

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 4, 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 Ellis-Marseglia welcomed everyone to the meeting and Director of Security Chris Daley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Marseglia welcomed county row officer Meredith Buck, Controller. The Commissioner noted that due to the pandemic, fewer people were there than they would like, and everyone is wearing a mask.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None

BOARD ORGANIZATION

Commissioner Marseglia called for a motion to maintain the current board organization. Commissioner Harvie made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, and approved with a vote of 3-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Solicitor Joe Khan introduced the Honorable Juan R. Sánchez, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who was there to administer the Oath of Office to Assistant County Solicitor Rachel Thompson. Mr. Khan shared some background information on both Judge Sánchez and Ms. Thompson. Judge Sánchez introduced Ms. Thompson, as well as her parents, Ross and Joy Thompson. He spoke about Ms. Thompson’s time as a clerk in his chambers and said she will be an excellent Assistant Solicitor for Bucks County. Judge Sánchez then administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Thompson.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve minutes from the December 16, 2020 regular meeting
- B. Approve minutes from the December 23, 2020 special meeting
- C. Resolutions

1. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Comprehensive Care Connections, Inc. Pittsburgh, PA	Approve contract extension to provide representation, staff training, and support relative to implementation of Community Health Choices. 1/1/21 – 6/30/22	
	b. Deirdre Blackburn Frenchtown, NJ	Approve contract increase and extension to provide consultant services for development of a pilot Senior Technology Outreach Program to help cope with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. 12/31/20 – 6/30/21	\$12,500** (County 0%)
2. BH/DP	a. Access Services, Inc. Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract increase to provide funding for the Alternative Care Site. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$300,000** (County 2.8%)
	b. Association for Habilitation and Employment of the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. Camp Hill, PA	Approve contract to provide supported employment and transportation services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$105,924** (County 3.9%)
	c. BARC Developmental Services, Inc. Holicong, PA	Approve contract to provide various services to individuals with intellectual disabilities and early intervention services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$2,544,176** (County 9%)

3. CHILDREN & YOUTH	d.	CO-MANS, Inc. Pennadel, PA	Approve contract to provide supported living, supported housing, and community residential services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$710,515** (County 3.9%)
	e.	Constance Romer-Quirin New Britain, PA	Approve contract to provide services for those with intellectual disabilities and to participate in the Human Rights Committee. 11/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$10,000** (County 3.9%)
	f.	Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide early intervention services for children up to age three. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$691,265** (County 10%)
	g.	Horizon House, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide supported living and residential services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$858,262** (County 3.9%)
	h.	Richmond Psychotherapy & Wellness, PLLC Richmond, VA	Approve contract to provide COVID Resilience Skills Training Program. 1/1/21 – 6/30/21	\$5,300** (County 0%)
	i.	Step by Step Pediatric Therapy, Inc. Wyomissing, PA	Approve contract to provide early intervention services. 12/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$3,200** (County 10%)
	a.	Access Services Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract to provide specialized foster care services for children with special needs. 7/1/20 – 6/30/22	\$500,000** (County 11%)
	b.	Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley Jenkintown, PA	Approve contract increase to purchase PPE supplies needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$500** (County 0%)
	c.	Edison Court, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase to purchase PPE supplies needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$10,000** (County 0%)
	d.	Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to operate the family reunification program. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$205,000** (County 0%)
4. COMMISSIONERS	e.	K/S Consultants, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract to provide family therapy, advocate services and education consultation. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$270,000** (County 18%)
	f.	K/S Consultants, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract to provide the Truancy Prevention/Diversion program. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$345,000** (County 10%)
	g.	K/S MST, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract to provide multisystemic therapy services to youth and families. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$85,000** (County 5%)
	h.	University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	Approve contract between Laura I. Andriulli and the University of Pittsburgh for Child Welfare Education program. 12/3/20 – Graduation	
	i.	YMCA of Bucks County Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase to purchase PPE supplies needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$50,000** (County 0%)
	a.	Bucks County Transport, Inc. Holicong, PA	Approve appropriation of funds to provide shuttle services. 12/1/20 – 11/30/21	\$5,000 (County 100%)

5. CORRECTIONS	a. Amy Na Ivyland, PA	Approve contract to provide chaplain services. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$23,400** (County 0%)
	b. Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide recovery program. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$285,000** (County 100%)
	c. Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide Pre-Trial Program. 1/1/21 – 6/30/21	\$105,025** (County 100%)
	d. Edison Court, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide therapy to inmates. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$15,008** (County 0%)
	e. Galls, LLC Lexington, KY	Approve contract to purchase personal body armor vests and accessories, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic.	\$30,872.56 (County 0%)
	f. Network of Victim Assistance Jamison, PA	Approve contract to provide Post Traumatic Stress Disorder program and victim advocacy. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$3,335** (County 0%)
6. COURTS	a. Children & Youth Conflict Counsel 1. Judith A. Algeo 2. Curtin & Heefner, LLP 3. Elissa B. Heinrichs 4. Francine Kaplan 5. TiffanyThomas-Smith 6. Stuart Wilder 7. Keith J. Williams 8. Peter M. Williams	Approve contracts with eight private attorneys to represent parties in dependency cases when there is a conflict of interest with Legal Aid. (\$22,856.04 per contract) 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$182,848.32* (County 100%)
	b. Conflict Counsel 1. Timothy J. Barton 2. Harry J. Cooper 3. Eastburn & Gray, P.C. 4. Neils C. Eriksen, Jr. 5. Mel D. Kardos 6. Daniel M. Keane 7. Charles D. Jonas 8. Bonnie-Ann Brill Keagy 9. Patrick J. McMenamin, Jr. 10. Wm. Craig Penglase 11. Daniel J. Schatz 12. Marc S. Stolee 13. Stuart Wilder 14. Keith J. Williams 15. Peter M. Williams	Approve contracts with fifteen private attorneys to represent individual defendants in cases when there is a conflict of interest with the Bucks County Public Defender's Office. (\$38,835.48 per contract) 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$582,532.20* (County 100%)
	c. Sean M. Gresh, Esquire Perkasie, PA	Approve contract for mental health review officer to act as hearing officer for petitions filed in Bucks County Court under the Mental Health and Retardation Act. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor) 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$58,805.88** (County 100%)
	d. Sean R. Ryan Perkasie, PA	Approve contract to act as General Master in Court matters. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor) 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$15,000** (County 100%)
7. EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES	a. Tomi Environmental Solutions – Steramist Frederick, MD	Approve purchase of cleansing system, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic.	\$34,357 (County 0%)
8. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	a. AMI Expeditionary Healthcare, LLC Reston, VA	Approve contract to provide COVID testing services. 1/4/21 – 1/27/21	\$1,132,312.95* (County 0%)
	b. McKesson Medical Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract to purchase test kits for the COVID-19 pandemic.	\$1,770,000* (County 0%)

	c.	Tetra Tech, Inc. Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract increase to modify the scope of the Pandemic After-Action report. 9/16/20 – completion	\$11,655.65** (County 0%)
9. FIRE MARSHAL	a.	Fortress Protection, LLC Cherry Hill, NJ	Approve contract to provide inspection and maintenance of county fire, burglar, and panic alarm systems. 1/1/21 – 12/31/23	\$84,975** (County 100%)
	b.	Sobieski Life Safety Newark, DE	Approve contract to provide inspection and maintenance of county fire suppression systems. 1/1/21 – 12/31/23	\$68,493** (County 100%)
10. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	a.	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve Hazardous Material Response Fund (Act 165) grant. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$48,493 (Revenue)
11. HUMAN RESOURCES	a.	Independence Blue Cross Philadelphia, PA	Approve amendments to Administrative Services Agreements for Keystone Health Plan East and PPO plans. 1/1/20 – 12/31/22	
12. HUMAN SERVICES	a.	Patricia M. Griffin, Ph.D. d/b/a Griffin Consulting, LLC East Norriton, PA	Approve contract to provide consulting services for the Co-Responder program. 12/1/20 – 12/31/22	\$14,000** (County 3.9%)
13. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a.	Vertiv Corporation Columbus, OH	Approve contract increase to purchase batteries for uninterrupted power supply for Administration Building data center.	\$8,170.37** (County 100%)
14. WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	a.	Chester County Economic Development Council Exton, PA	Approve Memorandum of Understanding to provide oversight of the PA DCED Engage! Program. 11/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$12,000 (Revenue)

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Items 15a through 1 – Jeff Fields, Director of Housing & Community Development, provided more detailed information on these contracts and funding sources for eviction prevention and housing assistance. Mr. Fields spoke about the Housing Link and urged anyone in need of housing assistance to call 1(800)810-4434. In response to a question from Commissioner Harvie, Mr. Fields estimated that 500 – 600 households were helped this past year through these various programs. Emphasizing that these programs really do work, Commissioner DiGirolamo shared a story about a recent situation in which he contacted Mr. Fields about someone who had reached out to him for assistance, and Mr. Fields and his staff were able to help.

Item 16a – Tom Jennings, from FisherBroyles LLP, provided information on this transition of Planning Commission Solicitor to the Law Department.

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

15. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a.	Advocates for Homeless and Those in Need Fairless Hills, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to support shelters during Code Blue events, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 1/1/21 – 4/30/21	\$52,350** (County 0%)
	b.	Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks Quakertown, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to support shelters during Code Blue events, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 1/1/21 – 4/30/21	\$20,191** (County 0%)
	c.	ATM Marketing Services Doylestown, PA	Approve contract extension to provide marketing services to increase participation in housing programs, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 12/31/20 – 1/30/21	

	d.	Bucks County Housing Group Warminster, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to administer the Eviction Prevention Program, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$495,414.85** (County 0%)
	e.	Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to administer the Eviction Prevention Financial Assistance Program, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 1/1/21 – 12/31/22	\$604,834** (County 0%)
	f.	Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to provide interim sheltering and supportive housing services, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 1/1/21 – 12/31/22	\$130,000** (County 0%)
	g.	Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to support shelters during Code Blue events, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 1/1/21 – 4/30/21	\$44,014.15** (County 0%)
	h.	Credit Counseling Center Richboro, PA	Approve contract extension to provide foreclosure prevention counseling and emergency mortgage assistance, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 12/31/20 – 6/30/21	
	i.	Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to provide sheltering in hotels/motels due to limited capacity in shelters, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 1/1/21 – 3/31/22	\$231,810** (County 0%)
	j.	Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant extension for 2019 Emergency Solutions Grant to fund Housing Locator activities, rental and financial assistance, and housing stability case management services. 3/27/21 – 5/26/21	
	k.	S&T Bank Lancaster, PA	Approve subordination and intercreditor agreement for the Sellersville Senior Apartments, LLC Project.	
	l.	YWCA Bucks County Trevose, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to provide eviction prevention financial assistance services, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$331,049** (County 0%)
16. PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	FisherBroyles LLP Yardley, PA	Approve termination of outside counsel fee agreement for Planning Commission Solicitor and transfer of Solicitor duties to Bucks County Law Department 1/22/20 – 12/31/20	(\$1,250)

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, the following Budget Adjustment was adopted:

2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

January 4, 2021

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional revenue and expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #23	HazMat	100,000
	HazMat (Revenue)	(100,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

PERSONNEL

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

COMMISSIONERS LIST January 4, 2021								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources Item numbers 1 through 56								
POSITION CHANGE								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
1	4519	Aja D. Carr	Caseworker TO Clerk Typist II	Children and Youth	04	37.5	1/18/2021	26.41 PH TO 19.47 PH
2	N/A	Brandon C. Ingraham	Deputy Public Defender TO Senior Deputy Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	1/11/2021	69,330.00 PA TO 96,062.00 PA
3	4539	Christopher Kotch	911 Data Entry Specialist - PD TO Dispatcher - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	15.0	1/11/2021	13.79 PH TO 27.00 PH
4	N/A	Patrick R. Kovitch	Dispatcher I TO Assistant Computer Aided Dispatch Coordinator	911 Emergency Response	03 TO 00	40.0	1/11/2021	27.81 PH TO 29.80 PH
5	N/A	Brian P. McBeth	Assistant Public Defender TO Deputy Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	1/11/2021	54,121.00 PA TO 69,330.00 PA
6	N/A	Rosalie Scheidler	Dispatcher I TO QA Specialist	911 Emergency Response	03 TO 00	40.0	1/11/2021	27.81 PH TO 31.39 PH
7	N/A	Lisa Y. Williams	Senior Deputy Public Defender TO Chief Deputy Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	1/11/2021	96,062.00 PA TO 114,964.00 PA

TRANSFER								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
8	N/A	J.C Bailey	Assistant Administrator	General Services TO NM Business Office	00	40.0	1/2/2021	114,326.00 PA
9	N/A	Sean M. Corr	Special Project Solicitor TO IV - D Attorney I	Law Department TO Domestic Relations	77	40.0	1/7/2021	6,000.00 PA
10	N/A	Linda D. Fitzpatrick	Assistant Environmental Services Director	General Services TO NM Laundry Services	00	40.0	1/2/2021	71,400.00 PA
11	4545	Brittney A. Jones	Human Resources Manager TO Assistant Business Manager	Human Resources TO General Services	00	40.0	1/11/2021	57,222.00 PA TO 60,000.00 PA
12	N/A	Victoria Schaffer	Environmental Services Director	General Services TO NM Housekeeping Services	00	40.0	1/2/2021	72,420.00 PA

SALARY ADJUSTMENT								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
13	N/A	Claudia Barton	Bid Manager	Purchasing	00	40.0	1/4/2021	63,690.00 PA TO 67,545.00 PA
14	N/A	Keri L. Cohen	Assistant Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	1/11/2021	52,020.00 PA TO 58,000.00 PA
15	N/A	Emily R. DiDomenico	Human Resources Generalist	Human Resources	00	40.0	1/4/2021	38,189 PA TO 40,689.00 PA
16	N/A	Danielle Guiteras	Assistant Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	1/11/2021	54,121.00 PA TO 58,000.00 PA TO
17	N/A	Mary K. Marsden	Assistant Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	1/11/2021	52,020.00 PA TO 58,000.00 PA
18	N/A	Stephanie A. Moyer	Assistant Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	1/11/2021	54,121.00 PA TO 58,000.00 PA
19	N/A	Lorraine J. Shinnners	Human Resources Generalist	Human Resources	00	40.0	1/4/2021	38,953.00 PA TO 41,453.00 PA
20	N/A	Martin Shnyder	Assistant Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	1/11/2021	52,020.00 PA TO 58,000.00 PA
21	N/A	Jane M. Shunk	Human Resources Generalist	Human Resources	00	40.0	1/4/2021	37,440.00 PA TO 39,940.00 PA

TITLE CHANGE								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
22	N/A	Karen F. Brady	Assistant Director TO 2nd Deputy Director Tax Claim	Tax Claim	00	40.0	12/19/2020	63,644.00 PA
23	N/A	Barbara L. DiNoia	Director TO Deputy Director Tax Claim	Tax Claim	11 TO 00	40.0	12/19/2020	66,957.00 PA

CHANGE IN HOURS								
	REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
24	N/A	Joseph W. Cepparulo	Coordinator	Tax Claim	03	35.0 TO 40.0	1/1/2021	24.50 PH
25	N/A	Michael S. Walker	Coordinator	Tax Claim	03	35.0 TO 40.0	1/1/2021	24.50 PH

SEPARATION								
	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE		COMPENSATION		
26	Violene Alphonse	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	12/7/2020		21.20 PH		
27	Edward J. Boshell Jr	Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	1/4/2021		27.81 PH		
28	Hannah J. Bryant	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020		15.00 PH		
29	Samara L. Charles	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	11/20/2020		30.38 PH		
30	Richard A. Clee	Caseworker	Children and Youth	1/20/2021		34.78 PH		
31	Bette M. Crane	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020		15.00 PH		
32	Dale L. Davis	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	1/1/2021		21.62 PH		
33	Letiza Dussuau	Registered Nurse - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	12/22/2020		37.74 PH		
34	Scott T. Forster	Director Emergency Services	Emergency Management Agency	1/2/2021***		110,610.00 PA		
35	Vida B. Fox	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020		15.00 PH		

36	Patrick G. Herman	Assistant Forester	General Services	12/18/2020	31.58 PH
37	Eric W. Hinrichs	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020	15.00 PH
38	Michael P. Hopkins	Custodian	General Services	1/4/2021	24.21 PH
39	Carol A. Kenney	Records Administrator	Main Jail	1/4/2021	24.50 PH
40	Kelcey M. Knight	911 Financial Technician	911 Emergency Response	1/8/2021	20.84 PH
41	Mary J. Kremser	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020	15.00 PH
42	Paul K. Lagana	Warden	Main Jail	12/28/2020***	103,468.00 PA
43	Victoria A. Landis	Caseworker	Children and Youth	12/16/2020	25.36 PH
44	Matthew J. McGahran	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020	15.00 PH
45	Rebecca M. McKevitt	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020	15.00 PH
46	Alex Perez	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	1/3/2021	28.79 PH
47	Emma F. Rosenthal	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020	15.00 PH
48	Cherie L. Santai	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	12/18/2020	32.43 PH
49	Alexander E. Schnitzer	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020	15.00 PH
50	David M. Schnitzer	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020	15.00 PH
51	Charles W. Shine	Records Officer	Main Jail	1/4/2021	30.81 PH
52	Hannah R. Smith	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020	15.00 PH
53	Douglas E. Tague	Activities Assistant	NM Activities	1/19/2021	21.20 PH
54	Steven J. Thomas Peer	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020	15.00 PH
55	Benjamin J. Wachspress	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	12/15/2020	15.00 PH
56	Camille C. Walker	Nursing Assistant - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	12/18/2020	21.42 PH
*Estimated Date **Never Started ***Agreement ****Reinstatement					

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

<u>Area Agency on Aging (3-year term)</u>		
Jane Fox-Laquer	reappointment	term expires 1/1/24
Patsy H. Long	reappointment	term expires 1/1/24
Laura Poust	reappointment	term expires 1/1/24
Tammi Lee Mancuso	reappointment	term expires 1/1/24
<u>Community College Authority (5-year term)</u>		
William Appleton	new appointment	term expires 1/1/26
<u>Conservation District (4-year term)</u>		
Dwight L. Ely	reappointment	term expires 12/31/24
<u>Library Board</u>		
Jonathan Panofsky	new appointment	term expires 11/1/22*
*finishing term of another appointee		
<u>Mental Health/Developmental Programs Advisory (MH/DP) (3-year term)</u>		
Diana G. Santoro	reappointment	term expires 1/4/24
Dr. Malcolm Neil Burgess	reappointment	term expires 1/4/24
Hyong Un, MD	reappointment	term expires 1/4/24
<u>Opportunity Council (3-year term)</u>		
Jacob A. Iampietro	reappointment	term expires 12/31/23
<u>Planning Commission (4-year term)</u>		
Edward Tokmajian	new appointment	term expires 1/1/25
James J. Keenan	new appointment	term expires 1/1/25
Tom Jennings	new appointment	term expires 1/1/25
Regarding departing board member Ed Kisselback, Commissioner DiGirolamo recognized the good work that he accomplished during his twenty years on the Planning Commission Board.		
<u>Saint Mary Hospital Authority (5-year term)</u>		
Anna Payne	new appointment	term expires 12/31/25
<u>Workforce Development Board (3-year term)</u>		
Jeane M. Vidoni	new appointment	term expires 1/1/24

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 2-0-1, the following appointment was approved (with Commissioner Harvie abstaining since he is the appointee):

<u>Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority (5-year term)</u>		
Robert J. Harvie	new appointment	term expires 1/5/26

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

OTHER CIVICS

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

American Red Cross	\$1,000
Animal Lifeline	\$1,000
BC SPCA	\$5,000
League of Women Voters of Bucks County	\$1,200
Livengrin Foundation	\$1,500
SCORE	\$2,800

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

Peace Center	\$2,000
Rolling Harvest Food Rescue	\$2,500

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, wished everyone a happy, healthy, new year and reported on the following:

County Offices – Even though the governor has lifted some restrictions, county staff are still expected to telework whenever possible. Anyone needing to do business with the county is encouraged to contact departments directly to arrange an appointment.

COVID-19 PCR Testing – The County will be offering testing at three sites, beginning on January 11th. These will be offered seven days a week as follows:

- Delaware Valley University – 10 am to 7 pm
- Bucks County Community College, Upper Bucks – 10 am to 7 pm
- Bucks County Community College, Lower Bucks – Saturdays through Thursdays from 10 am to 7 pm, and Fridays from 2 to 8 pm

This testing will run for twenty-one days. Those being tested are asked to wear a face mask, bring a cell phone (if they have one), and insurance information (if they have it). Those without insurance can still be tested. In the future, these locations will be converted to vaccination sites. The Planning Commission has also developed a vaccination portal page on the county website where this information will be available.

EMS Vaccinations – The County, through the Health Services Division, is partnering with area hospitals and Woods Services in Langhorne to administer vaccinations to emergency medical services personnel. These individuals will receive an email invitation to sign-up for the vaccination. EMS providers with questions can email BCEHS@buckscounty.org or call (215)340-8735.

Ms. McKevitt congratulated the Board of Commissioners on completing their first year. She commented on things they have accomplished and on goals for the coming year.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Khan invited Mike Bannon, Director of Consumer Protection/Weights and Measures, to speak. Mr. Bannon shared a recent experience in which he was able to help a friend in trouble by contacting the Bensalem police and using the co-responder program. He indicated that they were very successful in dealing with the situation and he cited it as an example of how well the program works.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Referencing a recent article about the minimum wage being raised in several states, Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke in favor of doing this in Pennsylvania as well. He said that once the pandemic is over, he would like to do a resolution or letter to the state addressing the matter. Commissioner Marseglia said she looks forward to advocating for that in the future.

Commissioner Harvie wished everyone a happy 2021 and reflected on all that has happened in the past year. He noted that having two new incoming commissioners at the same time is unusual, and adding a new Chief Operating Officer, Solicitor, and Chief Clerk, resulted in much of the weight falling on Commissioner Marseglia. He thanked her for her leadership over the past year.

Commissioner Marseglia spoke about the transition team report and the goals that they were able to accomplish in 2020. Some of these included making the commissioner meetings more accessible, digitizing documents, initiating electronic signatures, county staff being able to tele-work, and expansion of the local produce program at the jail and Neshaminy Manor. Some of the goals the commissioner hopes to achieve in 2021 include increasing tolerance and diversity through county procedures and policies, perfecting interdepartmental communication, and the implementation of a mental health court to reduce the number of people with mental illness being sent to jail.

PUBLIC COMMENT

In response to questions from former Commissioner Andy Warren, Mr. Fields provided additional clarification regarding the Community Development Block Grant funding and CARES Act funding.

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, January 20, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Room.

Approved: January 20, 2021

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

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ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*