

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

5/18/2022 - 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. PRESENTATIONS

A. National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week

The Commissioners proclaimed the week of May 15 – 21, 2022 as “Emergency Medical Services Week,” to thank those who have dedicated their lives to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of others through the administration of swift, life-saving medical treatment. This proclamation was accepted by Evan Resnikoff, President of the Bucks County EMS Chief's Association and Chief of the Newtown Ambulance Squad, who thanked the commissioners for their support. Commissioner Harvie spoke about the lack of funding for rescue squads and the need for changes in Harrisburg.

B. Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month

The Commissioners proclaimed May 2022 to be “Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month” to encourage all Bucks Countians to learn more about this complex disease and those who struggle with it, and to help educate friends, coworkers, and family members so the Cystic Fibrosis Awareness community can grow and strengthen. Anna Payne, Administrative Assistant to Commissioner Marseglia and an elected official in Middletown Township, accepted the proclamation and spoke about her work with the Bucks County Cystic Fibrosis Alliance. She was accompanied by fellow Alliance member Nick Maiorana. Anna presented a slideshow and shared her experience living with cystic fibrosis and colon cancer.

C. Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

The Commissioners proclaimed May 2022 as “Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month,” recognizing the many vital contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the county and celebrating their rich history and cultures. Accepting the proclamation was Anna Katz, President and CEO of Pearl S. Buck International, and board member Shamsul Huda, who is also on the board of Bucks County Community College. Ms. Katz presented a slide show and spoke about the history and work of Pearl Buck. Saying that this proclamation has special meaning for him, Commissioner DiGirolamo shared that two of his daughters were adopted many years ago from South Korea.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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

Item 4a - General Services Director Kevin Spencer responded

Item 8a - Commissioners Harvie and Marseglia both responded

Personnel Items (Law Department) - County Solicitor Joe Khan responded

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Harvie noted some highlights from the 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:

A. Approve minutes from May 4, 2022 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Adult Probation

a. With: MARKL Supply Company, Inc.
Pittsburgh, PA
Amount: \$52,195** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of ballistics vests.

b. With: Redwood Toxicology, Inc.
Santa Rosa, CA
Amount: \$355,000* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide drug screenings and supplies.
5/25/22 – 2/15/26

2. Area Agency on Aging

a. With: Carvell Health Services
Huntington Valley, PA
Amount: \$140,000** (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: Council Rock Senior Citizens Association
Richboro, PA
Amount: \$12,700** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to support the Senior Connect Program.
7/1/20 – 6/30/23

- c. With: Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania
 Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$70,200** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide legal
 services for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- d. With: Lenape Valley Foundation
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$150,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 Senior Empowerment for Life Fulfillment (SELF)
 demonstration program.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- e. With: New Hope Adult Day Care
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$30,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide adult
 day services for seniors.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: A Woman's Place
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$810** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide shelter services.
 7/1/20 – 6/30/21
- b. With: Bethanna
 Southampton, PA
 Amount: \$742,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide visitation support services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/23
- c. With: Bethanna
 Southampton, PA
 Amount: \$190,000** (County 14%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/23

- d. With: Community Service Foundation
 Pipersville, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment for Family Group Decision
 Making (FGDM) and other services to add waiver of
 subrogation language.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/23
- e. With: Community Service Foundation
 Pipersville, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment for various services to add
 waiver of subrogation language under insurance clause,
 correct payment structure, and add other language to the
 addendum.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/23
- f. With: Family Unity Center
 Bristol, PA

 Amount: \$7,500** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide after school services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- g. With: Genesis Home Of New Beginnings
 York, PA

 Amount: \$260,000** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Community Residential
 Treatment Program to dependent children.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/23

4. Corrections

- a. With: CMG of Easton, Inc.
 Easton, PA

 Amount: \$27,952.80** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve increase and extension to general construction
 contract for Women's Correctional Facility expansion
 project.
 3/21/21 – 4/29/22

5. District Attorney

- a. With: Grayshift, LLC
Atlanta, GA
Amount: \$27,995 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide forensic software licenses.
6/27/22 – 6/27/23

6. Finance

- a. With: Aon Risk Services Central, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$6,259 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for insurance coverage for the
Drone/UAV program.
5/3/22 – 5/2/23
- b. With: PMA Management Corporation
Blue Bell, PA
Amount: \$101,026* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide administrative services for
workers compensation, general and auto liability claims.
2/1/22 – 1/31/23

7. General Services

- a. With: DelGuerico Wrecking & Salvage, LLC
Reigelsville, PA
Amount: \$7,458.60* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
dumpster and trash hauling at Upper Bucks locations.
6/1/22 – 5/31/23
- b. With: Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc.
Wilmington, DE
Amount: \$1,068,474.70** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for the rehabilitation of Bridge #270 on
Roudenbush Road over Kimples Creek in Haycock Twp.

- c. With: George Leck & Son, Inc. d/b/a Leck Waste Services
 Ivyland, PA
 Amount: \$941.88* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for dumpster and trash
 hauling.
 6/1/22 – 5/31/23
- d. With: Guy M. Cooper, Inc.
 Willow Grove, PA
 Amount: \$33,750** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve fire protection contract for Emergency Services
 Building addition.
- e. With: Hirschberg Mechanical
 Fort Washington, PA
 Amount: \$288,450** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve mechanical contract for Emergency Services
 Building addition.
- f. With: Hirschberg Mechanical
 Fort Washington, PA
 Amount: \$116,100** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve plumbing contract for Emergency Services
 Building addition.
- g. With: Magnum, Inc.
 Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$684,800** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve general construction contract for Emergency
 Services Building addition.
- h. With: Mar-Allen Concrete Products, Inc.
 Ephrata, PA
 Amount: (\$10,826.44)
 Purpose: Approve contract decrease for emergency repair of
 Bridge #172 on Old Carversville Road over
 Paunacussing Creek in Solebury Township.
 3/8/22 – 4/7/22

- i. With: Palman Electric, Inc.
 Huntingdon Valley, PA
Amount: \$252,499** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve electrical contract for Emergency Services
 Building addition.

- j. With: T&M Associates
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$108,885** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide engineering design and
 construction consultation services for the rehabilitation of
 Bridge #362 on Rocky Dale Road over Ridge Valley
 Creek in West Rockhill Township.
 5/20/22 – 5/20/25

8. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Community College
 Newtown, PA
Amount: \$112,800 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for 2020 CDBG funding to
 provide technical assistance and training for county
 residents affected by COVID-19.
 1/1/21 – 5/31/23

9. 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 81 Contract for
 sergeants in Department of Corrections.
 1/1/21 – 12/31/24

10. Information Technology

- a. With: CoreBTS
 Indianapolis, IN
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to upgrade contact center

and provide additional licenses for new telecommunications platform.

- b. With: Lexis Nexis
 Miamisburg, OH
 Amount: \$96,448.32* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Accurant services for various
 departments.
 5/1/22 – 4/30/25

11. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc.
 Santa Rosa, CA
 Amount: \$50,000** (County 50%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide drug screenings and
 supplies.
 5/25/22 – 2/15/26

12. Law Department

- a. With: Ismael Ramos, Jr.
 Center Valley, PA
 Amount: \$14,965.39 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve payment in the matter of Ramos v. County of
 Bucks et.al. for settlement of litigation and general
 release of claims.

- b. With: Karpf, Karpf & Cerutti, P.C.
 Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$10,034.61 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve payment in the matter of Ramos v. County of
 Bucks et.al. for settlement of litigation and general
 release of claims.

- c. With: Lowey Dannenberg, P.C.
 White Plains, NY
 Amount:
 Purpose: Authorize County Solicitor to enter into Legal Services
 Agreement to evaluate and litigate potential antitrust

claims on behalf of the County on a contingent basis (not to exceed 33 and 1/3% of any recovery).

13. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Nurse Partners, Inc.
 Pottstown, PA
 Amount: \$33-\$65/hour*
 \$35-\$68/hour* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide agency nursing for
 residents.
 5/19/22 – 5/18/23

14. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Friends of Peace Valley Nature Center Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding between
 Supporting Organization and the County.
 3/24/22 – 3/24/24

- b. With: River Valley Landscapes Inc.
 Wrightsville, PA
 Amount: \$90,044 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Contract to install playground equipment at Lake
 Towhee, Tinicum Park and Tohickon Valley Park.

15. Planning Commission

- a. With: Chalfont Borough
 Amount: \$14,850 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to prepare update to the Chalfont
 Borough Comprehensive Plan.
 5/18/22 – 5/18/24

- b. With: KRT Property Holdings LLC
 New York, NY
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve easement agreement for the Neshaminy

Greenway Trail Phase II.

- c. With: Penndel Borough
 Amount: \$1,480 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to assist with incorporating an LED sign ordinance into zoning ordinance.
 5/18/22 – 5/17/23

16. Purchasing

- a. With: Rasix Computer Center, Inc. d/b/a Academic Supplier
 Chula Vista, CA
 Amount: \$52,640* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for county's portion of the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board's bid for toner cartridges.
 1/1/20 – 12/31/22

17. Youth Center

- a. With: County of Berks
 Reading, PA
 Amount: \$400/day /resident (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

- b. With: County of Lebanon
 Lebanon, PA
 Amount: \$350-400/day /resident (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
 3/2/22 – 6/30/24

- c. With: County of Monroe
 Stroudsburg, PA
 Amount: \$400/day /resident (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- d. With: County of Pike
 Milford, PA
 Amount: \$400/day /resident (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide temporary housing
 for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the Transition Report and advised that a status update should be posted to the website in mid-June.

Item 18a – Commissioner Harvie spoke about a new leadership training initiative for county employees. He thanked Deputy COO/Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey for her work on it.

Item 19a - Director of Emergency Services Audrey Kenny spoke about this addition of Berks County to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force. Ms. Kenny responded to Commissioner Harvie's question regarding how this affects funding.

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

18. Commissioners

- a. With: Bucks County Community College
 Newtown, PA
 Amount: \$49,700 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide leadership training.
 9/9/22 – 4/22/23

19. Emergency Management

- a. With: Southeastern Pennsylvania Task Force
 Norristown, PA
 Amount:

Purpose: Approve Berks County amendment to the Task Force Mutual Aid and Cooperation Agreement of 2009.

B. Personnel Actions

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

C. Other Civics

Charles Kane Emergency Fund - \$1,350
Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans - \$1,000
Youth Orchestra of Bucks County - \$3,000

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

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, spoke about the election yesterday, thanking all those who worked to make it a success, especially Gail Humphrey. Congratulations to all the candidates that won.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

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

- standing Executive Session held yesterday to discuss pending and prospective litigation.
- May 16th and May 19th to discuss an ongoing investigation in the Controller's office.

Mr. Khan spoke about the Legal Services Agreement approved today and the Law Department's progress in building an affirmative litigation program. He announced that Bucks County, and First Assistant Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick specifically, has been selected for the Affirmative Leaders Fellowship, a national program that invests in public law departments to assist in exploring potential claims to seek recovery, money, or relief for the populations in the community.

As a member of the Asian American Pacific Islander population in Bucks County, Mr. Khan thanked the Commissioners for the proclamation, and for their outreach throughout the year.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

Commissioner Harvie responded to Mr. Warren's questions regarding the addition of Berks County to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force.

Mr. Warren invited everyone to a forum being held at 6:30 tonight at the Northampton Township Library with former U.S. Representatives Peter Kostmayer and Jim Greewood.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo commended the elections' staff on a terrific job yesterday. He reported that most of the mail-in ballots have been counted but noted that some help from the state legislature with pre-canvassing would be good. The Commissioner also commented on the amount of money being spent on election advertising and the need for redistricting reform.

Commissioner Marseglia also commented on the election and noted that Commissioner Harvie was there late into the night, making sure everything was running as it should be.

Commissioner Harvie provided an update on the election. He advised that they have until the 24th for the overseas & military ballots to come in and he noted the high percentage of mail-in ballots that have come back. The Commissioner also spoke about the issues with people following the rules for the mail-in ballots, such as ballots with no dates, envelopes that weren't sealed, marks on the secrecy envelopes, no signatures, situations where people deposited more than one ballot in the box, and fatal flaws, in which there were no secrecy envelopes.

Commissioner Harvie reflected on Memorial Day, an occasion to remember those who lost their lives serving our country. He spoke about domestic terrorism and said we can honor those on Memorial Day by treating people well and watching how we live our lives.

X. 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, June 1, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: June 1, 2022
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*