

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

March 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Harvie announced that the court reporters have placed boxes throughout the courthouse and administration building to collect items to help with relief efforts in the Ukraine. Commissioner Harvie welcomed the new Director of Military Affairs, Tim Wynn.

III. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Arc Alliance Proclamation

The Commissioners proclaimed March 2022 as "Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Month" to support, encourage, and recognize the many accomplishments of county citizens with developmental disabilities. Mike Kudla, Chief Financial Officer of The Arc Alliance, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for their support. Commissioner DiGirolamo commented on the need for funding from the state and urged people to reach out to their legislators.

B. Public Defender Proclamation

The Commissioners proclaimed March 18, 2022 as "Public Defender Day," as a time to remember the Gideon v. Wainwright ruling and to commend our public defenders who continue to fulfill the promise of the Bill of Rights. Public Defender Ann Russavage-Faust accepted the proclamation and spoke about the various services provided by her department.

C. Vows and Valentine's Presentation

The Commissioners welcomed Linda Bobrin, Recorder of Deeds, who shared a video and spoke about the "Vows and Valentines" free-wedding and vow renewal event they hosted on Valentine's Day.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

The following people commented on Ordinance # 167, which amends the Responsible Contractor Ordinance:

- James Keenan from Bedminster Township
- Eric Schuett from Perkasio

Solicitor Joe Khan responded to questions posed by Ed Mackhouse, from Buckingham, regarding item 11a.

Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, had questions on

several agenda items which were addressed as follows:

Item 1c - Commissioner Harvie and Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt responded

Items 3d, e, f, g & h - Ms. McKeivitt responded for Marge McKeone, Director of Children and Youth

Items 16 (unspecified) - Ms. McKeivitt responded

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following items on the consent agenda were approved with a correction to the description for item 8a:

A. Approve minutes from the March 2, 2022 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

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| a. | With: | Advanced Nurse Transport Service, Inc.
Warminster, PA |
| | Amount: | \$5,000** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract increase and extension to provide non-medical ambulance transportation services for seniors.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23 |
| b. | With: | BTC Foods, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA |
| | Amount: | \$799,830** (County 9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide congregate meals to seniors.
4/1/22 – 3/31/23 |
| c. | With: | Deirdre Blackburn
Frenchtown, NJ |
| | Amount: | \$93,000** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | 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.
10/7/20 – 6/30/23 |
| d. | With: | Patsy H. Long
Warrington, PA |

Amount: \$33,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide services as Contracted Ombudsman.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Bucks County Transport, Inc.
Holicong, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment for transportation services for individuals with disabilities.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- b. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$166,900** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide administrative case management, blended case management, peer support, and outpatient services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: Child & Family Focus
Valley Forge, PA
Amount: \$50,500** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract renewal to provide specialized and traditional foster care services for dependent children.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- b. With: Christ's Home for Children
Amount: \$500,000 (County 13%)
Purpose: Approve contract renewal for group home services, transitional living services, and a Mother/Baby program.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- c. With: KidsPeace National Centers, Inc.
Schnecksville, PA

Amount: \$382,500 (County 11%)
Purpose: Approve a 2 fiscal year contract renewal for foster care services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

d. With: K/S Consultants, Inc.
Warrington, PA
Amount: \$450,000 (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract renewal for family therapy, advocate services, and educational consultation to maintain youth in their homes.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

e. With: K/S Consultants, Inc.
Warrington, PA
Amount: \$345,000 (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract renewal to provide intensive and step-down Truancy Prevention/Diversion to youths K-12.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

f. With: K/S Consultants, Inc.
Warrington, PA
Amount: \$132,500.00 (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract renewal for “transition to foster care” program.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

g. With: K/S Consultants, Inc.
Warrington, PA
Amount: \$70,000.00 (County 5%)
Purpose: Approve contract renewal to provide the Triple P Positive Parenting Program.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

h. With: K/S MST, Inc.
Warrington, PA
Amount: \$85,000 (County 5%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Multisystemic Therapy services to youth and families.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- i. With: Valley Youth House Committee, Inc.
 Bethlehem, PA
Amount: \$61,855 (County 15%)
Purpose: Approve contract renewal to provide Supportive Housing
 to assist in the transition from homelessness.
 10/1/21 – 9/30/22

4. Corrections

- a. With: Aramark Facilities Services, LLC
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$24,487.76** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide maintenance and
 project support services for the Department of
 Corrections and Youth Center maintenance services.
 9/1/22 – 8/31/22

- b. With: Honeywell Building Solutions
 Fort Washington, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension for security management
 system for Women's Correctional Facility expansion
 project.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

- c. With: Honeywell Building Solutions
 Fort Washington, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension for HVAC management
 system at Women's Correctional Facility.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

5. Courts

- a. With: Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts,
 Court Access Coordinator
 Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$250,961.67 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve application for partial reimbursement of
 language access costs.
 1/1/21 – 12/31/21

6. District Attorney

- a. With: Chapman Ford of Horsham / Chapman Auto Group
 Horsham, PA
 Amount: \$46,125 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of one vehicle.

- b. With: Offix USA, Inc. Offix Systems
 Allentown, PA
 Amount: \$26,115.22** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase office furniture.

- c. With: Roberta Kostick
 New Britain, PA
 Amount: \$900/completed investigation + expenses*
 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services for
 domestic violence investigations.
 1/1/22 – 12/13/22

7. Emergency Management

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$162,067 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Emergency Management Performance Grant
 Agreement to reimburse salaries and benefits for
 approved staff.
 10/1/20 – 3/30/22

- b. With: U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Geological Survey
 New Cumberland, PA
 Amount: \$65,430 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for the operation and maintenance of
 six gauging stations in the Neshaminy Creek Basin.
 10/1/21 – 9/30/22

8. General Services

- a. With: Commonwealth Financing Authority of the
 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 Harrisburg, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve signature authority for grants General Services
 are applying for on behalf of the County.
- b. With: Industrial Diesel Power, Inc.
 Croydon, PA

 Amount: \$155,179* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for generator maintenance inspection
 program.
 3/21/22 – 3/20/25
- c. With: Johnson Controls, Inc.
 Horsham, PA

 Amount: \$61,870** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for emergency repairs to boilers at the
 Justice Center.
- d. With: Johnson Controls, Inc.
 Horsham, PA

 Amount: \$15,705** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for additional work outside
 the preventive maintenance contract.
 2/22/21 – 2/21/24
- e. With: Koch Holdings Inc. d/b/a Koch 33 Ford
 Easton, PA

 Amount: \$33,589 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve purchase of 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility
 Vehicles for the Sheriff's Office.
- f. With: Michael Baker International, Inc.
 Fort Washington, PA

 Amount: \$108,631.05** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to perform engineering design and
 consultation services for the rehabilitation of Bridge
 #345 on Smith Road over Robin Run in Buckingham
 Township.

- g. With: Riley Electric, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$134,600* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for switchgear and electrical
 equipment preventative maintenance.
 4/1/22 – 3/31/24
- h. With: Tri-County Collision Center
 Southampton, PA
Amount: \$60,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 vehicle body shop services.
 3/18/22 – 3/17/23

9. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$110,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2021 DCED Emergency Solutions
 Grant for Rapid Rehousing and Housing Locator
 services.
 10/7/21 – 4/6/23
- b. With: Bucks County Public Defender's Office
Amount: \$40,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding for CDBG
 funding to support the implementation of informational
 and referral housing services provided to clients by
 social worker advocate.
 3/1/22 – 5/31/23
- c. With: Cerida Investment Corp. d/b/a AnswerNet
 Willow Grove, PA
Amount: \$24,256.30** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 administrative and housing stability services for the
 Bucks Emergency Rental Assistance (BERA) program.
 10/1/21 – 3/30/22

- d. With: YWCA Bucks County
 Trevose, PA
 Amount: (\$58,600)
 Purpose: Approve termination of contract for 2021 CDBG funding
 for HVAC system at the Haven House facility.
 3/2/22 – 7/31/22

10. Human Resources

- a. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal
 Employees DC 88, AFL-CIO
 Plymouth Meeting, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve arbitration award for represented court
 employees.
 1/1/21 – 12/31/24
- b. With: Elaine Cole
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$26,000 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve settlement of Workers' Compensation claim.
- c. With: First Hospital Laboratories, Inc. d/b/a FSSolutions
 Chalfont, PA
 Amount: \$4,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for drug and alcohol testing
 programs.
 2/2/22 – 12/31/22
- d. With: Jennifer R. Etkin, Esquire
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$7,100 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve settlement of Workers' Compensation claim for
 Elaine Cole.

11. Law Department

- a. With: Langer, Grogan & Diver
 Philadelphia, PA

Amount:
Purpose: Add law firm to list of outside counsel authorized on 1/8/20 to provide legal services, subject to approval of County Solicitor.

12. Neshaminy Manor

a. With: 360care
Perrysburg, OH
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract to provide audiology and dental services for residents.
2/21/22 – 2/20/24

b. With: American Data
Sauk City, WI
Amount: \$226,300** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide software maintenance agreement for electronic charting system.
4/1/22 – 3/31/27

13. Parks & Recreation

a. With: Active Network LLC
Dallas, TX
Amount: \$20,000 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve termination of Products and Services agreement.

b. With: Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center
Bristol, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding to set forth the responsibilities and commitment to collaborate.
3/16/22 – 3/16/24

14. Planning Commission

a. With: PennDot
King of Prussia, PA

Amount: \$2,178,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve execution of Reimbursement Agreement for the Neshaminy Greenway Trail Phase 1.

b. With: PennDot
King of Prussia, PA
Amount: \$985,050 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve authorization for General Services Director of Operations to electronically execute Reimbursement Agreement for the Neshaminy Greenway Trail in Core Creek Park.
3/16/22 – 3/16/26

c. With: Warrington Township
Amount: \$9,400 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to assist with updating the township's zoning code amendments and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
3/16/22 – 3/16/23

15. Purchasing

a. With:
Amount:
Purpose: Approve 2022 Revised County Purchasing Policies and Procedures for all County Departments.

16. Workforce & Economic Development

a. With: Ameriscend, LLC
Warminster, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to change financial provisions and requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

b. With: Arch Medical Solutions – Philadelphia
Huntington Valley, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to change financial

provisions and requirements.

7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- c. With: Bordentown Driver Training School, LLC
 d/b/a Smith & Solomon Drivers Training Solutions
 Bordentown, NJ
- Amount: \$35,000** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide CDL-A and CDL-B
 driver training for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
 Act (WIOA) eligible PA CareerLink® Bucks County
 clients.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- d. With: Bucks County Community College,
 Newtown, PA
- Amount: \$178,255.36** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase to expand the In School
 Youth program.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- e. With: Caltech Manufacturing, Inc.
 Warminster, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve contract amendment to change financial
 provisions and requirements.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- f. With: Custom Particle Solutions LLC
 d/b/a Custom Particle Reduction, Inc. MVK Property
 Plymouth Meeting, PA
- Amount: \$18,900** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide training and certifications for
 eleven employees through Workforce Innovation and
 Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible PA CareerLink® Bucks
 County funding.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- g. With: Insurance Shops
 Feasterville, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve contract amendment to change financial

provisions and requirements.

7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- h. With: IT Solutions
Fort Washington, PA
Amount: \$57,050.50** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide IT services,
support, and maintenance for PA CareerLink Bucks
County.
1/1/21 – 1/31/22
- i. With: M&S Centerless Grinding
Hatboro, 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
- j. With: Martelli's Metal Fabrication, Inc.
Ivyland, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to change financial
provisions and requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- k. With: OmniMax International LLC
Feasterville, 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: PeopleShare
Collegeville, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to change financial
provisions and requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- m. With: Pure Eco-Wellness Salon & Spa, LLC
 Yardley, PA
 Amount: \$3,595.50** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Qnity trainer certification for
 one employee through Workforce Innovation and
 Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible PA CareerLink® Bucks
 County funding.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- n. With: Quaint Oak Bank, Quaint Oak Bancorp, Inc.
 Southampton, PA
 Amount: \$24,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide the Executive
 Growth Academy Program for 6 employees through PA
 CareerLink® Bucks County and Workforce Innovation
 and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- o. With: Service Access & Management, Inc.
 Reading, PA
 Amount: \$80,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 financial consulting, accounting support, and reporting
 tools.
 9/1/21 – 12/31/22
- p. With: Specialty Ring
 Bensalem, 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
- q. With: Times Publishing Newspapers, Inc.
 Morrisville, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to change financial
 provisions and requirements.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- r. With: White Engineering
 Newtown, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to change financial
 provisions and requirements.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

17. Youth Center

- a. With: County of Luzerne
 Wilkes Barre, PA
 Amount: \$350/day/resident (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide temporary housing for
 detention of out-of-county juveniles.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

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

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Ordinance No. 167 (roll call vote)

Approve amendments to Ordinance No. 162 (Responsible Contractor Ordinance) to require an increased percentage of skilled craft personnel with training and skills needed for public works projects and to provide additional protections for the benefit of the County and its residents.

Bernard Griggs, Project and Diversity Officer, provided background information on the Responsible Contractor Ordinance and the proposed amendments. Commissioner DiGirolamo shared a story to emphasize the importance of this ordinance for county projects. Commissioner Marseglia and Commissioner Harvie also emphasized their support for the ordinance.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, and by roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Harvie – aye, Commissioner Marseglia – aye, and Commissioner DiGirolamo – aye, with the vote being 3-0, Ordinance No. 167 was approved.

B. Resolutions

18. Agricultural Land Preservation

- Items 18 a & b - John Ives, Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation & Open Space Programs, presented information on the above agricultural conservation easements. These will be the 237th and 238th farms preserved by the County to-date, bringing the total acreage to 18,431.

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, items 18a & b, and the Budget Adjustment were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3-0.

D. Personnel Actions

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

E. Board Appointments

Local Emergency Planning Committee – Walter Hansell

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, this appointment was approved.

F. Other Civics

SCORE - \$2800

Washington Crossing Council BSA - \$4000

Women's Habitat for Humanity - \$1500

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

VII. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKeivitt, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following:

The incentive program at Neshaminy Manor is working and staffing levels have increased. The dispatchers program still needs to fill six positions, but it is leveling out. Positions are still open in Corrections and other areas of the county. A first-ever county job fair is planned for April 27th. More information to follow but key positions needed are a Benefits Administrator in Human Resources, an IT Specialist for Corrections, a Paralegal in the Law Department, and seasonal help in the Parks.

VIII. SOLICITOR REPORT

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

- March 4th – to receive confidential legal advice
- March 15th – standing executive session to discuss personnel and employment matters, and collective bargaining negotiations

Mr. Khan provided information on a public comment submitted to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court by Public Defender Ann Russavage-Faust regarding bail reform. Following this, each of the Commissioners signed a letter expressing their strong support.

Mr. Khan reported on an amicus brief that will be filed today in the matter of *Armstrong v. Philadelphia*. It concerns an Ordinance passed by Philadelphia that was overturned by the Commonwealth Court, which requires the reporting of lost or stolen guns. The outcome will affect the power of municipalities and county governments to

pass and enforce their own laws.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

Mr. Mackhouse spoke in support of Ukraine.

Scott Vogin from Warrington Township voiced concerns about an election related item.

Mr. Warren spoke about the need to close the southern border of the United States.

Kay Rock from Doylestown Township said she was looking for financial support and guidance for the Bucks County Herald. She also inquired about a proclamation recognizing their 20th Anniversary this October. Commissioner Harvie responded to Ms. Rock's questions.

X. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Advising that March is Social Worker Month, Commissioner Marseglia thanked the hundreds of social workers in the county working at Neshaminy Manor, Children & Youth, Area Agency on Aging, Mental Health, Adult Probation, Juvenile Probation, and the Public Defender. She read an inspirational quote from Brené Brown.

Commissioner DiGirolamo welcomed Mr. Wynn to county government and wished him well in his new position. Recorder of Deeds Dan McPhillips introduced his new 1st Deputy Denise Calafati and 2nd Deputy Suzanne McCracken.

Referencing the two agricultural conservation easements approved today, Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about the importance of preserving open space for the quality of life in the county.

Commissioner Harvie thanked all those attending the meeting today to support the issues they care about, especially all those that came for the Responsible Contractor Ordinance.

Commissioner Harvie shared a story for St. Patrick's Day about a family trip to Ireland that coincided with the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The group, once people realized they were Americans, experienced an outpouring of good wishes from the Irish people that was very memorable and moving. The commissioner noted the common experiences that all immigrant groups share. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, 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, April 6, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: April 6, 2022
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*