

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

6/15/2022 - 10:30 AM

I. WELCOME / 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. LGBTQ+ Pride Month Proclamation

The Commissioners proclaimed June 2022 as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month," encouraging all residents to help celebrate friends, family, and neighbors in the LGBTQ+ community and to reaffirm solidarity with the cause of equality for all marginalized people. Marlene Pray, Director of the Rainbow Room and Regional LGBTQ+ Coordinator for Planned Parenthood Keystone, accepted the proclamation and shared some information about the Rainbow Room and activities that are being held to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Commissioner Harvie announced the change to electronic sign-in for public comments.

Ed Mackouse, from Buckingham, spoke about the LGBTQ+ proclamation. (Commissioner Harvie noted that this item was neither on the Consent Agenda nor the Regular Agenda, but he did not cut off the comment due to the change in sign-in procedures.)

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

Item 2a - Commissioner Harvie responded

Items 8a - d - Commissioner Harvie and Ms. McKevitt both responded

Items 9a - m - Commissioner Harvie and Commissioner Marseglia both responded

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Harvie advised that agenda item 10a should be corrected to read "TouchPhrase Development LLC d/b/a Julota.." The commissioner highlighted some items from the consent agenda. Commissioner DiGirolamo provided additional information on agenda item 3a. Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded

by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following items on the consent agenda, as corrected, were approved:

A. Approve minutes from the June 1, 2022 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. BH/DP

- a. With: BARC Developmental Services, Inc.
Holicong, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to revise rates and re-allocate funds for various services to individuals with intellectual disabilities and early intervention services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- b. With: Employment Technology, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to revise rates and re-allocate funds for services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

2. Children & Youth

- a. With: The Children's Aid Society of Franklin County
Chambersburg, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide residential, shelter, and foster care services to dependent children.
7/1/21 – 11/30/21

3. Corrections

- a. With: PrimeCare Medical, Inc.
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$148,800** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Sublocade and all medical services related to the Medication Assisted Treatment Program.
1/1/22 – 12/31/23

- b. With: PrimeCare Medical, Inc.
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$62,660** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide medical services and
 medication to assist in Medication Assisted Treatment
 Programing.
 10/1/21 – 9/29/22

4. Emergency Communications

- a. With: Peraton Inc. f/k/a Northrop Grumman Systems Corp.
 Herndon, VA
 Amount: \$80,357 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide hardware and software
 support services for 911 computer-aided dispatch
 system.
 3/1/22 – 2/28/23
- b. With: Russ Bassett Corporation
 Whittier, CA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to the current milestone
 payment schedule for workstation furniture for the 911
 Center.

5. Emergency Management

- a. With: NextGen Security, LLC
 Exton, PA
 Amount: \$103,282** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase equipment and provide
 security upgrades at the Emergency Services building.

6. General Services

- a. With: Bucks County Police Association
 Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$3,912 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve temporary construction easement and

agreement of sale for right of way acquisition (fee simple) for Bridge #48 on Rolling Hill Road over Deep Run in Bedminster Township. Also, authorize General Services Director of Operations to sign the settlement documents on behalf of the County.

- b. With: George Leck & Son, Inc. d/b/a Leck Waste Services
 Ivyland, PA
 Amount: (\$8.54)
 Purpose: Approve contract decrease for dumpster and trash
 hauling.
 6/1/22 – 5/31/23

- c. With: Palman Electric Inc.
 Huntington Valley, PA
 Amount: \$8,432.93** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve electrical contract increase for work to fire
 smoke dampers and fire alarm modules for the 5th floor
 Justice Center build out.

7. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve submission of the 2020 Action Plan
 Substantial Amendment.

8. Human Resources

- a. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal
 Employees (AFSCME), District Council 88, AFL-CIO 03
 Plymouth Meeting, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Ratify and approve a side letter agreement for sign-on
 & retention bonuses to address the hiring crisis at the
 Department of Corrections.

- b. With: International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 835
 Drexel Hill, PA

Amount:
Purpose: Ratify and approve a side letter agreement for sign-on & retention bonuses, and overtime compensation, to address the hiring crisis at the Department of Corrections.

c. With: Non-Union Department of Corrections employees

Amount:

Purpose: Ratify and approve an agreement for sign-on & retention bonuses to address the hiring crisis at the Department of Corrections.

d. With: Pennsylvania Social Services Union, Local 668, SEIU, Unit 46
Harrisburg, PA

Amount:

Purpose: Ratify and approve a side letter agreement for sign-on & retention bonuses to address the hiring crisis at the Department of Corrections.

9. Human Services

a. With: BARC Developmental Services
Holicong, PA

Amount: \$1,448,703** (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

b. With: Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP)
Newtown, PA

Amount: \$103,170** (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to revive the Bucks County Long Term Care Partnership and expand the Advanced Care Planning Program.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

c. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
Doylestown, PA

Amount: \$332,325** (County 0%)

- Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- d. With: Buxmont Academy
Bethlehem, PA
Amount: \$90,108** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- e. With: Community Options, Inc.
Feasterville-Trevose, PA
Amount: \$952,650** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- f. With: Community Services Foundation
Bethlehem, PA
Amount: \$240,498** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- g. With: Employment Technology, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$63,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- h. With: Good Friends, Inc.
Morrisville, PA
Amount: \$30,510** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

- i. With: No Longer Bound
 Bristol, PA
Amount: \$387,703** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention
 bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- j. With: Penndel Mental Health Center
 Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$1,091,880** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention
 bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- k. With: Pyramid Healthcare, Inc.
 Altoona, PA
Amount: \$121,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to install filtration systems at the
 Langhorne and Quakertown residential treatment
 locations.
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- l. With: Pyramid Healthcare, Inc.
 Altoona, PA
Amount: \$59,535** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention
 bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- m. With: Reach Out Foundation of Bucks County
 Penndel, PA
Amount: \$38,700** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention
 bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- n. With: Richard Gold, LLC
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$16,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 consulting services for Data Sharing Project.

4/1/22 – 12/31/22

10. Information Technology

a. With: TouchPhrase Development, LLC d/b/a Julota
Colorado Springs, CO
Amount: \$116,600* (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase software for the data
sharing and co-responder database. (Subject to final
approval by county solicitor)
6/15/22 – 6/30/23

b. With: Verizon
Albany, NY
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to payment terms for
connectivity to 26 county locations.
4/8/22 – 4/7/23

c. With: Verizon
Albany, NY
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to payment terms for
connectivity to 5 county locations.
4/8/22 – 4/9/23

11. Law Department

a. With: David W. Adami and Heather L. Giglio
c/o Kline & Specter, P.C.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$625,000 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve payment (to be reimbursed by insurer) in the
matter of Adami vs the County of Bucks for settlement
of litigation and general release of claims.

b. With: Frederick Schrubby
Huntington, PA
Amount: \$500 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve payment in the matter of Frederick Schrubby v.

Sianni et.al. for settlement of litigation and general release of claims.

- c. With: Joan Gaughens
 Feasterville, PA
 Amount: \$225 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve payment in the matter of SEIU Local 668 vs the County of Bucks for settlement of litigation and general release of claims.

- d. With: Toll Brothers
 Horsham, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to extend the outside settlement date from original Agreement of Sale dated November 8, 2007, to December 31, 2022.

12. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Contract Pharmacy Services, Inc.
 Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$1,299,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide pharmacy services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/25

13. Planning Commission

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve resolution to adopt the Newtown to Delaware & Lehigh Trail Feasibility Study.

14. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Upper Bucks County Technical School
 Perkasie, PA
 Amount: \$19,000 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide a STEM camp for youth.

4/1/22 – 6/30/22

- b. With: Zober Industries, Inc.
 Croyden, PA
 Amount: \$25,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide On the Job
 Training (OJT) for eligible Workforce Innovation and
 Opportunity Act (WIOA) participants.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 15a – Consumer Protection Director Mike Bannon presented a slide show illustrating the mission of the Consumer Protection/Weights and Measures Department and a detailed look at the various inspections performed by Weights and Measures. Mr. Bannon responded to Commissioner DiGirolamo's questions regarding fraud.

Item 16a – Todd Haskins, Chief Operating Officer for PrimeCare, thanked the commissioners and spoke about the significant increase of patients with drug and alcohol addiction and mental health issues.

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.

15. Consumer Protection

- a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding delegating
 certain powers and duties to county sealers.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/27

16. Health Department

- a. With: PrimeCare Medical, Inc.
 Harrisburg, PA

Amount: \$46,047,152.69** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide health services at all
correctional facilities and the youth detention center.
7/1/22 – 6/30/27

B. Ordinance #168 (roll call)

Approve Ordinance #168, of the County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, concerning the sale and warranty of certain used motor vehicles (Used Car Lemon Law)

Mr. Bannon and Solicitor Joe Khan each presented information on the Used Car Lemon Law, Ordinance #168. District Attorney Matt Weintraub and Commissioner Harvie also spoke in support of the ordinance.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, and by roll call vote as follows: Commissioner DiGirolamo – aye, Commissioner Harvie – aye, and Commissioner Marseglia – aye, this ordinance was approved with a vote of 3-0:

C. Budget Adjustments

2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

June 15, 2022

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #80	Emergency Rental Assistance	15,000
	Emergency Rental Assistance (Revenue)	(15,000)
Adjustment #81	General Fund	75,000
		75,000

Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance

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

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

D. Personnel Actions

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia,

with the vote being 3-0, the Personnel Actions were approved.

E. Board Appointments

Commissioner Harvie made a motion to approve the following reappointments. Commissioner DiGirolamo amended the motion to include the reappointment of David Breidinger and the motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Marseglia seconded the original motion which passed with a vote of 2-1. Commissioner DiGirolamo explained that he was voting against the reappointment motion because he had wanted Mr. Breidinger to be included.

Bucks County Community College Board of Trustees (6-year term)

Blake Eisenhart	reappointment	term ends 6/30/28
Carol M. Ferguson	reappointment	term ends 6/30/28
Philip Wursta	reappointment	term ends 6/30/28

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

Bucks County Community College Board of Trustees (6-year term)

Ronnie Fuchs	new appointment	term ends 6/30/28
Jamie A. Fazzalore	new appointment	term ends 6/30/28

F. Other Civics

Drummers with Attitude - \$2,500
HealthLink Dental Clinic - \$4,000
Immigrant Rights Action - \$2,000
Puerto Rican Cultural Association of Bucks County - \$2,000

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

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Eric Nagy, Director of Policy and Communications, who presented an update on the Transition Team Report. Mr. Nagy advised of a transition progress webpage, accessed through the county website, that shows the status of various categories contained in the report and will continue to update as changes are made.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

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

- June 14th – to discuss collective bargaining negotiations and the potential settlement of pending litigation.
- June 13th – to discuss potential housing related litigation

- June 2nd – to discuss personnel and employment matters

Mr. Khan spoke about efforts of the Consumer Protection Department to ensure accurate shelf pricing in retail stores. He advised of current issues they are having with a chain of auto parts stores, resulting in additional inspections being performed, and citations and fines being issued.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

William Markham, from Bensalem, expressed concerns regarding the potential sale of the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority.

Ed Mackouse, from Buckingham, shared his views on abortion.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia commented that Summer is a time to catch up on reading and she encouraged everyone to read, especially about history.

Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about the opioid epidemic and the number of detoxes at the prison each day. He noted a recent drug arrest, including the amount of drugs recovered, and he stressed the importance of law enforcement being involved.

For anyone interested in having their voices heard regarding the money coming into the county from the opioid settlement, Commissioner Harvie advised that the Opioid Advisory Committee will be holding two public forums on June 30th. They will be from 9 to 10:30 am for both in-person and virtual attendees, and from 5 – 6:30 pm, that will be virtual only.

Commissioner Harvie reflected on his years of teaching and remembers telling his students that 2022 would be a good year to be looking for work, as the baby boomers would be retiring. He spoke about the county's efforts to help those looking for jobs by partnering with Workforce Development and local Chambers of Commerce, and by offering incentives for some county jobs. The commissioner advised anyone interested in employment with the county to check the job listings, which are posted on the website every Friday.

Commissioner Harvie commented on the increasing acceptance of LGBTQ+ students by their peers over the years.

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, July 6, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*