

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 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 Robert J. Harvie, Chair; Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Vice Chair; and Commissioner Gene DiGirolamo, Secretary. Commissioner Harvie welcomed everyone to the meeting and Deputy COO/Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A.

A. Commendations to Tullytown Officer Nate Aldsworth and Bucks County 911 operator Jaclyn Caravello

B. Bucks County NAACP Presentation

C. Official Podcast Launch: Bucks County Conversations

The commissioners presented commendations to Tullytown Officer Nate Aldsworth and Bucks County 911 operator Jaclyn Caravello, for their skilled and swift action in saving the life of an infant that was not breathing and thanked them for their service to the community.

Karen Downer, Director of the NAACP Bucks County presented a slide show of the Organization's activities of the past year and a half.

Commissioner Harvie, with Eric Nagy, Director of Policy and Communications, introduced Charlotte Reese, Digital Media Specialist, who presented information on the launch of the podcast "Bucks County Conversations."

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, had questions on several agenda items which were addressed as follows:

Item 2d - Commissioner Harvie responded

Item 3a - Chief Clerk, Gail Humphrey responded

Items 9a & c - Chief Operating Officer, Margaret McKeivitt responded

Item 18 - Commissioner Harvie responded

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, 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 February 2, 2022 regular meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Adult Probation

- a. With: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency
 Harrisburg, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding to conduct a
 study of criminal recidivism.

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Be Well Supportive Living LLC
 Bristol, PA
- Amount: \$38,600.01** (County 2.1%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment to renovate
 and operate Transition House.
 8/1/21 – 6/30/22
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- b. With: Eagleville Hospital
 Eagleville, PA
- Amount: \$60,000** (County 3.9%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide inpatient services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
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- c. With: PA Health Management
 Lancaster, PA
- Amount: \$20,000** (County 3.11%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide Home and Community
 Services.
 12/1/21 – 6/30/22
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- d. With: Penn Foundation, Inc.
 Sellersville, PA
- Amount: \$3,015,988** (County 4.5%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide case management,
 residential, outpatient, social rehabilitation, community
 treatment, peer support, and family support services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

3. Board of Elections

- a. With: Clear Ballot Group Inc.
Boston, MA
Amount: \$39,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide pre- and post-election support services.
2/1/22 – 5/31/22

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: Adelphoi Village, Inc.
Latrobe, PA
Amount: \$1,450,000** (County 34%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide placement and various services for children.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- b. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$400,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to support shelter operations.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- c. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$236,500** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide various support programs.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- d. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$150,000** (County 5%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide the Nurturing Parenting program.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- e. With: The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$108,700** (County 20%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide the Family Strengthening program, Outreach program, and mobile drug testing services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

5. Corrections

a. With: Clipper Pipe & Service, Inc.
Crum Lynne, PA
Amount: \$38,666.67** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve increase to mechanical contract for Women's Correctional Facility expansion project, for dampers in housing units and sally-port.

6. District Courts

a. With: 28 North State Street c/o Danella Realty & Mgmt. Co.
Blue Bell, PA
Amount: \$28,687.16 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve increase of condo fees for District Court 07-2-07 location in Newtown.
1/1/22 – 12/31/22

b. With: Neshaminy Professional Center Condominium/NPC
Condo
Holland, PA
Amount: \$43,056.80 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve condo fees and assessments for county-owned building located at 3101 Bristol Road, Suite 7, in Bensalem.
1/1/22 – 12/31/22

7. General Services

a. With: Earthborne Inc.
Warrington, PA
Amount: \$85,806.80** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of two compact loaders and attachments.

- b. With: Fred Beans Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$132,000 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of four 2020 Ford Police Interceptor
 Utility Vehicles for the Sheriff's Office.
- c. With: Koch Holdings Inc. d/b/a Koch 33 Ford
 Easton, PA
Amount: \$67,178 (County 50%)
Purpose: Approve purchase 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility
 Vehicles for Domestic Relations and the Sheriff's Office.
- d. With: Professional Construction Contractors, Inc.
 Bethlehem, PA
Amount: (\$41,225.90)
Purpose: Approve decrease of contract for emergency repairs to
 Bridge #s 151, 240, 305 and 358.
- e. With: Professional Construction Contractors, Inc.
 Bethlehem, PA
Amount: (\$10,378.61)
Purpose: Approve decrease of contract for emergency repairs to
 Bridge #s 355, 361 and 365.
- f. With: Rise Up Towers, LLC
 Ambler, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract to seek revenue opportunities on
 county properties with cell phone carriers. (Subject to
 final approval by county solicitor)
 5 years from date of execution

8. Hazardous Materials

- a. With: Witmer Public Safety Group
 Coatsville, PA
Amount: \$90,750** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase environmentally safe
 firefighting foam.

9. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Housing Group
 Warminster, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve contract extension for HUD Emergency
 Solutions Grant CARES Act funding for Rapid Rehousing
 assistance.
 6/30/22 – 9/30/22
- b. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
 Doylestown, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve contract extension for 2020 DCED Emergency
 Solutions Grant to continue Rapid Rehousing and
 Housing Locator activities.
 1/25/22 – 5/31/22
- c. With: YWCA Bucks County
 Trevose, PA
- Amount: \$750,000 (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase for housing stability services,
 administration, and financial assistance, through the
 Bucks Emergency Rental Assistance (BERA) program,
 for households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 3/1/21 – 3/31/22

10. Human Services

- a. With: Paul DiLorenzo
 Bala Cynwyd, PA
- Amount: \$7,500** (County 3.9%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide consultant services for the
 Families First Transition Act.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

11. Information Technology

- a. With: SHI International
 Somerset, NJ

Amount: \$49,244* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase phishing detection and response system for county network.
3/1/22 – 2/28/23

12. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Delcrest Medical Services
Ivyland, PA
Amount: (\$41,624)
Purpose: Approve termination of contract to purchase mattresses for residents.
12/1/21 – 11/30/24
- b. With: Personal Touch Health Care Apparel
Brooklyn, NY
Amount: \$58,500* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide socks, gowns, and bibs for residents.
2/16/22 – 2/15/25

13. Open Space

- a. With: Warrington Township
Amount:
Purpose: Approve amended conservation easement for the Mill Creek Property at Lower State and Pickertown Roads.
(TMPs 50-004-106; 50-004-107; & 50-004-109)

14. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Harrisburg, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve authorization for Parks & Recreation Executive Director to electronically sign DCNR grant application for a Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Planning project.

15. Planning Commission

- a. With: Buckingham Township
 Amount: \$2,500 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide planning services.
 2/16/22 – 2/16/23

- b. With: Doylestown Borough
 Amount: \$26,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to prepare update to the Doylestown
 Borough Comprehensive Plan.

16. Purchasing

- a. With: Bob Barker Company, Inc.
 Fuquay Varina, NC
 Amount: \$154,488.98* (County 99.7%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase janitorial supplies.
 3/1/22 – 2/29/24

- b. With: Bob Barker Company, Inc.
 Fuquay-Varina, NC
 Amount: \$65,619.39* (County 21%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase inmate clothing.
 2/10/22 – 2/9/23

- c. With: General Chemical Supply Inc.
 Moorestown, NJ
 Amount: \$139,505.70* (County 67.2%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase janitorial supplies.
 3/1/22 – 2/29/24

- d. With: Professional Cleaning Services
 Mullica Hill, NJ
 Amount: \$4,303* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to add janitorial services for
 Tinicum Park Barn.
 6/1/21 – 5/31/23

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| e. | With: | Quill, LLC
Linconshire, IL |
| | Amount: | \$92,363.56* (County 85.9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to purchase janitorial supplies.
3/1/22 – 2/29/24 |
| f. | With: | The Home Depot Pro
Mt. Laurel, NJ |
| | Amount: | \$146,584.87* (County 76%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to purchase janitorial supplies.
3/1/22 – 2/29/24 |
| g. | With: | Venus Supplies Company
Collegeville, PA |
| | Amount: | \$25,340.10* (County 83.5%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to purchase janitorial supplies.
3/1/22 – 2/29/24 |

17. Workforce & Economic Development

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| a. | With: | Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
Harrisburg, PA |
| | Amount: | \$85,379 (Revenue) |
| | Purpose: | Approve grant to fund a Project Manager position to serve as liaison
for the effective implementation of State and Federal grants.
8/1/21 – 6/30/22 |
| b. | With: | Pennsylvania Office of the Budget
Harrisburg, PA |
| | Amount: | |
| | Purpose: | Approve amendment to RACP grant to expand the PA Biotechnology Center. |

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

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

18. General Services

a. With: ***TABLED***

Estate of Ezra C. Stone, Josef Stone, and Francine Stone

Langhorne, PA

Amount: \$2,000,000 (County 100%)

Purpose: Approve 67-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Stone farm located in Middletown Township. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor) (TMP #22-005-007)

B. Personnel Actions

There were no questions concerning the "Commissioners' List" of Personnel Actions, which the Commissioners vote on. With respect to the "Row Officer List" (which the Commissioners do not vote on), Commissioner DiGirolamo asked why the Sheriff's Solicitor, Joseph Pizzo, was not listed. Commissioner Marseglia explained that Mr. Pizzo's paperwork hadn't been received as of the date that the list was printed but that his appointment would be reflected on the next Row Officer List.

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

C. Board Appointments

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

19. Workforce Development Board – Dr. Benjamin E. Rusiloski, III

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:

20. Special Equestrians - \$4,000 Twilight Wish Foundation - \$3,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margaret McKeivitt, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the American Rescue Act funds. Bucks Recovery Grants will be issued in March at slightly over \$5,000,000. Award Letters went out for Human Services providers in the areas of Area Agency on Aging, Behavioral Health and Developmental Programs, Children & Youth, Drug and Alcohol, and Housing in the amount of approximately \$16,000,000, along with the distribution of COVID-19 test kits.

Audrey Kenny - Director of Emergency Services, provided an update on the distribution of COVID-19 test kits.

Rachel Neff – Human Services Director, provided an update on the co-responder's program.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

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

- February 15th – to discuss personnel and employment matters, collective bargaining negotiations, a real estate matter and pending litigation.

Mr. Khan provided an update on the recent opioid litigation settlement with Johnson & Johnson, Cardinal Health, Amerisource Bergen, and McKesson. Under the terms of the settlement, negotiated by the Attorney General, Pennsylvania counties needed the agreement of all municipalities with populations over 10,000 as well an agreement to end any lawsuit filed by local government. Bucks County is the largest county in Pennsylvania to receive its full share of the settlement, due to the participation of all such municipalities as well as District Attorney Weintraub. As a result, Bucks County expects to receive close to \$45 million to fight the opioid epidemic over the course of the next 18 years. He congratulated everyone involved on their efforts toward this favorable outcome.

Commissioner Harvie thanked the Law Department and the District Attorney for their contributions toward the effort.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

Priscilla Linden from Upper Makefield spoke about racial discrimination experienced by a family member, commended the Register of Wills, and asked a question of the Recorder of Deeds.

Andy Warren asked questions about litigation, which Mr. Khan answered.

The following individuals spoke about various items related to COVID-19, including the County's social media accounts, contacting County staff via telephone and requests for records:

- Jamie Walker from Chalfont
- Megan Brock from Northampton Township
- Josh Hogan of West Rockhill

Commissioner Harvie explained why some people have misconceptions and misunderstandings about public records.

Paul Roden from Lower Makefield Township thanked the Commissioners for their service and asked a question about their transition work, which Commissioner Harvie answered.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia noted a virtual panel discussion taking place the next day at Bucks County Community College in honor of Black History Month. Both Commissioner Marseglia and Bernard Griggs, Project and Diversity Officer, will participate in the discussion.

Commissioner DiGirolamo thanked all those involved in the opioid litigation settlement for their hard work. He responded to Andy Warren that the litigation involved the three largest nationwide distributors of opioids, including Johnson & Johnson. There are other large distributors, and at some point we may be able to pursue litigation against them as well. He explained that the majority of the settlement should be spent on treatment and that it will be spent over the next 18 years.

Commissioner Harvie again thanked everyone involved in their efforts toward the opioid settlement. He mentioned the "Vows and Valentines" event earlier in the week where 16 couples married and 9 renewed their vows. He thanked everyone in the County government who provided services to the people of the County during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been a tremendous challenge. Starting on February 28th, it will be mask-optional in the building for those vaccinated and masks with weekly testing for the unvaccinated. Masking will be recommended for the unvaccinated public entering the building. More information is forthcoming.

X. 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, March 2, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: March 2, 2022
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*

