chief Operating Officer, Human Resources,
 and the Law Department to develop and implement
 County employee vaccine policies to mitigate the
 COVID-19 pandemic.
 1/1/21 - open
- b. With: Pennsylvania Social Services Union, Local 668, SEIU
 Harrisburg, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Ratify and approve agreement to compensate the Adult
 Probation and Parole officers to administer drug testing.
 7/12/21 – 12/31/21

9. Information Technology

- a. With: Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless
 Basking Ridge, NJ

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve non-disclosure agreement for access to future
 network broadband build.
- b. With: CivicPlus LLC
 Manhattan, Kansas

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve agreement to participate in beta software
 evaluation.

- c. With: T.S.I. VA, LLC
 Dumfries, VA
 Amount: \$19,849.96** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of Adobe subscription.
 9/19/21 – 9/18/22

10. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: New Jersey Respiratory, Inc.
 Fairfield, NJ
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve correction of contract term.
 6/14/21 – 6/13/22

11. Planning Commission

- a. With: Silverdale Borough
 Amount: \$5,000/year (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide planning services.
 1 year from date of execution

- b. With: PennDot
 King of Prussia, PA
 Amount: \$287,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve increase to Reimbursement Agreement for the
 Newtown Rail Trail.

12. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Bordentown Driver Training School, LLC d/b/a Smith &
 Solomon Drivers Training Solutions
 Bordentown, NJ
 Amount: \$65,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide CDL-A and CDL-B driver
 training for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 (WIOA) eligible PA CareerLink® Bucks County clients.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22

- b. With: Bucks County Community College
 Newtown, PA

Amount: \$130,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide industrial, medical, information technology, and office skills training for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible PA CareerLink® Bucks County clients.
7/1/21 – 7/31/22

- c. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc.
Dearborn, MI
Amount: \$515,651.80** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for Employment, Advancement, and Retention Network (EARN) Program to provide employment and training programs. (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor)
7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- d. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$884,855.11 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funds to develop strategies for serving dislocated workers and coordinating programs and service among PA CareerLink® Bucks County partners.
10/1/20 – 6/30/22
- e. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$726,828.39 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Title 1 Youth Services Program grant funds to assist out of school youth who face barriers in education, training, and employment.
4/1/20 – 6/30/22
- f. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$111,209.79 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funds to provide job search assistance and training opportunities.

7/1/20 – 6/30/22

- g. With: Stride, Inc. d/b/a MedCerts, LLC
 Livonia, MI
 Amount: \$78,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide training in healthcare
 related fields, IT, office administration and technology,
 and machining for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
 Act (WIOA) eligible PA CareerLink® Bucks County
 clients.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- h. With: Stride, Inc. d/b/a Tech Elevator, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$19,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide IT training for Workforce
 Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible PA
 CareerLink® Bucks County clients.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22

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

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

Item 13a – Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt and Commissioner DiGirolamo both provided additional information regarding the use of American Rescue Act funds to assist homeowners severely impacted by the recent flooding.

Item 13b – Ms. McKeivitt spoke briefly about this grant to further the homelessness program.

Item 14a – Commissioner Harvie offered additional background on this grant program to assist small businesses.

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

13. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: United Way of Bucks County
 Fairless Hills, PA
 Amount: \$2,500,000 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for mold remediation and renovation
 program to assist those impacted by the severe flooding
 of July 12, 2021
- b. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$59,507 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve 2020 Continuum of Care planning grant
 agreement for development and implementation of the
 housing services plan to address homelessness.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

14. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With:
 Amount: \$5,000,000 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act funds for Small
 Business Grant Program.

B. Budget Adjustments

2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

September 1, 2021

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Capital Budget for additional grant funds

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #22	Open Space	287,000
	Open Space (Revenue)	(287,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with

the vote being 3-0, the following Budget Adjustment was adopted:

C. Personnel Actions

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

D. Board Appointments

15. Parks & Recreation Board - Craig Bowen

E. Other Civics

16. Dementia Society of America - \$1,000
Foundations Community Partnership - \$500
Peace Center - \$500
Police Chiefs Association of Bucks County - \$700
YWCA of Bucks County - \$1,500

VII. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. McKevitt provided an update on the County's Recovery Plan Performance Report for American Rescue Act funds.

At Ms. McKevitt's request, Director of Emergency Management Services Audrey Kenny provided a briefing on preparations for the impending storm.

Ms. McKevitt advised that the vaccination clinics at the Neshaminy Mall site and in Jamison are still open. Noting that 20,000 residents have not returned for their 2nd shot, she encouraged them to do so. Booster shots will also be available at those locations as well.

VIII. SOLICITOR REPORT

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

- August 19th – to discuss emergency preparedness and public safety, as well as employment matters
- August 23rd – (virtual meeting) to discuss ongoing emergency preparedness in light of new data related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- August 28th – (via telephone) to discuss ongoing emergency preparedness and potential claims
- August 31st – standing session to discuss personnel matters, collective bargaining matters, and pending and prospective litigation. Mr. Khan also announced that the standing executive session now occurs after the public reading of the Agenda, which has been moved to 9:30 am on the day before each Commissioners' meeting.

A. Administration of Oaths to Assistant County Solicitors by the Honorable Maria McLaughlin, Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge

Mr. Khan introduced the Honorable Maria McLaughlin, Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge, who was there to administer the Oath of Office to Assistant County Solicitors Deborah Harley and Chelsey Jackman. Mr. Khan shared some background information on Judge McLaughlin, as well as for Ms. Harley and Ms. Jackman and introduced their family members who were present. Judge McLaughlin then administered the Oath of Office to both Ms. Harley and Ms. Jackman.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo shared that he and his wife just celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary this past Sunday, August 29th.

Commissioner Harvie commented on all the work that goes into the commissioners' meetings and thanked all those involved with putting them together.

Commissioner Harvie reflected on the Labor Day weekend and asked everyone to keep in mind all those who have worked to build the country without the protections that currently exist.

Commissioner Harvie wished a happy Rosh Hashanah to all Jewish friends and neighbors here in Bucks County.

Commissioner Marseglia invited everyone to attend the Suicide Candlelight Vigil on Thursday, September 9th at 5:30 in the courtyard of the Administration Building.

Commissioner Marseglia invited Prothonotary Judi Reiss to speak about the Garden of Reflection in Lower Makefield. Ms. Reiss advised that it is the official Commonwealth memorial to all those who perished on September 11th. She said this year marks the 20th anniversary of the tragedy and there will be a remembrance ceremony at the garden on September 11th at 8:30 am, with a 2nd program at dusk.

X. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

- Peggy White from Newtown Township spoke in favor of the safe house
- Megan Brock from Northampton Township spoke about mask mandates in schools
- Jamie Walker from New Britain spoke about face masks in school
- Patricia Doeblor from Chalfont spoke about mandatory vaccinations for county employees
- Kathleen Gill from Newtown Township spoke in favor of Haven House, masks in schools, and the vaccine
- Scott Vogin from Warrington spoke about NAMI and face shields in county facilities

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: September 15, 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*

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, the meeting was adjourned.

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