

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 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 Peace Officer Pete Benn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

III. PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATIONS

A. National Epilepsy Month Proclamation

The commissioners proclaimed November 2021 as "Epilepsy Awareness Month," commending the Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania for its many years of fine work. Accepting the proclamation and presenting a slideshow were Seamus Morgan from the Epilepsy Foundation and Brenda Quinn of Doylestown.

B. Recognition of American Planning Association 2021 Award Winner, Paul Gordon

Recognizing Senior Planner Paul Gordon, who was recently named 2021 Professional Planner by the PA Chapter of the American Planning Association, Executive Director of the Bucks County Planning Commission Evan Stone and Rich Brahler, Director of Transportation Planning, shared some of Mr. Gordon's experience and accomplishments. Pattie Guttenplan presented Mr. Gordon with the award on behalf of the PA Chapter of the APA.

C. Commendations to Corrections Officers Mario Hernandez, Peter Rekowski, and Mark Clayton

The commissioners presented commendations to Lieutenant Mark Clayton and Corrections Officers Mario Hernandez and Peter Rekowski. Their recent actions in the line of duty saved the life of an inmate of the county correctional facility. Dave Kratz, Director of Corrections, also said a few words in support of the officers.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, commented on agenda item 5a and posed questions concerning agenda item 9b. Chief Information Officer John Regula provided additional information in response to Mr. Warren's questions.

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 the October 20, 2021 regular meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: PurFoods LLC d/b/a Mom's Meals
Ankeny, IA
Amount: \$180,000** (County 14%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide home-delivered meals.
1/1/22 – 12/31/22

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Be Well Supportive Living LLC
Bristol, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to operate Transition House.
8/1/21 – 6/30/22
- b. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$383,202** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment to provide housing-based case management services.
1/1/20 – 12/31/22
- c. With: Lenape Valley Foundation
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$328,335** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide mental health and various support services.
7/1/20 – 6/30/21
- d. With: Woods Community Services, Inc.
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$148,200** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to fund the start-up of a Mental Health Outpatient program.
11/3/21 – 12/31/22

3. Corrections

- a. With: Honeywell Building Solutions
Fort Washington, PA

Amount:
Purpose: Approve correction of 10/6/21 agenda to indicate building management system instead of fire alarm system contract.
1/1/20 – 12/31/21

- b. With: Honeywell Building Solutions
Fort Washington, PA

Amount:
Purpose: Approve correction of 8/18/21 agenda to indicate building management system instead of fire alarm system contract.
1/1/20 – 12/31/21

4. Emergency Communications

- a. With: Russ Bassett Corporation
Whittier, CA

Amount: \$683,504.40* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase dispatch workstation furniture for the 911 Center.

5. Emergency Health Services

- a. With: Aardvark Event Logistics, Inc.
Conshohocken, PA

Amount: (\$608,520)
Purpose: Rescind lease of two mobile COVID-19 testing vehicles.
11/1/21 – 7/31/22

- b. With: Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
Harrisburg, PA

Amount: \$28,440.90 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve increase for County Emergency Medical Services grant.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

6. General Services

- a. With: Doylestown Electric
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$27,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for repair and maintenance supplies for county buildings and properties.
1/1/21 – 12/31/21

- b. With: Offix USA, Inc.
Allentown, PA
Amount: \$8,440.48 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to purchase partition walls for workstations, needed for the COVID-19 expansion/redesign project.

- c. With: Professional Construction Contractors, Inc.
Bethlehem, PA
Amount: \$5,489.40** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for concrete repairs for Bridge #36, located on Stockton Avenue over Aquetong Creek in New Hope Borough. Change Order #1

7. Health Department

- a. With: PrimeCare Medical, Inc.
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$37,487.97** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment to add inmate mental health services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

8. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bristol Borough
Amount: \$300,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2021 CDBG funding for the installation of ADA compliant curb ramps throughout the Borough.

10/1/21 – 9/30/22

- b. With: Bucks County Community College
 Newtown, PA
 Amount: \$208,000 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for 2020 CDBG funding to
 provide technical assistance and career training in pre-
 apprentice industrial maintenance and metalwork
 programs for county residents affected by COVID-19.
 1/1/21 – 12/31/22
- c. With: Bucks County Community College
 Newtown, PA
 Amount: \$112,800 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for 2020 CDBG
 funding to provide technical assistance and training for
 county residents affected by COVID-19.
 1/1/23 – 5/31/23
- d. With: Borough of Penndel
 Amount: \$122,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for 2021 CDBG funding for ADA
 compliant renovations of the Memorial Park restrooms.
 10/1/21 – 7/31/22
- e. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$104,160** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for 2020 CDBG
 funding to provide sheltering in hotels/motels due to
 limited capacity in shelters, needed due to COVID-19
 pandemic.
 4/1/22 – 4/30/22
- f. With: Interfaith Housing Development Corporation (IHDC)
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve partial repayment of Housing Trust Funds,
 release of county mortgage, and acceptance of net
 proceeds from sale to repay HOME funds, for property
 located at 131 Harrison Avenue in Morrisville.

- g. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$4,484,799 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve acceptance of HOME ARP grant funds to
 provide homelessness assistance and supportive
 services.
 9/20/21 – 9/30/30

9. Information Technology

- a. With: CivicPlus
 Manhattan, KS
 Amount: \$86,347.44** (County 62.6%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to include new
 features/enhancements for the redesign of county
 website.
 10/13/20 – 10/12/25

10. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: Juvenile Court Judges' Commission
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$605,890 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve renewal of grant agreement for juvenile and
 specialized probation services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

11. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Emergency Systems Service Company
 Quakertown, PA
 Amount: \$6,900** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for emergency
 rental of automatic transfer switch for Neshaminy Manor.
 10/26/21 – 12/18/21
- b. With: Genesis Eldercare Network Services, Inc.
 Kennett Square, PA
 Amount: \$94,800** (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
11/1/21 – 10/31/22

12. Parks & Recreation

a. With: ServePro of Germantown, Pennypack/Bustleton & Upper Bucks
Perkasie, PA
Amount: \$41,416.87 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide emergency cleanup of Hurricane Ida storm damage at Stover-Myers Mill.

13. Planning Commission

a. With: Kenneth & Barbara Underhill
Southampton, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve property easement for the Newtown Rail Trail extension to the Churchville Nature Center.

14. Purchasing

a. With: Absolutely Perfect, Inc.
Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$48,510* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide snow removal services.
11/15/21 – 5/14/23

b. With: Beard and Boards Handyman
Zionsville, PA
Amount: \$24,445* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide snow removal services.
11/15/21 – 5/14/23

c. With: LCS Management Group, LLC
Feasterville, PA
Amount: \$11,750* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide snow removal services.
11/15/21 – 5/14/23

a. With: Air Dynamics HVAC LLC
Newportville, PA
Amount: \$1,665** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide additional sheet metal training for one employee through PA CareerLink® Bucks County and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- b. With: Bucks County Community College,
 Newtown, PA
Amount: \$50,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve correction of the amount approved on 12/16/20
 agenda for In School Youth services for youth ages 14-21
 through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 (WIOA) grant. The amount of \$227,377 should have been
 \$277,377.
 7/1/20 – 6/30/21
- c. With: Caltech Manufacturing, Inc.
 Warminster, PA
Amount: \$45,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide On the Job Training (OJT)
 for eligible Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 (WIOA) participants.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- d. With: Cooper Mechanical, Inc.
 Ottsville, PA
Amount: \$6,600** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide plumbing apprenticeships for
 four employees through PA CareerLink® Bucks County
 and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
 funding.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- e. With: Custom Manufacturing Corp.
 Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$3,145.50** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide HAAS Service Training for
 one employee through PA CareerLink® Bucks County
 and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
 funding.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- f. With: D&E Builders
 Southampton, PA
Amount: \$17,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide On the Job Training (OJT)
 for eligible Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 (WIOA) participants.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- g. With: Griff Paper and Film
 Fallsington, PA
Amount: \$1,747.50** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide HAAS Service Training for
 one employee through PA CareerLink® Bucks County
 and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
 funding.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- h. With: Jillamy, Inc.
 Chalfont, PA
Amount: \$17,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide On the Job Training (OJT)
 for eligible Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 (WIOA) participants.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- i. With: Klover SEPA, Inc.
 Quakertown, PA
Amount: \$22,439.99** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide training for 14 employees
 through PA CareerLink® Bucks County and Workforce
 Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- j. With: Malmark, Inc.
 Plumsteadville, PA
Amount: \$9,436.50** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide HAAS Service Training for
 three employees through PA CareerLink® Bucks County
 and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
 funding.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- k. With: Martelli's Metal Fabrication, Inc.
 Ivyland, PA
Amount: \$17,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide On the Job Training (OJT)
 for eligible Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 (WIOA) participants.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- l. With: Phoenix Custom Machining, LLC
 Warminster, PA
Amount: \$3,145.50** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide HAAS Service Training for
 three employees through PA CareerLink® Bucks County
 and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
 funding.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- m. With: Quaint Oak Bank, Quaint Oak Bancorp, Inc.
 Southampton, PA
Amount: \$20,250** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide the Executive Growth
 Academy Program for 14 employees through PA
 CareerLink® Bucks County and Workforce Innovation
 and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- n. With: SP Industries, Inc.
 Warminster, PA
Amount: \$30,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Continuous Improvement
 (CI) Training and Coaching for 17 employees through PA
 CareerLink® Bucks County and Workforce Innovation
 and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- o. With: Tesco – The Eastern Specialty Company
 Bristol, PA
Amount: \$30,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Lean/CI Training and
 Coaching for 19 employees through PA CareerLink®
 Bucks County and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
 Act (WIOA) funding.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- p. With: Worth & Company
 Pipersville, PA
Amount: \$33,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide training for 20 employees
 through PA CareerLink® Bucks County and Workforce

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

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 16a – Deanna Giorno, Economic Development Program Manager with the Department of Workforce and Economic Development, provided additional information on this grant application.

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

16. Workforce & Economic Development

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| a. | With: | Philadelphia Works (Phila Works)
Philadelphia, PA |
| | Amount: | |
| | Purpose: | Approve Memorandum of Understanding for the federal Economic Development Association's "Good Jobs Challenge." |

B. Personnel Actions

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

C. Board Appointments

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

- #### 17. Workforce Development Board
- Christopher LaBonge
 - Dr. Felicia Ganther
 - Gregory F. Krug
 - Mateen Afzal
 - Dr. Mark Hoffman
 - Theodore Dorand

D. Other Civics

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

- #### 18. African American Museum of Bucks County - \$2,000

VII. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, thanked all departments for their contributions and hard work with the election yesterday, especially Gail Humphrey and Tom Freitag, who did a wonderful job. Special thanks also to Randy Miller for all his guidance throughout the duration.

A successful Household Hazardous Waste Event was held over the weekend in Quakertown with about 815 residents participating in the event.

Thirty-five Human Services applications have been received in the grant round for the American Rescue Act funds. They are being reviewed and will be presented to the commissioners during the next month. About 220 applications for business grants were received. That round has been extended until November 19th. The link to the application can be found on the website.

VIII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan reported on the standing Executive Session. Typically held the day before the Commissioners' Meeting, it was instead held on Monday, November 1st, due to the election yesterday. Personnel matters and litigation updates were discussed.

Mr. Khan provided an update from the Consumer Protection Department regarding an increase in "supply chain surcharges" that consumers are reportedly being charged at retail establishments. Retailers are required to notify consumers of these charges, usually by way of a sign at the register or in the front of the store. If you have been charged without being notified, you should contact Consumer Protection.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

In response to comments about election night reporting, Commissioner Harvie advised that they are in contact with the vendor. Regarding the voting machine issues, Mr. Regula explained that the problems stemmed from a USB issue that has been rectified and all votes have been reported.

Commissioner Harvie also spoke about all the long hours and effort put in by employees from all across the county and he thanked them for their work. He extended special thanks to the Board of Elections staff and Randy Miller, who did a tremendous job supervising, training, and keeping things organized throughout the day and night.

Commissioner Harvie reported that 250 businesses have already applied in the latest round of Bucks Back to Work grants. Applications will be accepted until November 19th for small businesses with less than 49 employees.

Commissioner Harvie shared some history about Veteran's Day, coming up on November 11th, and the significance of the poppy flower. He asked everyone to remember all those who have served in any branch of the military.

Commissioner DiGirolamo echoed prior thanks to all those who helped with the

election. He also emphasized the need for counties to be allowed to pre-canvas ballots to help expedite election results.

Commissioner DiGirolamo added his thanks to all men and women who have served this country in the armed forces.

Commissioner Marseglia also thanked all those who helped with the election, adding a special thanks to Commissioner Harvie, Chair of the Board of Elections.

X. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

- Megan Brock from Northampton Township spoke about the PA Department of Health communicating with county officials.
- Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, had questions about the results from two voting machines during the election yesterday.
- Jamie Walker from New Britain commented on a Central Bucks School District matter.
- Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead Township spoke about the guidance provided to the schools regarding COVID-19 and her support for Dr. Damsker.
- Doris Evans from the Small Business Administration, Office of Disaster Assistance, provided an update on outreach efforts for those suffering losses from Hurricane Ida.

XI. 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, November 17, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: November 17, 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*