

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2022

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 called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Marseglia welcomed the newly elected county row officers and invited all the row officers to introduce themselves. They were Pamela Van Blunk, Controller; Meredith Buck, Coroner; Matthew Weintraub, District Attorney; Coleen Christian, Prothonotary; Daniel McPhillips, Recorder of Deeds; Linda Bobrin, Register of Wills; Frederick Harran, Sheriff; and Kristian Ballerini, Treasurer.

III. NOMINATION and ELECTION of CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, and SECRETARY

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 2-0-1 with Commissioner Harvie abstaining, Robert Harvie, Jr. was appointed Chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 2-0-1 with Commissioner Marseglia abstaining, Diane Ellis-Marseglia was appointed Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2022.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 2-0-1 with Commissioner DiGirolamo abstaining, Gene DiGirolamo was appointed Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for 2022.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Dr. Felicia Ganther, Bucks County Community College

Dr. Felicia Ganther, President of Bucks County Community College presented a slide show and other information about college, including the various programs offered and future goals.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Commissioner Harvie advised that agenda item 10b was being tabled.

Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, commented on agenda item 6a. General Services Director Kevin Spencer responded a question posed by Mr. Warren regarding agenda item 6g.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, the following Resolutions from the consent agenda were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3-0, with the exception of item 10b, which was tabled.

A. Approve minutes from December 15, 2021 regular meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. BH/DP

a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$75,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to fund Housing Locator activities, to support housing sustainability for those with mental health issues.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

b. With: Merakey of Bucks County
Erdenheim, PA
Amount: \$1,273,068** (County 6.5%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide various services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

c. With: Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC
Jamison, PA
Amount: \$73,500** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide auditing services for the 2021 calendar year.
1/1/22 – 12/31/22

2. Board of Assessment

a. With: Tyler Technologies, Inc.
Moraine, OH
Amount: \$301,720 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide software maintenance for iasWorld.
1/1/22 – 12/31/22

3. Children & Youth

a. With: Bethany Children's Home
Womelsdorf, PA
Amount: \$300,000** (County 10%)

Purpose: Approve contract for residential, independent living, and shelter services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- b. With: Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley
Jenkintown PA
Amount: \$44,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide funding for the Safe Families Program.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- c. With: Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.
Warminster, PA
Amount: \$280,205** (County 12%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Bridge Housing and the HOME Family Stabilization program.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- d. With: Tabor Children's Services
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$950,000** (County 14%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide independent living, life skills and other supportive services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- e. With: Tabor Children's Services
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$520,079** (County 7%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide intensive family services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

4. Commissioners

- a. With: St. Mary Hospital Authority
c/o Ernest R. Closser, Curtin & Heefner LLP
Yardley, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve Resolution entitled "Approving a Financing Project" for the issuance of bonds by the Michigan Finance Authority on behalf of Trinity Health, solely for

the purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to finance and refinance miscellaneous capital projects at S. Mary Medical Center as described in the Resolution.

5. Coroner

- a. With: GE Healthcare (OEC Medical Systems)
Wauwatosa, WI
Amount: \$98,637** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve revised timeframe for contract to provide maintenance of fluoroscopy (x-ray) unit.
5/1/21 – 4/30/28

6. Corrections

- a. With: Amy Na
Jamison, PA
Amount: \$23,400** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide chaplain services.
1/1/22 – 12/31/22
- b. With: Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$285,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide recovery program.
1/1/22 – 12/31/22
- c. With: Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$106,500** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Pre-Trial Program.
1/1/22 – 6/30/22
- d. With: CHOR Youth & Family Services Inc.,
d/b/a Edison Court, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$15,008** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide therapy to inmates.

1/1/22 – 12/31/22

- e. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$25,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide anger management program.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

- f. With: Honeywell Building Solutions
 Fort Washington, PA
 Amount: \$3,535,828.37 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide service and maintenance of
 management and monitoring systems at Correctional
 Facility and Youth Center.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/26

- g. With: Honeywell Building Solutions
 Fort Washington, PA
 Amount: \$267,900** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve fire alarm system contract increase and
 extension for the Women's Correctional Facility
 expansion project to include additional smoke dampers.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

- h. With: VITA Education Services
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$108,554** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide various workshops and
 programs at the correctional facilities.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

7. District Attorney

- a. With: Richard J. Mangan
 New Hope, PA
 Amount: \$32,958.80** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

8. Emergency Communications

- a. With: Central Square Technologies
 Lake Mary, FL
 Amount: \$34,479.68 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Metro RMS Versaterm CAD Interface.

9. Emergency Management

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$13,520,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve 2021 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Agreement for Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force.
 9/1/21 – 8/31/24
- b. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$1,261,633 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve 2021 State Homeland Security Grant Program agreement for Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force.
 9/1/21 – 8/31/24

10. General Services

- a. With: Bergmann
 Conshohocken, PA
 Amount: \$105,123** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide engineering design and construction consultation services for the rehabilitation of Bridge #334 on Sterner Mill Road over Poquessing Creek in Lower Southampton Township.
- b. With: **TABLED**

 Gilah Properties LLC, c/o Bucks County Office Center
 Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$906,852.74 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve rental of office space for PA CareerLink® Bucks County.

11/1/21 – 10/31/24

- c. With: INTEX Environmental Group, Inc.
 Pipersville, PA
Amount: \$19,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for engineering services at the
 Hidden Valley Landfill.
 5/1/20 – 4/30/22
- d. With: Mar-Allen Concrete Products, Inc.
 Ephrata, PA
Amount: \$51,725** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for emergency repair of Bridge #172 on
 Old Carversville Road over Paunnacussing Creek in
 Solebury Township.
 30 days from NTP
- e. With: McMahon Associates, Inc.
 Exton, PA
Amount: \$108,168** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide engineering design and
 construction consultation services for the rehabilitation of
 Bridge #356 on Erie Road over Tohickon Creek in
 Richland Township.
- f. With: Michael Calvin, Inc. d/b/a Pinnacle Vending Group
 Bristol, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide vending services
 at 8 county locations and food services at the
 Administration Building and Justice Center.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22
- g. With: STV Incorporated
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$89,970.93** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide engineering design and
 construction consultation services for the rehabilitation of
 Bridge #365 on Beaver Run Road over Beaver Creek in
 Tinicum Township.

11. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Cornwell Heights Senior Housing, L.P.
 c/o Conifer Realty, LLC
 Rochester, NY
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve sale of Housing Trust Fund note for \$600,000
 and Subordination of the HOME funded mortgage.
-
- b. With: CSH
 New York, NY
- Amount: \$50,000** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide technical consulting services.
 12/1/21 – 11/30/22
-
- c. With: Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania
 Norristown, PA
- Amount: \$70,000** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for 2020 CDBG
 funding to provide free legal services for low to moderate
 income individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22
-
- d. With: Northeast & Bucks Company
 d/b/a Mullin & Lonergan Associates
 Mechanicsburg, PA
- Amount: \$50,000** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide Environmental Review
 Records (ERR) technical assistance consultant.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22
-
- e. With: Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County
 Bristol, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve contract extension for 2017 CDBG funding for
 housing rehabilitation program.
 2/1/22 – 7/31/22

12. Human Resources

- | | | |
|----|----------|---|
| a. | With: | Envision Sustainability Tools Inc.
Vancouver BC |
| | Amount: | \$28,000** (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to purchase annual license for software
for municipal planning projects.
1 year from date of execution |

- b. With: Haycock Township
 Amount: \$35,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide planning services.
 1/3/22 – 1/3/24

16. Purchasing

- a. With: Bob Barker
 Fuquay-Varina, NC
 Amount: \$73,625.67* (County 54%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase
 inmate clothing.
 1/13/22 – 1/12/23

- b. With: JAB Trading Industries, LLC
 San Antonio, TX
 Amount: \$1,000* (County 50%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase
 inmate clothing.
 1/13/22 – 3/3/22

- c. With: Victory Supply, LLC
 Mount Pleasant, TN
 Amount: \$6,000* (County 25%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase
 inmate clothing.
 1/13/22 – 3/3/22

- d. With: WB Mason
 Brockton, MA
 Amount: \$75,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 paper products.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

17. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Ameriscend, LLC

- Warminster, 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
- b. With: Atlas Aerospace, LLC d/b/a Brenner Aerostructures, Inc.
Wichita, KS
- Amount: \$2,621.25** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide Haas training for one employee through Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) and PA CareerLink® Bucks County funding.
7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- c. With: Celebrate Us Workforce Training
Gwynn Oak, MD
- Amount: \$11,100** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide training and Community Healthcare Worker Certification through Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) and PA CareerLink® Bucks County funding.
7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- d. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc.
Dearborn, MI
- Amount: \$140,000** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 contract increase for programs, activities, and job training for underemployed and unemployed individuals.
7/1/20 – 6/30/21
- e. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc.
Dearborn, MI
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve contract amendment to align the scope of work with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) definition of dislocated workers.
- f. With: Insurance Shops
Feasterville, PA

Amount: \$25,500** (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

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

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

18. Commissioners

Commissioner Harvie provided clarification on agenda item 18a.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, the following Resolution from the regular agenda was approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3-0.

- a. With:
Amount:
Purpose: Approve resolution ratifying, confirming, and restating Declaration of Disaster Emergency of December 29, 2021 through January 31, 2022, relative to increased response required for COVID variants.

19. Courts

Court Administrator Stephen Heckman provided additional information on agenda item 19a. Commissioner Harvie offered clarification between the Children & Youth Conflict Counsel and Criminal Conflict Counsel. Commissioner Marseglia expressed her concern with the amount of County funds being spent on attorneys who are on both lists. Additional discussion on the matter followed.

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, the following Resolution from the regular agenda was approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3-0.

- a. With: Children & Youth Conflict Counsel
1. Stuart Wilder
 2. Keith J. Williams
 3. Peter M. Williams

Amount: \$74,755.44* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contracts with three private attorneys to represent parties in dependency cases when there is a

conflict of interest with Legal Aid.
(\$24,918.48 per contract)
1/1/22 – 12/31/22

20. Health Department

Audrey Kenny, Director of Emergency Services provided an update on the county's vaccination efforts.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, the following Resolutions from the regular agenda were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3-0.

- a. With: FW PA-Warwick Plaza LLC
 Jacksonville, FL
 Amount: \$49,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve lease agreement to allow use of space at
 Warwick Square Shopping Center for public vaccination
 administration.
 1/1/22 – 9/30/22

- b. With: Neshaminy Mall Limited Partnership
 f/k/a Neshaminy Mall Joint Venture Limited Partnership
 Chicago, IL
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve extension of site agreement to allow use of
 facility at the Neshaminy Mall for public vaccination
 administration.
 1/1/22 – 6/30/22

- c. With: Safeware, Inc.
 Lanham, MD
 Amount: \$2,775,888** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of COVID-19 antigen home test kits.

- d. With: Safeware, Inc.
 Lanham, MD
 Amount: \$251,904** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of COVID-19 antigen test kits for
 county schools and non-vaccinated county employees.

21. Treasurer

County Treasurer Kris Ballerini provided information on the role of SEF in

implementing the final piece of the C-PACE program.

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, the following Resolution from the regular agenda was approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3-0.

- a. With: PP&L Sustainable Energy Fund (SEF)
 Schecksville, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve appointment of project administrator in
 conjunction with the County's implementation of the C-
 PACE Program.
 1/5/22 – ongoing

22. Workforce & Economic Development

Commissioner Harvie explained that the Business Grant lists in items 22 were separated into two agenda items because Commissioner DiGirolamo's sister has an interest in a business that was awarded a grant and he will not be voting on item 22(b).

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, the following Resolution from the regular agenda was approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3-0.

- a. With:
 Amount: \$30,000**/participant (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve list of businesses and non-profits to be awarded
 funds in phase two of the Bucks Business Recovery
 Grant Program, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act
 (ARPA). (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)

Commissioner DiGirolamo offered assurances that he was not involved in the awarding of these grants and will recuse himself from voting on the grant for his sister's business, Shear Style, Inc.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, the following Resolution from the regular agenda was approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 2-0-1, with Commissioner DiGirolamo abstaining.

- b. With:
 Amount: \$2,000 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve awarding of funds in phase two of the Bucks
 Business Recovery Grant Program, funded by the
 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), to Shear Style, Inc.
 (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)

B. Personnel Actions

Commissioner Harvie advised that there is an update to the list that was posted yesterday due to some items not reflecting the correct compensation rate.

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

C. Board Appointments

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

23. Airport Authority

- Steven A. Lindrooth

America250PA – Bucks County Commission

- Chad J. Evans
- Douglas A. Miller
- Mary Gesualdi
- Judi Reiss
- Paul Bencivengo
- Linda Salley
- Kyle McKoy

Area Agency on Aging

- Michael Bannon
- Yagnesh Choksi
- James Kelly
- Barbara Minter
- Robert Silberg

Bucks County Opportunity Council

- Constance M. Furman

Industrial Development Authority

- Stephen Marzullo

MH/DP

- Dianna Kelly

Planning Commission

- James Miller
- Judi Reiss
- Dave Nyman

St. Mary Hospital Authority

- James McCaffery

Water & Sewer Authority

- George Hutt

D. Other Civics

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

- 24. Animal Lifeline - \$1,000
- BC SPCA - \$5,000
- Christmas Gala - \$1,500
- Doylestown FISH - \$1,500

VIII. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, welcomed the new row officers and said she looked forward to working with them.

Ms. McKevitt commented on the retirements of Security Director Chris Daley, who is leaving at the end of this week, and Purchasing Director Maureen McIlvaine, who is leaving in March. She thanked them both for their years of service to the county.

IX. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan congratulated the new row officers and commissioners on their new positions. He thanked Commissioner Marseglia for her leadership during the past two years.

Mr. Khan reported on Executive Sessions held since the last Commissioners' Meeting:

- January 4th – to discuss personnel, employment, and collective bargaining matters, pending litigation, and emergency preparedness related to the latest COVID variant.
- December 29th and 30th – to sign and execute the Emergency Disaster Declaration

X. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

Patricia Doeblner from Chalfont spoke about unity and the disaster declaration

The following individuals spoke about various items related to COVID-19, including masking/quarantining and/or the emergency declaration:

- Jamie Walker from Chalfont
- Megan Brock from Northampton Township
- Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead Township

Mr. Warren spoke about people illegally crossing the southern border, where they are moved to, and their vaccination statuses.

In response to the questions regarding the Emergency Declaration, Mr. Khan explained Pennsylvania's Emergency Management Services Act and the process of declaring and ratifying a state of emergency.

XI. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo thanked everyone for their various expressions of sympathy upon the recent death of his sister.

Commissioner Marseglia commented on tomorrow being the one-year anniversary of the insurrection at the capitol. She said people shouldn't be lied to because they will eventually believe the lies and become angry. The commissioner spoke about the email she received in August regarding Dr. Damsker and said that they never entertained the notion of firing him.

Commissioner Harvie echoed Ms. McKevitt's thanks and best wishes on the retirements of Chris Daley and Maureen McIlvaine.

On behalf of his family and county staff, Commissioner Harvie expressed his sympathy to Commissioner DiGirolamo on the loss of his sister.

Commissioner Harvie reflected on the Oaths the Row Officers recently took, as well as the commissioners' own oaths they took two years ago. He said that inherent in the pledges is that they treat all people humanely and decently, and no matter how difficult that may be at times they need to keep doing it.

Commissioner Harvie reflected on all the lives that have been lost over the past year and he called for a moment of silence.

Commissioner Harvie thanked all those involved with putting these meetings together and he thanked the other commissioners for their confidence in him.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: January 19, 2022
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

ATTEST:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

Gail Humphrey
Chief Clerk