

# BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

4/6/2022 - 10:30 AM

## 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 Project Search intern Patrick Hagen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## II. INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Harvie said that the Commissioners are happy to have Patrick as an intern working on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. He advised that several county departments have had Project Search interns working for them and they intend to continue the program next year.

## III. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month Proclamation

The Commissioners proclaimed April 2022 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" to encourage all residents, contractors, and excavators to dial 811 or call 1(800)242-1776 at least three business days before digging. This avoids injury, protects the environment, and prevents damage. Greg Danks from Pennsylvania One Call System accepted the proclamation and presented a slideshow.

### B. Second Chance Month Proclamation

The Commissioners proclaimed April 2022 to be "Second Chance Month," commending the professionals from the departments of Adult Probation & Parole and Juvenile Probation. Mike Harrison from Adult Probation accepted the proclamation and spoke about the Re-entry Coalition. He was accompanied by Louis Emanuele who shared information about some Department of Corrections initiatives. Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke in support of the opportunities and support provided to those in need of a second chance.

### C. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation

The Commissioners proclaimed April 10 through April 16, 2022 as "National Public Safety Telecommunications Week" to honor the highly trained emergency communications experts who help to maintain the safety of the county. John Geib, Director of Emergency Communications, accepted the proclamation and presented a

video tour of the 911 Emergency Operations Center.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Commissioner Harvie reminded everyone that this comment period is for agenda items only.

Megan Brock from Northampton spoke in favor of agenda items 2a & b.

Josh Hogan from West Rockhill, Jamie Walker from Chalfont, and Vonna DeArmond all spoke against the proposed appointment to the Library Board.

Commissioner Harvie responded to questions from former Commissioner Andy Warren regarding agenda items 2b and 4a. Chief Financial Officer Dave Boscola responded to Mr. Warren's questions on agenda items 6a and 6b.

Commissioner Harvie addressed the proposed appointment to the Library Board.

#### 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 item 4a:

A. Approve minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Adult Probation

|    |          |                                                                                                                                 |
|----|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. | With:    | Diakon Child, Family and Community Ministries<br>Middletown, PA                                                                 |
|    | Amount:  | \$195,000** (County 50%)                                                                                                        |
|    | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide a specialized 30-day<br>wilderness program for Youthful Offender participants.<br>4/1/22 – 12/31/23 |

2. BH/DP

|    |          |                                                                                                                                |
|----|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. | With:    | Penndel Mental Health Center<br>Langhorne, PA                                                                                  |
|    | Amount:  | \$342,452** (County 0%)                                                                                                        |
|    | Purpose: | Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to<br>upgrade EHR system and improve telehealth services.<br>3/3/21 – 12/31/24 |

- b.     With:               Reach Out Foundation of Bucks County  
                              Pennadel, PA  
       Amount:           \$62,000\*\* (County 0%)  
       Purpose:          Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to  
                              purchase a van and hire a part-time driver.  
                              3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- c.     With:               Resources for Human Development, Inc.  
                              Philadelphia, PA  
       Amount:             
       Purpose:          Approve contract extension to complete additional work  
                              for reinvestment project.  
                              7/1/22 – 12/31/22
- d.     With:               The Panto Group, LLC  
                              Catasauqua, PA  
       Amount:           \$20,000\*\* (County 0%)  
       Purpose:          Approve contract renewal to provide data analysis and  
                              project management services.  
                              1/1/22 – 12/31/22

3.     Emergency Management

- a.     With:               Crimewatch Technologies, Inc.  
                              East Berlin, PA  
       Amount:           \$66,500 (County 0%)  
       Purpose:          Approve contract to administer police intelligence  
                              network.  
                              3/1/22 – 2/28/23

4.     General Services

- a.     With:               4800 Street Road LLC, Bucks County Technology Park  
                              Trevose, PA  
       Amount:           \$602,761.50 + annual operating expenses & utilities  
                              (County 0%)  
       Purpose:          Approve rental of office space for PA CareerLink.  
                              6/1/22 – 5/31/25

- b.     With:                 Five Star International, LLC  
                                  Harrisburg, PA  
       Amount:             \$146,897 (County 100%)  
       Purpose:            Approve purchase of 2022 heavy-duty dump truck.
- c.     With:                 Offix USA, Inc.  
                                  Allentown, PA  
       Amount:             \$86,517.40\*\* (County 100%)  
       Purpose:            Approve purchase of office furniture for 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the  
                                  Justice Center.
- d.     With:                 S.K.D. Tryon's Emergency Vehicle Upfitting, Inc.  
                                  Croydon, PA  
       Amount:             \$122,767.20 (County 100%)  
       Purpose:            Approve purchase of 8 emergency upfit packages for  
                                  Sheriff's Office vehicles.

5.     Housing & Community Development

- a.     With:                 Benevate, Inc. d/b/a Neighborly Software  
                                  Atlanta, GA  
       Amount:             \$137,400\* (County 0%)  
       Purpose:            Approve contract renewal to provide a software  
                                  implementation solution for BERA Program.  
                                  4/1/22 – 3/31/23

6.     Human Resources

- a.     With:                 American Federation of State, County, and Municipal  
                                  Employees (AFSCME), District Council 88, AFL-CIO  
                                  Plymouth Meeting, PA  
       Amount:               
       Purpose:            Ratify and approve the AFSCME 03 Contract for 407  
                                  employees in multiple divisions and departments.  
                                  1/1/21 – 12/31/24
- b.     With:                 The Bucks County Peace Officers Association  
                                  – Union Code 08  
                                  Doylestown, PA  
       Amount:

Purpose: Ratify and approve contract agreement for 27 employees.  
1/1/21 – 12/31/24

7. Information Technology

a. With: Verizon  
Albany, NY  
Amount: \$275,660\*\* (County 100%)  
Purpose: Approve contract renewal to provide connectivity to 26 county locations.  
4/8/22 – 4/7/23

b. With: Verizon  
Albany, NY  
Amount: \$53,418.75\*\* (County 100%)  
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide connectivity to 5 county locations.  
4/10/22 – 4/9/23

8. Purchasing

a. With: Universal Pest Services, Inc.  
Wynnewood, PA  
Amount: \$6,015\* (County 100%)  
Purpose: Approve contract increase to add pest control services for the Peace Valley Nature Center.  
11/1/21 – 10/31/23

9. Workforce & Economic Development

a. With: Delaware Valley University  
Doylestown, PA  
Amount: \$65,000\*\* (County 0%)  
Purpose: Approve contract to provide training services through PA CareerLink® Bucks County and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding.  
7/1/21 – 7/31/22

- b.     With:                 Jillamy, Inc.  
                                  Chalfont, PA  
  
       Amount:  
       Purpose:            Approve contract amendment to Section 3 for Financial  
                                 Provisions and Requirements.  
                                 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- c.     With:                 Macron Dynamics Inc.  
                                  Croydon, 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
- d.     With:                 Sweet Note Bakery d/b/a The Greater Knead  
                                  Bensalem, PA  
  
       Amount:             \$850\*\* (County 0%)  
       Purpose:            Approve contract increase to provide Forklift Train the  
                                 Trainer course for one employee through Workforce  
                                 Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible PA  
                                 CareerLink® Bucks County funding.  
                                 7/1/21 – 7/31/22

10.    Youth Center

- a.     With:                 County of Monroe  
                                  Amount:             \$350/day/resident (Revenue)  
                                  Purpose:            Approve contract to provide temporary housing for  
                                                                  detention of out-of-county juveniles.  
                                                                  7/1/21 – 6/30/22

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

VI.    REGULAR AGENDA

A.     Resolutions

Item 11a - Commissioner Marseglia shared some history on this land preservation and General Services Director Kevin Spencer provided additional information.

Middletown Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls thanked the Commissioners for their approval of this project.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, the following Resolution was approved by a vote of 3-0.

11. General Services

- a. With: Estate of Ezra C. Stone, Josef Stone, and Francine Stone  
Langhorne, PA  
Amount: \$2,000,000 (County 100%)  
Purpose: Approve a 67-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Stone farm located in Middletown Township. (TMP #22-005-007)

B. Budget Adjustments

**2022 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**  
**Agenda Description**  
**April 6, 2022**

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures**

| <b>Adjustment</b>                        | <b>Department</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Adjustment #2                            | Insurance         | 200,000       |
| Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance |                   | 200,000       |

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

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

C. Personnel Actions

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

D. Board Appointments

Library Board – Brian Reimers  
Penn State Cooperative Extension – Carl P. Vivaldi  
Workforce Development Board – Doug Edwards

Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke regarding the proposed appointment of Brian Reimers to the Library Board.

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

E. Other Civics

Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic - \$7,000  
Quakertown Community Day - \$1,000  
The Rail Yard Society - \$1,500

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

VII. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

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

- A County job fair is being held on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Administration Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor rotunda.
- National Prescription Medication Drug Take-Back Day will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00 pm at sites throughout the county. See website for more information.
- A Household Hazardous Waste event is being held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Upper Bucks Technical High School in Bedminster Township.

Ms. McKeivitt introduced Chief Information Officer Jon Regula, who presented a slideshow and spoke about the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), a new program where eligible households can receive a monthly credit for internet services.

VIII. SOLICITOR REPORT

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

- March 30<sup>th</sup> – to discuss personnel matters
- April 5<sup>th</sup> – standing executive session to discuss personnel and employment matters, pending and prospective litigation, and collective bargaining negotiations

Mr. Khan introduced Chief Public Defender, Ann Russavage-Faust, who reported that her office is hosting a second expungement clinic on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. The clinic will be held in their offices on the first floor of the Justice

Center. Appointments are not necessary for the clinic, but those unable to attend are encouraged to call the office for an appointment. This is for Bucks County convictions only. Ms. Russavage-Faust thanked the Commissioners for their support.

#### IX. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

- Tim Daly from Lower Makefield spoke about Right-to-Know denials.
- Mr. Warren had questions regarding construction of the new treatment facility.
- Ms. DeArmond voiced concerns about the Library Board public meetings.
- Ms. Brock continued her remarks from the first public comment period.
- Ms. Walker spoke about school guidance related to COVID-19.

Commissioner Harvie requested that Mr. Khan check with the Library Board regarding compliance with public meeting requirements.

Human Services Director Rachel Neff, Mr. Spencer, and Ms. McKevitt all provided information regarding the new residential treatment facility.

#### X. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Referencing a recent newspaper column about a woman's lifelong commitment to caring for her adult disabled son, Commissioner DiGirolamo reflected on the good work that the county does, especially in the area of Human Services.

Commissioner Harvie introduced Clerk of Court Brian Munroe, who shared his views on mitigation measures imposed during the pandemic and the effects on children's mental health.

Commissioner Harvie extended his best wishes to those celebrating Passover, Easter, and Ramadan.

Commissioner Harvie recapped some of the contracts approved at the meeting today, thanking employees for the important work they do.

#### 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 20, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: April 20, 2022  
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

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Gene DiGirolamo  
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*