

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 20, 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. Before leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia asked for a moment of silence for the people who have perished from COVID 19, the Country, and the 46th president who will be taking office today.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Marseglia welcomed county row officer Brian Munroe, Clerk of Courts, noting that he is the only row officer present because of the limited seating due to the pandemic.

PROCLAMATION

The Commissioners proclaimed January 2021 as “Bucks County Human Trafficking Awareness Day,” offering support to the Bucks County Coalition against Human Trafficking (BCAT) and its mission to eradicate human trafficking. The Commissioners wished the Coalition continued success on the occasion of its 7th anniversary. Julie Dugery, co-chair of the Bucks County Coalition Against Human Trafficking, accepted the Proclamation and spoke about progress BCAT has made in raising awareness and providing support for survivors.

PRESENTATION

Clerk of Courts Brian presented information on DRiP, their new delinquency recovery program. He outlined the process of collecting and distributing court costs and restitution, and cited statistics highlighting the success of the program. Mr. Munroe responded to questions from Commissioners DiGirolamo and Harvie.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes from the January 4, 2021 meeting
- B. Resolutions
 - 1. ADULT PROBATION
 - a. Vigilnet Omaha, NE Approve contract increase for electronic monitoring equipment. \$18,337.11 (County 100%)
11/6/16 – 11/5/21
 - 2. AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION
 - a. Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Farmland Preservation Harrisburg, PA Approve annual allocation for matching funds for farmland preservation. \$1,500,000 (County 100%)
1/1/21 – 12/31/22
 - 3. AREA AGENCY ON AGING
 - a. Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. Doylestown, PA Approve contract to provide drug take-back, gambling prevention and medication education programs. \$35,000 (Revenue)
7/1/20 – 6/30/21
 - b. Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA Approve contract increase and amendment for counseling services. \$15,000** (County 0%)
7/1/20 – 6/30/21
 - 4. CHILDREN & YOUTH
 - a. Child & Family Focus Valley Forge, PA Approve contract to provide foster care services. \$50,000** (County 14%)
7/1/20 – 6/30/21
 - b. Christ’s Home for Children Warminster, PA Approve contract to provide a mother/baby program, and group home and transitional living services. \$1,300,000** (County 14%)
7/1/20 – 6/30/21
 - c. Libertae Bensalem, PA Approve contract to provide parenting group services. \$32,205** (County 20%)
7/1/20 – 6/30/21

	d.	Sabina Mauro LLC Yardley, PA	Approve contract to provide foster parent evaluations and screening services. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$20,000** (County 20%)
5. COMMISSIONERS	a.	Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve appropriation of funds for housing and emergency shelter services, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic.	\$150,000 (County 0%)
6. CORONER	a.	GE Healthcare (OEC Medical Systems) Wauwatosa, WI	Approve contract to provide maintenance of fluoroscopy (x-ray) unit. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor) 1/1/21 – 12/31/27	\$98,637 (County 100%)
	b.	National Medical Services, Inc. d/b/a NMS Labs Willow Grove, PA	Approve contract to provide toxicology services. 1/1/21 – 12/31/22	\$150,000/yr** (County 100%)
7. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	a.		Approve reimbursement to municipalities for COVID related expenditures.	\$50,412.43 (County 0%)
	b.		Approve reimbursement to EMS squads for COVID related expenditures.	\$63,980.23 (County 0%)
	c.	Airgas USA, LLC Horsham, PA	Approve contract to purchase PPE supplies for COVID-19 pandemic.	\$239,485.95* (County 0%)
	d.	Cintas Conshohocken, PA	Approve contract to purchase PPE supplies for COVID-19 pandemic.	\$26,724* (County 0%)
	e.	McKesson Medical Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract to purchase PPE supplies for COVID-19 pandemic.	\$34,466.90* (County 0%)
	f.	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve signature authority for Audrey Kenny to sign as Applicant Agent on Public Disaster Assistance Agreement for COVID-19.	
	g.	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve 2020 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Agreement for Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force. 9/1/20 – 8/31/23	\$13,520,000 (Revenue)
	h.	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program agreement for Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force. 9/1/20 – 8/31/23	\$1,296,245 (Revenue)
8. FINANCE	a.	SGRisk, LLC Lyndhurst, NJ	Approve contract to provide actuarial services. 1/1/21 – 12/31/23	\$9,000/yr (County 100%)
9. GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc. Wilmington, DE	Approve contract for the rehabilitation of Bridge #49 on Byers Road over Beaver Creek in Nockamixon Township, and Bridge #50 on Mill Road over Watson Creek in Buckingham Township.	\$1,075,016.90** (County 100%)
	b.	Riley Electric, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve payment for emergency repair of broken pole and high voltage wiring at Peace Valley Pump House.	\$27,966.93* (County 100%)
10. HEALTH	a.	Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide nursing staff to assist with COVID-19 testing. 1/4/21 – 12/31/21	\$45,000* (County 0%)
	b.	Cerida Investment Corp. d/b/a AnswerNet Willow Grove, PA	Approve contract for call center to field inquiries regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. 1/15/21 – 4/15/21	\$98,760* (County 0%)
	c.	Newtown Ambulance Newtown, PA	Approve contract to provide staffing for school rapid-testing program. 12/14/20 – 3/12/21	\$75,000** (County 0%)
11. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a.	Bucks County Community College Newtown, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to provide technical assistance and training for county residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. 1/1/21 – 12/31/22	\$451,200** (County 0%)

	b.	Bucks County Community College Newtown, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to provide technical assistance and career training in pre-apprentice industrial maintenance and metalwork programs for county residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. 1/1/21 – 12/31/22	\$260,000** (County 0%)
	c.	Family Service Association Langhorne, PA	Approve contract for 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant funding for emergency shelter services to support individuals and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. 6/30/20 – 6/29/22	\$127,291 (County 0%)
	d.	First Step Staffing Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to provide rapid job placement and supportive services to aid low to moderate income individuals seeking employment, needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 1/1/21 – 12/31/23	\$288,245.88** (County 0%)
	e.	Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania Norristown, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to provide free legal services for low to moderate income individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$97,500** (County 0%)
	f.	Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) Jamison, PA	Approve contract extension for renovations of the Bucks County Children's Advocacy Center in Jamison. 12/31/20 – 2/26/21	
	g.	Valley Youth House Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract for Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act funding for Rapid Rehousing and Emergency Shelter services to support individuals and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. 6/30/20 – 6/29/22	\$64,500 (County 0%)
12. HUMAN RESOURCES	a.		Approve updated Human Resources handbook for Non Union Employees. 1/1/21 – Open	
13. HUMAN SERVICES	a.	Urban Institute Washington, DC	Approve data use agreement. 1/20/21 – 6/30/24	
14. JUVENILE PROBATION	a.	Clear Vision Residential Treatment Services, Inc. Montgomery, PA	Approve contract to provide residential care for adolescent females. 7/1/20 – 6/30/22	\$250,000** (County 20%)
	b.	Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc. Greensburg, PA	Approve contract to provide various residential and substances abuse treatment programs. 7/1/20 – 6/30/22	\$250,000** (County 20%)
15. NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	John F. Amato Ardmore, PA	Approve contract to provide barbering services to residents. 1/1/21 – 12/31/22	\$20,000* (County 0%)
16. OPEN SPACE	a.	Township of Bristol	Approve conservation easement for Municipal Complex Phase 1 project. (TMPs 05-029-094, 05-029-095, 05-029-096, and 05-029-097)	
17. PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide annual funding for transportation and regional planning programs. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$158,640 (County 100%)
	b.	Land Trust of Bucks County Bedminster, PA	Approve contract to provide inspection services for easements in the Agricultural Preservation Program. 1/20/21 – 4/1/24	\$81,587** (County 100%)
	c.	Michael Baker International, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to complete the update to the 2016 County Hazard Mitigation Plan. 1/4/21 – 4/29/22	\$58,695** (County 25%)

18. PURCHASING	a. Imperial Bag & Paper Company LLC Jersey City, NJ	Approve contract to provide paper products. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$31,257.76* (County 100%)
	b. Office Basics Boothwyn, PA	Approve contract to provide paper products. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$13,377.60* (County 100%)
	c. WB Mason Brockton, MA	Approve contract to provide paper products. 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$49,308.48* (County 100%)
19. WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	a. Gilah Properties, LLC c/o Bucks County Office Center Bristol, PA	Approve lease payments for PA CareerLink of Bucks County office center. 11/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$351,600** (County 0%)

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 20a – Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey shared some information regarding “permanent” mail-in voter status. She advised that Act 77 of 2019 requires that voters opting for permanent mail-in or absentee status still need to fill out the application each year until the law changes. She advised that the applications should be going out in early February and she encouraged everyone not to wait to submit them. Voters can return the hard copy application or fill it one out on-line. Commissioner Harvie advised that he just testified in front of a PA House policy committee about recommended changes to the election law and said this is one of the things that were discussed. He noted the additional costs incurred by the county by having to mail out and process all the applications each year.

Item 21a – Planning Commission Director Evan Stone explained the process of developing a statistically balanced survey in preparation for updating the county’s comprehensive plan. He said the surveys will be mailed out to randomly selected households to determine which issues are most important to residents. Other forms of community outreach will include virtual town hall meetings, a website portal, and a dedicated email address. Commissioner Harvie provided more detail about the comprehensive update and the need to plan for the future with regard to things like zoning, transportation, and recreation.

Items 22a, b & c – Billie Barnes, Executive Director of Workforce & Economic Development, provided background on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the allocation of funding. She advised that these three contracts are all mandated to operate the PA CareerLink of Bucks County, including salaries for employees who provide services to job seekers and employers. Commissioner Harvie added additional information regarding CareerLink’s services, and Ms. Barnes noted the number of people helped last year with training and job placement.

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

20. BOARD OF ELECTIONS	a. Graphcom Gettysburg, PA	Approve contract to mail voter applications.	\$13,095* + postage (County 100%)
21. PLANNING COMMISSION	a. ETC Institute Olathe, KS	Approve contract to conduct a survey for comprehensive plan update. 1/6/21 – 4/29/22	\$34,750 (County 0%)
22. WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	a. Educational Data Systems, Inc. Dearborn, MI	Approve Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 contract for programs, activities, and job training for underemployed and unemployed individuals. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$1,893,969.76** (County 0%)
	b. Educational Data Systems, Inc. Dearborn, MI	Approve EARN contract to provide employment and training programs for TANF recipients. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$520,651** (County 0%)
	c. Educational Data Systems, Inc. Dearborn, MI	Approve One-Stop Operator contract to provide oversight of the PA CareerLink Bucks County facilities. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$173,519** (County 0%)

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

None

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 20, 2021								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources								
Item numbers 1 through 67								
APPOINTMENTS								
	REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
1	4497	Bradley Bolster	Custodian - NMH	NMH Housekeeping Services	02	40.0	1/25/2021	22.16 PH
2	4328	Sierra Boone	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	03	12.0	1/23/2021	13.27 PH
3	4331	Andrelie Charles	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	03	24.0	1/26/2021	20.37 PH
4	4331	Jamie M. Hamilton	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	03	24.0	1/26/2021	20.37 PH
5	4522	Deepthi Iacconi	Data-Database Administrator	Information Technology	00	40.0	1/25/2021	31.25 PH
6	4323	Shinu R. Kurian	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	06	40.0	1/26/2021	30.38 PH
7	4325	LaToya V. Lee	LPN	NM Licensed Practical Nurses	33	40.0	1/26/2021	29.31 PH
8	4332	Pamela D. Long	Nursing Assistant - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	30	14.0	1/26/2021	21.42 PH
9	4323	Adilate Moyo	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	06	40.0	1/26/2021	30.38 PH
10	4326	Pierre Orelus	LPN - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	31	14.0	1/26/2021	30.30 PH
11	4539	Evan Resnikoff	Dispatcher - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	1/25/2021	27.00 PH
12	4492	Nicholas T. Rhinesmith	Caseworker	Children and Youth	04	37.5	1/25/2021	25.36 PH
13	4326	Arielle M. Romanowski	LPN - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	31	14.0	1/26/2021	30.30 PH
14	4539	Phillip Shulman	Dispatcher - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	1/25/2021	27.00 PH
15	4510	Benjamin Speidel	Technology Coordinator - Courts	Information Technology	00	40.0	1/11/2021	25.48 PH
16	4331	Tisha M. Truesdale	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	03	24.0	1/26/2021	20.37 PH
REHIRE								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
17	4328	Alyssa L. Bangert	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	03	24.0	1/23/2021	13.27 PH
	Separation Date: 7/6/2020							
18	4539	Andrew M. Hazlett	Dispatcher - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	1/25/2021	27.00 PH
	Separation Date: 11/4/2013							
19	4539	Tiffany M. Sipler	Dispatcher - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	1/25/2021	27.00 PH
	Separation Date: 8/28/2018							
PER DIEM TO PERMANENT								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
20	N/A	Jeryl Lee Degideo	Training - PD TO Emergency Planner	Human Resources TO Emergency Management Agency	00	40.0	1/16/2021	32.02 PH
PERMANENT TO PER DIEM								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
21	4560	Flor Y. Anaya	Nursing Assistant TO Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	03	40.0 TO 24.0	1/30/2021	20.37 PH
POSITION CHANGE								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
22	4548	Scott C. Miller	Grounds Level I TO Maintenance Superintendent I	General Services	02 TO 00	40.0	1/25/2021	29.67 PH TO 31.25 PH
TRANSFER								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
23	4499	Lynne M. Clooney	Health Clerk TO Assessment Specialist	Health Department TO Board of Assessment	03	40.0 TO 37.5	2/1/2021	22.86 PH
24	N/A	Patricia C. Dordile	Ballot Clerk - PD TO Health - PD	Board of Voter Registration TO Health Department	00	30.0 TO 40.0	12/7/2020	15.00 PH
25	4540	Lynn Marie Hanes	Veterans Service Officer TO Consumer Investigator	Military Affairs TO Consumer Protection	03	40.0	1/25/2021	29.47 PH TO 27.81 PH
26	4537	Lyrea B. Hunsberger	Rehabilitation Aide TO Unit Secretary	NM Administration TO NM Physician Services	03	40.0	1/23/2021	21.20 PH TO 22.86 PH
27	N/A	Juliet E. Kelchner	Website Operations Manager	Planning Administrative TO Information Technology	00	40.0	1/16/2021	70,686.00 PA
28	N/A	Kelsey Mulholland	Ballot Clerk - PD TO Health - PD	Board of Voter Registration TO Health Department	00	30.0 TO 40.0	12/7/2020	15.00 PH
29	4537	Nicole A. Tremmel	Activities Assistant TO Unit Secretary	NM Activities TO NM Physician Services	03	40.0	1/23/2021	21.20 PH TO 22.86 PH
30	N/A	Megan A. Wagner	Ballot Clerk - PD TO Health - PD	Board of Voter Registration TO Health Department	00	30.0 TO 40.0	12/7/2020	15.00 PH
START OUT OF CLASS/TEMP ASSIGNMENT								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
31	N/A	David M. Galione	Deputy Warden Security TO Warden	Main Jail	00 TO 11	40.0	1/4/2021	101,439.00 PA TO 103,488.00 PA
32	N/A	Audrey R. Kenny	Director Emergency Communications & 911 Coordinator TO Director Emergency Management Services - EMA Coordinator	911 Emergency Response TO Emergency Management Agency	11 TO 88	40.0	12/28/2020	103,044.00 PA TO 104,733.00 PA
33	N/A	Carl H. Metellus	Community Corrections Manager TO Deputy Warden Security	Main Jail	00	40.0	1/4/2021	84,059.00 PA TO 92,749.00 PA
34	N/A	Todd P. Neumann	Deputy Director of 911 Technology TO Director Emergency Communication	911 Emergency Response	00	40.0	1/1/2021	92,820.00 PA TO 97,932.00 PA
SALARY ADJUSTMENT								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
35	N/A	Michael T. Duncan	Building Supervisor	General Services	00	40.0	1/23/2021	66,300.00 PA TO 68,300.00 PA
36	N/A	Audrey R. Kenny	Director Emergency Management Services - EMA Coordinator	Emergency Management Agency	88	40.0	1/1/2021	104,733.00 PA TO 105,743.00 PA
37	N/A	Marjorie E. McKeone	Children & Youth Administrator	Children and Youth	11	40.0	1/2/2021	109,242.00 PA TO 114,000.00 PA
38	N/A	Rachel K. Neff	Human Services Director	Human Services	88	40.0	1/2/2021	112,200.00 PA TO 115,000.00 PA
39	N/A	Robert F. Yochum	Assistant Children & Youth Administrator	Children and Youth	00	40.0	1/2/2021	99,878.00 PA TO 103,000.00 PA

SEPARATION					
	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
40	Diane S. Bochenek	Budget Analyst	Finance	2/5/2021	34.41 PH
41	Frank T. Bochenek	Chief Investigator	Main Jail	2/5/2021	38.52 PH
42	Richard E. Brodbeck	Business Manager	Information Technology	1/4/2021	63,672.00 PA
43	Richard L. Brosius	Director of Assessments - PD	Board of Assessment	1/1/2021	50.88 PH
44	Kelly A. Calabro	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	1/2/2021	15.00 PH
45	Theresa M. Cassar	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	2/2/2021	21.20 PH
46	Kathryn L. Czap	Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	1/19/2021	27.81 PH
47	George H. Golding IV	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	1/2/2021	15.00 PH
48	David L. Green	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	1/2/2021	15.00 PH
49	Ellen R. Green	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	1/2/2021	15.00 PH
50	Brendan R. Harvie	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	1/8/2021	15.00 PH
51	Camelot T. Ives	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	1/2/2021	15.00 PH
52	Ginette Joseph	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	12/7/2020 **	20.37 PH
53	Daniel G. Keller	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	12/18/2020	28.79 PH
54	Roberta B. McNally	Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	2/11/2021	27.81 PH
55	Rachel M. Michel	Nutritionist	Health Department	1/6/2021	28.90 PH
56	Bei Penn Mopecha	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	1/2/2021	15.00 PH
57	Ryan M. Peters	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	1/1/2021	18.40 PH
58	Allison Rabinovich	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	1/8/2021	13.81 PH
59	Nancy L. Reilly	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	1/2/2021	15.00 PH
60	Robert R. Rosser	Sewer Plant Operator - PD	General Services	1/1/2021	27.07 PH
61	Jennifer Samitsky	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	1/2/2021	15.00 PH
62	Donald J. Saul	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	1/2/2021	15.00 PH
63	Gregory R. Simmons	Food Service Attendant	NM Dietary Services	2/5/2021	19.56 PH
64	Bree M. Ward	Ballot Clerk - PD	Board of Voter Registration	1/2/2021	15.00 PH
65	Adam Zayas	Head Ceramist	Parks Historical Properties	1/28/2021	41.57 PH
66	Diane Zeldich	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	1/22/2021	36.47 PH
*Estimated Date **Never Started ***Agreement ****Reinstatement					

CORRECTION								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
67	N/A	Brandi L. Taylor	Food Service Attendant - PD TO Cook	NM Dietary Services	03	24.0 TO 40.0	12/19/2020	22.14 PH TO 22.41 PH

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

<u>Area Agency on Aging</u> (3 year term)			
Beth Hudson Keller	reappointment	term expires 1/4/24	
Charles Pressler	reappointment	term expires 1/4/24	
<u>Conservation District</u> (1 year term)			
Robert J. Harvie, Jr.	new appointment	term expires 1/1/22	
<u>Board of Health</u> (4 year term)			
Patricia Stover	reappointment	term expires 1/12/25	
Bill Roth	reappointment	term expires 1/12/25	

OTHER CIVICS

None

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

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

County Offices – Offices will continue to operate by appointment only until February 1st. Please contact departments directly to schedule appointments.

COVID Update – Yesterday the state moved all individuals age sixty-five and over, as well as those with high-risk conditions, to phase 1a. County staff is working to move all people in these categories who have already pre-registered so there is no need for those individuals to re-register.

Testing/Vaccination Sites – The testing sites currently operating at the three county college locations will continue through the end of the month and will transition to vaccination sites as the vaccine is made available. Strike teams will also be setting up vaccination clinics in targeted areas such as senior communities and housing authority properties. People who are pre-registered will receive emails with additional information. Over 1,600 COVID tests have been done at the county testing sites, resulting in 90 positive cases. Even though the case count is down from November, it is still at an all-time high.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan spoke about the False Claims Ordinance, which was enacted last year. He reported that the Law Department and the Controller’s office have been working to identify any areas where additional scrutiny might

be warranted. Noting the importance of people coming forward to report issues, Mr. Khan pointed out that the Act provides protections and incentives for whistle blowers. The county is looking forward to rolling out the new website, which will provide a portal for the public to provide tips and information. In the meantime, Mr. Khan urges anyone with information to contact consumerprotection@buckscounty.org.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Referencing today’s presidential inauguration, Commissioner DiGirolamo said he is hopeful for the country, and for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. The commissioner spoke about the need for healing, especially among elected leaders, and he called for everyone to keep an open mind and work together. He cited many of the issues that the new administration hopes to accomplish, including the Coronavirus, buying American, racial equality, climate and environment, healthcare, and immigration reform.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the recent demonstration of domestic terrorism on the US Capitol by the far right. He noted that for decades the country has been pushing more to the left and right and said everyone needs to come to the middle and recognize what they all have in common.

Commissioner Harvie advised that yesterday’s announcement by the state, moving those people 65 and over into vaccination phase 1a, was made without the prior knowledge of the counties. If they had known, they could have been better prepared. He pointed out that, in addition to the people who were already scheduled for the vaccine, there are 120,000 people age 65 and over just in Bucks County, and they have only been allocated 4,000 doses for the next ten days. The commissioner emphasized that those in this group who are already pre-registered will automatically be moved to 1a and contacted once vaccines are available. He said we are close, and asked that everyone be patient.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Khan read an email received from Tom Tosti, Director of AFSCME District Council 88, regarding the mandate that the staff at Neshaminy Manor get the COVID-19 vaccine.

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, February 3, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Room.

Approved: February 3, 2021

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia	Robert J. Harvie, Jr.	Gene DiGirolamo
<i>Commissioner, Chair</i>	<i>Commissioner, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*