

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

4/20/2022 - 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Harvie clarified that for those interested in speaking during either Public Comment period, they should sign in before the first Public Comment period, regardless of whether they wish to speak about agenda items or general comments toward the end of the meeting.

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Earth Day Proclamation – Middletown Township Parks & Recreation

The Commissioners proclaimed April 22, 2022 as "Earth Day," and recognized Middletown Township's Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts all year around. They encourage all Bucks Countians to support efforts that promote environmental awareness, stewardship, and protection of the environment. Paul Kopera, Middletown Township's Director of Parks and Recreation, accepted the proclamation and shared some recent collection and recycling events they have collaborated on.

B. National Volunteer Week – Bucks County Medical Reserve Corps

The Commissioners proclaimed April 17th through 23rd, 2022 as "Volunteer Appreciation Week," and recognized the Bucks County Medical Reserve Corps. The Commissioners commend the volunteers behind the corps for their selfless efforts in educating, preparing, and protecting our community to support the health and safety of Bucks County. Medical Reserve Corps program coordinators Mary Limbert and Fallon Maggio accepted the proclamation and presented a slideshow about the Medical Reserve Corps.

C. Recognition of David R. Nyman for receipt of the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence

The Commissioners presented a commendation to David Nyman of East Rockhill Township for receiving the PA State Association of Township Supervisors Career Recognition Award, a 2022 Governor's Award recognizing local government excellence. Mr. Nyman accepted the commendation and thanked the Commissioners for the recognition.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, had questions on agenda items 1a, 2i, 2u, and the contracts with ARPA funding. Commissioner Harvie, Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt, and Human Services Director Rachel Neff addressed Mr. Warren's various questions.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Harvie noted that the following items involving ARPA funding should be approved "subject to solicitor approval."

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

A. Approve minutes from the April 6, 2022 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Adult Probation

a.	With:	Connectrex San Francisco, CA
	Amount:	\$64,835.76 (County 100%)
	Purpose:	Approve contract to provide software maintenance and support. 5/1/22 – 4/30/23

2. Area Agency on Aging

a.	With:	Associates Home Care, Inc. Bensalem, PA
	Amount:	\$300,000** (County 0%)
	Purpose:	Approve contract increase and extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors. 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
b.	With:	Better Home Care, LLC Feasterville, PA
	Amount:	\$60,000** (County 0%)
	Purpose:	Approve contract increase and extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors. 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

- c. With: CareSphere LLC
 Bethlehem, PA
Amount: \$200,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 home health, personal care, and home support services
 for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- d. With: Circle of Friends ADHC, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$60,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide adult
 day services for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- e. With: Comfort Home Care, Inc.
 Feasterville, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 home health, personal care, and home support services
 for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- f. With: Community Home Health
 Feasterville, PA
Amount: \$60,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 home health, personal care, and home support services
 for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- g. With: Dacha Corporation
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$40,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide adult
 day services for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- h. With: Delcrest Medical Services
 Ivyland, PA

Amount: \$60,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide delivery of medical supplies and equipment to homebound seniors.
7/1/22 – 6/30/25

i. With: Dr. Kenneth R. Carroll, PhD
Swarthmore, PA
Amount: \$20,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide psychological consulting services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

j. With: Family Caregivers Network, Inc.
Pennsburg, PA
Amount: \$60,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

k. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$260,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for professional support staff and amendment to remove counseling services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

l. With: Gem Home Care, Inc.
Huntington Valley, PA
Amount: \$60,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services for seniors.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

m. With: Immediate Home Care, Inc.
Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$300,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide home health, personal care, and home support services

for seniors.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

- n. With: Interim HealthCare of Lower Bucks County
 Trevose, PA
Amount: \$922,805** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to
 provide Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)
 services to residents. (Subject to final approval by county
 solicitor)
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- o. With: Ivins Outreach Center
 Morrisville, PA
Amount: \$199,950** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for
 HomeShare program. (Subject to final approval by county
 solicitor)
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- p. With: Maximum Care Inc.
 Whitehall, PA
Amount: \$800,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 home health, personal care, and home support services
 for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- q. With: New Life Home Health Care Agency, Inc.
 Huntington Valley, PA
Amount: \$60,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 home health, personal care, and home support services
 for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- r. With: NHCM Inc. d/b/a Prestige Home Care Agency
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$250,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 home health, personal care, and home support services

for seniors.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

- s. With: Northeast Adult Day Care, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA

 Amount: \$60,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide adult
 day services for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

- t. With: Precise Point Inc. d/b/a Unique Aid
 Lansdale, PA

 Amount: \$60,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 home health, personal care, and home support services
 for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

- u. With: PSI Personnel, LLC
 Doylestown, PA

 Amount: \$255,000** (County 76.5%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide as-needed temporary
 support staff for Area Agency on Aging and Board of
 Elections.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/25

- v. With: Senior Care Centers of PA, Inc. d/b/a Active Day Inc.
 Trevose, PA

 Amount: \$100,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide adult
 day services for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

- w. With: Shanti Gardens LLC d/b/a Shanti Gardens Adult Day
 Care
 Levittown, PA

 Amount: \$100,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide adult
 day services for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

- x. With: The Peace Center
 Langhorne, PA
 Amount: \$1,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 mediation resolution services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- y. With: The Wood Company, a wholly owned indirect subsidiary
 of Sodexo Management Inc.
 Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$10,000** (County 9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 home-delivered meals.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- z. With: Transitional Care Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Interim Healthcare
 of Lower Bucks County
 Trevose, PA
 Amount: \$30,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 home health, personal care, and home support services
 for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- aa. With: VNA-Community Services, Inc.
 Abington, PA
 Amount: \$100,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 home health, personal care, and home support services
 for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

3. BH/DP

- a. With: Lenape Valley Foundation
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$183,842** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for
 renovations at treatment facilities. (Subject to final approval
 by county solicitor)

3/3/21 – 12/31/24

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: Devereux Foundation d/b/a Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health
King of Prussia, PA

Amount: \$100,000** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster and residential care.
7/1/21 – 6/30/23

- b. With: Dr. Donna Lee Toro
Perkasie, PA

Amount: \$20,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster parent evaluations and screening services.
1/1/22 – 12/31/22

- c. With: Haven Adoptions, Inc.
Ambler, PA

Amount: \$200,000** (County 14%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care and kinship services to children.
7/1/21 – 6/30/23

- d. With: Libertae
Bensalem, PA

Amount: \$12,205** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide parenting group services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- e. With: Maternity Care Coalition
Philadelphia, PA

Amount: \$69,760 ** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide prenatal/parenting skills class for new and expectant adolescent parents.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- f. With: Neighborhood First Program, Inc.

Bristol, PA
Amount: \$50,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide truancy response and diversion program. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

g. With: PA Child Corporation
York, PA
Amount: \$55,000** (County 9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care and kinship services to children.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

h. With: RTM LLC, d/b/a The Academy Community Based Services
Norristown, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide a truancy prevention/diversion program. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

i. With: Sabina Mauro LLC
Yardley, PA
Amount: \$20,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster parent evaluations and screening services.
1/1/22 – 12/31/22

j. With: Woods Services
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$150,000** (County 33%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential and counseling services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

5. Corrections

a. With: Jennifer Kelly
Bristol, PA

Amount: \$65,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to serve as Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program Specialist.
4/21/22 – 4/20/23

6. Emergency Health Services

a. With: Image Trend, Inc.
Lakeville, MN
Amount: \$50,043.69 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide software maintenance for the regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) data collection system.
5/1/22 – 4/30/23

7. General Services

a. With: Palman Electric Inc.
Huntington Valley, PA
Amount: \$2,635.24** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve electrical contract increase for installation of stringline and microphone openings for audio-visual contractor for the 5th floor Justice Center build out.
Change Order #2

b. With: Palman Electric Inc.
Huntington Valley, PA
Amount: \$3,553.83** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve electrical contract increase for elevator disconnect switch and emergency circuit wiring for the 5th floor Justice Center build out.
Change Order #3

c. With: Palman Electric Inc.
Huntington Valley, PA
Amount: \$8,578.93** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve electrical contract increase for additional receptacles and cable for the 5th floor Justice Center build out.
Change Order #4

- d. With: Palman Electric Inc.
 Huntington Valley, PA
Amount: \$6,142.16** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve electrical contract increase for telecom cables,
 power to equipment panel, and other cable
 work for the 5th floor Justice Center build out.
 Change Order #5
- e. With: Pennonni Associates, Inc.
 Warrington, PA
Amount: \$3,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to create interior renderings
 for the African American Museum at Core Creek Park.
- f. With: R. Porter Brooks
 Ottsville, PA
Amount: \$3,504.50 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve Temporary Construction Easement and
 Agreement of Sale for a Right of Way Acquisition (Fee
 Simple) and Final Settlement Statement for
 reconstruction of Bucks County Bridge #48 on Rolling Hill
 Road over Deep Run in Bedminster Township, in lieu of
 condemnation. Also, authorize General Services Director
 of Operations to sign the Settlement Statement on behalf
 of the County.
- g. With: Randolph E. Schader
 Pipersville, PA
Amount: \$7,216.50 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve Temporary Construction Easement and
 Agreement of Sale for a Right of Way Acquisition (Fee
 Simple) and Final Settlement Statement for
 reconstruction of Bucks County Bridge #48 on Rolling Hill
 Road over Deep Run in Bedminster Township, in lieu of
 condemnation. Also, authorize General Services Director
 of Operations to sign the Settlement Statement on behalf
 of the County.

8. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: (\$588,322.57)

Purpose: Approve termination of contract for 2020 CDBG funding to administer the Eviction Prevention Financial Assistance Program, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic.
1/1/21 – 4/20/22

- b. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$130,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to provide sheltering in hotels/motels due to limited capacity in shelters, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic.
5/1/22 – 4/30/23

9. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$197,132** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to expand the Healthy Eating and Living Partnership (HELP) Center. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- b. With: Ivins Outreach Center
Morrisville, PA
Amount: \$579,185** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Lower Bucks Consortium Academic Support program to serve homeless and low-income students. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- c. With: The Council of Southeast PA, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$110,400** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Pro-Act Family Recovery Program to serve individuals with substance use disorders. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

12. Planning Commission

- a. With: New Hope Borough
 Amount: \$6,900 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve consulting agreement to assist the Historic
 Architecture Review Board (HARB).
 4/6/22 – 4/6/23

- b. With: Solebury Township
 Amount: \$1,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide planning services.
 4/6/22 – 4/6/23

13. Purchasing

- a. With: General Chemical Supply Inc.
 Moorestown, NJ
 Amount: \$16,704* (County 15.3%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to purchase janitorial
 supplies.
 3/1/22 – 2/29/24

- b. With: Professional Cleaning Services
 Mullica Hill, NJ
 Amount: \$1,595* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to add one-time cleaning
 services for Peace Valley Nature Center.
 6/1/21 – 5/31/23

- c. With: WB Mason
 Brockton, MA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to add new paper towels to
 replace discontinued product.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

14. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: D&E Builders
 Southampton, PA

Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Section 3 for Financial Provisions and Requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

b. With: Quick Labs, LLC
Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$26,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Phlebotomy training course through PA CareerLink® Bucks County and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding.
7/1/21 – 7/31/22

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

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Items 15a, b & c – Rich Brahler, Director of Transportation Planning, provided information on these contracts concerning county trail improvements.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, these Resolutions from the regular agenda were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners.

15. Planning Commission

a. With: Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority
Warrington, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve easement agreement for the Neshaminy Greenway Trail Phase II.

b. With: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$238,800 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant for costs associated with the design and engineering of the Newtown Rail Trail Phase II.
2/2/22 – 12/31/22

- c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
 Harrisburg, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve grant application for DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program to develop a Trail Gap study.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

B. Personnel Actions

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

C. Board Appointments

America250 PA Bucks County Commission

- Christine Triantos
- Dana Barber

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council

- Jeremy Wechsler
- Lorena Rodriguez De La Garza

Drug & Alcohol Commission

- Matt McGahran

MH/DP Advisory Board

- Dr. Traci Lordon

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

D. Other Civics

Bristol Riverside Theatre - \$30,000
Foundations Community Partnership - \$1,000
Neshaminy Pass Program - \$1,800

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

VII. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, yielded her time to the following:

Deputy Chief Operating Officer Gail Humphrey provided an update on the upcoming Primary Election on May 17th. She spoke of the need for poll workers and judges of elections, referencing the daily rate and paid training at the three government service centers. The Board of Elections is working on processing mail-in ballot applications. The deadline to register is May 2nd. Ballot boxes will be available at the government service centers and library partners beginning on May 2nd.

Diane Rosati, Executive Director, Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, presented information on the Bucks County Medication Take Back Program. The next drive-through event will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 10:00 – 2:00 at 48 drop-off sites throughout the county. Free Narcan will be distributed at some of the sites. Ms. Rosati advised that they have also started collecting sharps and needles. Permanent drop boxes will be available for them this Spring. Collection boxes for used and expired medications are always available at police stations and other locations in the county. Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about the importance of this program, emphasizing the volume collected in Bucks County. District Attorney Matt Weintraub reminded everyone that they also collect vapes and pet medications.

Audrey Kenny, Director of Emergency Services, introduced Health Department Director Dr. David Damsker who provided an update on COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

Ms. McKevitt presented a video produced by the Department of Communications about the upcoming county job fair, which will be held in the 3rd floor rotunda of the Administration Building on April 27th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

VIII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday to discuss personnel and related employment matters, collective bargaining negotiations, and pending and prospective litigation.

Mr. Khan announced that the third county-sponsored continuing legal education (CLE) course for attorneys will be held next Friday, April 29th at 2:30, here in the Administration Building. The course for Purchasing, Procurement, and Contracts will be presented by Purchasing Director Maureen McIlvaine and Assistant Solicitor Dan Grieser, and will provide two hours of CLE credits, including ½ hour of ethics. Please contact the Law Department with any questions.

IX. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

Commissioner Harvie responded to Mr. Warren's questions regarding the status of aliens coming into the county and the availability of the Pearl Buck room at the library for public meetings.

X. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia advised that the annual "Hold on You Matter" suicide

prevention walk will be held on Sunday, May 1st at the Bucks County Technical High School in Fairless Hills. Those interested can visit holdonyoumatter.com to register. The walks raise money for suicide prevention efforts and is a great way to remember a loved one.

Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about the drug problem being an epidemic and the number of detoxes they do at the prison monthly. He suggested they explore the possibilities of taking it further with follow-up treatment or some type of aftercare.

Commissioner Harvie, referencing the recent discussions regarding public comment at meetings, requested that Mr. Khan to review how the county compares with other public comment policies. Also, to see that other Boards and Authorities in the County are compliant.

Commissioner Harvie recapped the meeting, pointing out the amount of county money being spent on things such as social services, senior citizens, children, people with disabilities, addiction, and truancy.

Commissioner Harvie shared a story for Earth Day and spoke about the need for continued progress on environmental issues.

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, May 4, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: May 4, 2022
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*