

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2021

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 Chief Ranger Steven Mawhinney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Marseglia invited those county row officers who were present to introduce themselves. They were: Robin Robinson, Recorder of Deeds and Kristian Ballerini, Treasurer.

III. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. National Recovery Month - Jennifer King, The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania Inc.
The Commissioners proclaimed September 2021 as "National Recovery Month." Jennifer King, Executive Director of the Council of Southeast Pennsylvania spoke about recovery from substance use disorders and the Annual Recovery Walk scheduled for this Saturday, September 18th. Joining Ms. King to accept the proclamation were Diane Rosati, Executive Director of Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Human Services Director Rachel Neff, and Noni West from the Council of Southeast Pennsylvania.
- B. Steve Sanocki, Bucks County Park Ranger
The Commissioners introduced Bucks County Park Ranger Steve Sanocki, who was accompanied by his K-9 partner Ni-Tass. Ranger Sanocki shared some information about Ni-Tass and his training in explosives detection.

IV. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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 September 1, 2021 regular meeting.
- B. Resolutions
 - 1. BH/DP

- a. With: Pathways to Housing PA, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA

Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to revise Exhibit B to include travel reimbursement and ability to provide consulting services directly and remotely.
1/1/21 – 12/31/22

2. Board of Elections

a. With: DMT Solution Global Corporation d/b/a/ BlueCrest
Danbury, CT
Amount: \$38,839.24* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide on-call support.
9/21/21 – 9/20/22

3. Commissioners

a. With:
Amount:
Purpose: Approve resolution ratifying, confirming, and restating Declaration of Disaster Emergency of September 2, 2021, relative to a severe weather event occurring on September 1, 2021.

b. With: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks
Bristol, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve signature authority for the Chief Financial Officer to electronically sign and submit grant application and, if approved, accept grant award to support operations at the Lower Bucks Public Safety Training Center.
1/1/22 – 12/31/22

4. District Attorney

a. With: Paperless Solutions, Inc.
Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$83,830** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment for digital enhancements to file management system.
10/1/19 – 9/30/22

5. General Services

- a. With: Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc.
 Wilmington, DE
Amount: \$126,919.86** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for the rehabilitation of Bridge
 #50 on Mill Road over Watson Creek in Buckingham
 Township.
- b. With: Hydro-Marine Construction Company, Inc.
 Hainesport, NJ
Amount: \$35,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide maintenance and
 repairs for the Neshaminy flood control dams.
 4/1/20 – 3/31/23
- c. With: Myco Mechanical, Inc.
 Telford, PA
Amount: \$10,241.70 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to install outdoor air sensors
 on Administration Building for HVAC system.
- d. With: Offix USA, Inc.
 Allentown, PA
Amount: \$37,312.63** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase partition walls for
 workstations, needed for the COVID-19
 expansion/redesign project.
- e. With: U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources
 Conservation Service
 Harrisburg, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve extension of the Reimbursable Agreement
 relative to the engineering design for rehabilitation,
 repairs and improvements to the Neshaminy Creek
 Watershed, Core Creek Dam PA-620
 10/1/21 – 9/30/22

6. Health Department

- a. With: Approve updates to the Bucks County Department of Health Rules and Regulations for Conducting and Operating Organized Camps and Campgrounds and the Bucks County Department of Health Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Disease Vector Control.
- Amount:
- Purpose:

7. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: A Woman's Place
Doylestown, PA
- Amount: \$37,970 (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract for Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV 2) funds for emergency shelter, shelter operations & essential services to provide homeless assistance and support as a result of COVID-19.
7/22/21 – 7/13/22
- b. With: Delta Community Supports, Inc.
Blue Bell, PA
- Amount: \$12,902** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase to 2020 CDBG funding for renovations and upgrades to the Woodside Avenue group home.
12/1/20 – 11/30/21
- c. With: Family Service Association
Langhorne, PA
- Amount: \$192,529 (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract for Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV 2) funds for emergency shelter, shelter operations & essential services to provide homeless assistance and support as a result of COVID-19.
7/22/21 – 7/13/22
- d. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Philadelphia, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve submission of the 2021 Consolidated Annual

Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for 2020
Program Year.
7/1/20 – 6/30/21

- e. With: YWCA Bucks County
 Trevose, PA

 Amount: \$200,239 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
 Act (ESG-CV 2) funds for emergency shelter, shelter
 operations & essential services to provide homeless
 assistance and support as a result of COVID-19.
 7/22/21 – 7/13/22

8. Human Services

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Food
 Assistance
 Harrisburg, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve Program Management Agreement for The
 Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).
 10/1/21 – 9/30/26

9. Information Technology

- a. With: MCI Communications d/b/a Verizon Business Services
 Harrisburg, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to provide telephone
 connections for fire alarms and other equipment.
 5/1/20 – 12/31/22

10. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: American Data
 Sauk City, WI

 Amount: \$11,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension of maintenance
 agreement for electronic charting system.
 10/1/21 – 12/31/21

- b. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Inc.
 Manheim, PA
 Amount: \$127,828.80* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide personal cleansing wipes for residents.
 10/1/21 – 9/30/24
- c. With: ROMED Ambulance, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$58,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide wheelchair and basic life support transportation for residents. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
 9/1/21 – 8/31/22
- d. With: Stellar Private Cable
 d/b/a Senior TV, a division of Sentrics
 Akron, OH
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to include additional exhibits.
 6/2/21 – 6/2/26

11. Planning Commission

- a. With: Bucks County Municipalities
 Amount: \$0.162/person/yr (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve increase to the yearly contributions to help fund the household hazardous waste collection program.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/25
- b. With: Pennsylvania Department
 of Conservation and Natural Resources
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract extension to conduct a trail feasibility study to connect the Newtown Area to the Delaware and Lehigh Trail.
 1/1/22 – 6/30/22

12. Purchasing

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| a. | With: | Maven Medical, LLC
Montgomeryville, PA |
| | Amount: | (\$23,766.11) |
| | Purpose: | Rescind contract to provide medical and surgical supplies for Neshaminy Manor and Health Department.
8/16/21 – 8/15/23 |
| b. | With: | Office Depot
Bristol, PA |
| | Amount: | \$102,000*/yr (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract extension to purchase office supplies for all departments.
10/1/21 – 9/30/23 |

13. Recorder of Deeds

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| a. | With: | Kofile Technologies, Inc.
Dallas, TX |
| | Amount: | \$347,838.38** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to preserve and restore historical deed books.
9/15/21 – 3/31/23 |

14. Workforce & Economic Development

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| a. | With: | Air Dynamics HVAC LLC
Newportville, PA |
| | Amount: | \$6,600** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide Incumbent Worker Training under Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
7/1/21 – 6/30/22 |
| b. | With: | Jor-Kenna Enterprises, LLC
d/b/a New Horizons Computer Learning Centers
Wilkes-Barre, PA |
| | Amount: | \$32,500** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide training for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible PA CareerLink® Bucks County clients. |

7/1/21 – 7/31/22

- c. With: Merit Training Institute
 Mt. Laurel Township, NJ
 Amount: \$32,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide training for Workforce
 Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible PA
 CareerLink® Bucks County clients.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- d. With: Pennco Institutes, Inc.
 Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$26,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide training for Workforce
 Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible PA
 CareerLink® Bucks County clients.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- e. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
 Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$25,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Rapid Response Workforce Innovation and
 Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funds to serve dislocated
 workers.
 10/1/20 – 6/30/22

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

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

Item 15a – Commissioner Harvie shared information about this program to provide low interest, long term financing to commercial property owners for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation projects. Treasurer Kristin Ballerini said her office is looking forward to the implementation of this program, adding her hope that it is expanded to include agricultural properties.

Item 15b – Commissioner Harvie spoke about this commission to engage citizens from across the Commonwealth in preparing for the celebration and commemoration of the Nation's 250th Anniversary.

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

15. Commissioners

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| a. | With: | |
| | Amount: | |
| | Purpose: | Authorize the establishment of a C-PACE program for the County and the necessary actions to facilitate the successful implementation of the Bucks County C-PACE Program. |
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| b. | With: | |
| | Amount: | |
| | Purpose: | Approve resolution supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States semiquincentennial and establishing AMERICA250PA Bucks County Commission. |

B. Personnel Actions

C. Other Civics

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VII. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

At the request of Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt, Audrey Kenny, Director of Emergency Management, spoke about the status of the Hurricane Ida disaster declaration and recovery assistance. Kevin Spencer, Director of General Services provided an update on storm damages sustained by county properties, parks, and bridges.

Ms. McKevitt reminded everyone of the link provided on the county website to access available services for Hurricane Ida mitigation.

The last Household Hazardous Waste event for the year will be held at Strayer Middle School in Quakertown on October 30th. Registration is required on-line through EventBrite.

Ms. McKevitt announced the promotions of J.C. Bailey to Administrator at Neshaminy Manor; Eric Nagy to Director of Policy and Communications; and Gail Humphrey to Deputy Chief Operating Officer/Chief Clerk.

VIII. SOLICITOR REPORT

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

- September 9th – to discuss collective bargaining issues as they relate to vaccinations
- September 14th – to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation

Mr. Khan provided information on the conclusion of the Taha Class Action lawsuit.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo referenced the statewide lawsuit seeking to stop the implementation of the American Society of Addiction Medicine's (ASAM) criteria for all state drug and alcohol treatment centers and providers to determine the appropriate level of care for individuals seeking addiction treatment. The Commissioner reported that he has submitted an affidavit in support of the service providers.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the vaccination status of county residents, pointing out that over 90% of those getting COVID-19 and being hospitalized have not been vaccinated. Similarly, of those children contracting the virus, the majority are from homes where the family members are not vaccinated. In Bucks County, the Commissioner reported that 60% of those eligible are vaccinated, and 31,000 have received their first shot but not their 2nd.

Commissioner Harvie wished a blessed New Year to all friends and family in the county who recognize Yom Kippur.

Commissioner Marseglia congratulated Director of Housing & Human Services

Rachael Neff and BH/DP Administrator Donna Duffy Bell on two grants awarded through the Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services. The Commissioner advised that the County recently received notification of a \$424,000 grant award to expand the co-responder's program, and a \$360,000 grant award to begin an assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) program.

X. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

Joseph Connelly from Bensalem requested the Commissioners' assistance with a property line dispute.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: October 6, 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*