

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

7/6/2022 - 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. High School Athlete Appreciation

The commissioners presented commendations to high school athletes Gary Martin from Archbishop Wood, and Sanaa Hebron from Neshaminy High School. Recognizing their hard work and dedication, the commissioners congratulated them on their high school track and field accomplishments and wished them further success in the future. Also recognized but not present were Claire Dalsass, Mimi Duffy, Miley McFadden, and Kate Edenson from Central Bucks West.

B. Area Agency on Aging – Senior Games Presentation

Deputy Administrator of Area Agency on Aging Bill McTigue presented a slide show of highlights from the Bucks County Senior Games, an annual event run for seniors by the Area Agency on Aging.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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

Items 1a, b, d-r, t, v-y	- Commissioner Harvie responded
Item 3a	- Solicitor Joe Khan responded
Item 10e	- Human Services Director Rachel Neff responded
Item 18a	- Commissioner Harvie responded

The following people commented on agenda item 3a:

- Diane Marie Haring from Hilltown
- Sarah Bower from Doylestown
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Rich Walker from New Britain
- Megan Brock from Northampton
- Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead
- Connor Albright from Doylestown
- Joshua Hogan from West Rockhill

Commissioner DiGirolamo responded to comments regarding the Right-to-Know Law. Mr. Khan also responded to the questions regarding the designations of Agency Open Records Officer. He provided some background information on the Right-to-Know Law, the increase in the volume of requests, and the appeals process.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approve minutes from the June 15, 2022 meeting.

B. Resolutions

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

1. Area Agency on Aging

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| a. | With: | Associates Home Care, Inc.
Bensalem, PA |
| | Amount: | |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract amendment to Appendix F. |
| b. | With: | Better Home Care, LLC
Feasterville, PA |
| | Amount: | |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract amendment to Appendix F. |
| c. | With: | Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services
Agency |
| | Amount: | \$15,000** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide services and supports
related to the Grandparent Program. |
| d. | With: | CareSphere LLC
Bethlehem, PA |
| | Amount: | |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract amendment to Appendix F. |
| e. | With: | Carvell Health Services |

- Huntington Valley, PA
- Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- f. With: Circle of Friends ADHC, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA
- Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- g. With: Comfort Home Care, Inc.
Feasterville, PA
- Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- h. With: Community Home Health
Feasterville, PA
- Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- i. With: Dacha Corporation
Philadelphia, PA
- Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- j. With: Expert Home Care, Inc.
Feasterville, PA
- Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- k. With: Family Caregivers Network, Inc.
Pennsburg, PA
- Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- l. With: Gem Home Care, Inc.
Huntington Valley, PA
- Amount:

- Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- m. With: Immediate Home Care, Inc.
Bensalem, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- n. With: Maximum Care Inc.
Whitehall, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- o. With: New Hope Adult Day Care
Philadelphia, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- p. With: New Life Home Health Care Agency, Inc.
Huntington Valley, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- q. With: NHCM Inc. d/b/a Prestige Home Care Agency
Philadelphia, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- r. With: Northeast Adult Day Care, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- s. With: Pennsylvania Department of Aging
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$223,172 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding for the Shared Housing Match-up Program.

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- t. With: Precise Point Inc. d/b/a Unique Aid
 Lansdale, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- u. With: PSI Personnel, LLC
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$30,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide temporary office
 staff for Parks & Recreation and amend Appendix B.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/25
- v. With: Shanti Gardens LLC
 d/b/a Shanti Gardens Adult Day Care
 Levittown, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- w. With: Transitional Care Solutions, Inc.
 d/b/a Interim Healthcare of Lower Bucks County
 Trevoese, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- x. With: VitaCare Home Health, Inc.
 Feasterville, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.
- y. With: VNA-Community Services, Inc.
 Abington, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to Appendix F.

- a. With: Goodwill Keystone Area
 Harrisburg, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to add rate for supported
 employment services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- b. With: KenCrest Services
 Blue Bell, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to increase rates for in-
 home and community support services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- c. With: Merakey of Bucks County
 Erdenheim, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to increase rates for in-
 home and community support services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- d. With: Sunny Days Early Childhood Developmental Services,
 Inc.
 Media, PA

 Amount: \$170,124** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide early intervention
 services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- e. With: Sunshine Therapy Club, Inc.
 Havertown, PA

 Amount: \$40,000** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide early intervention
 services for children up to age three.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

3. Commissioners

- a. With:
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve Ann Russavage-Faust as Agency Open

Records Officer (AORO) for Public Defender; approve Ashley Dayoub as AORO for all other RTK requests to administration; ratify previous AORO designations by Row Officers; and authorize Row Officers to designate alternate staff or solicitors as AOROs as needed.

4. Corrections

- a. With: PrimeCare Medical, Inc.
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$61,590.70** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide and administer
 Vivitrol as part of the Medication Assisted Treatment
 Program.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

5. Emergency Communications

- a. With: Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$34,966.80* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 direct connection between the two 911 centers.
 3/31/22 – 3/20/23

6. General Services

- a. With: Guy M. Cooper, Inc.
 Willow Grove, PA
 Amount: (\$26,806.56)
 Purpose: Approve decrease of plumbing contract for 5th floor
 Justice Center build out.
- b. With: Guy M. Cooper, Inc.
 Willow Grove, PA
 Amount: (\$21,103)
 Purpose: Approve decrease of fire protection contract for 5th floor
 Justice Center build out.
- c. With: Guy M. Cooper, Inc.

- Willow Grove, PA
Amount: (\$13,485.15)
Purpose: Approve decrease of mechanical contract for 5th floor Justice Center build out.
- d. With: INTEX Environmental Group, Inc.
Pipersville, PA
Amount: \$47,096** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide sampling, analysis, and reporting services at the Hidden Valley Landfill.
7/1/22 – 7/1/24
- e. With: PQ Energy Services, Inc.
Easton, PA
Amount: \$53,600** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve service maintenance agreement for HVAC system controls at the Justice Center.
6/15/22 – 6/14/25
- f. With: TE Construction Services, LLC
Warminster, PA
Amount: (\$20,956.60)
Purpose: Approve decrease of general construction contract for 5th floor Justice Center build out.

7. Health Department

- a. With: Clarke Mosquito Control
St. Charles, IL
Amount: \$23,118** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to purchase pesticides under the West Nile grant.

8. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$84,333** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2022 CDBG funding to provide operational support for the Bucks County Housing Link

and Diversion Services.

7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- b. With: Indian Creek Foundation
 Souderton, PA
Amount: \$40,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding for ADA
 restroom renovations at a group home facility for adults
 with disabilities.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

9. Human Resources

- a. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal
 Employees (AFSCME), District Council 88, AFL-CIO
 05R
 Plymouth Meeting, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Ratify and approve contract interest arbitration award
 for 120 employees in Register of Wills, Sheriff,
 Prothonotary, and Clerk of Courts.
 1/1/21 – 12/31/24
- b. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal
 Employees (AFSCME), District Council 88, AFL-CIO,
 Units 03, 33 & 81
 Plymouth Meeting, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve side letter to clarify effective date of employee
 health benefits contributions.
 1/1/21 – 12/31/24
- c. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal
 Employees (AFSCME), District Council 88, AFL-CIO,
 Units 03 & 33
 Plymouth Meeting, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Ratify and approve side letter agreement extension
 through 12/31/22 for premium pay weekends.
- d. With: CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services, Inc.

Amount: Kansas City, MO
\$170,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services for
county benefits.
8/1/22 – 7/31/23

e. With: Non-Union Neshaminy Manor employees
Amount:
Purpose: Ratify and approve side letter agreement extension
through 12/31/22 for supplemental staffing bonus.

f. With: Pennsylvania State Education Association
Units 06 & 86
Montgomeryville, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Ratify and approve side letter agreement extension
through 12/31/22 for shift premium payments.

10. Human Services

a. With: A Woman's Place
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$73,600** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide counseling and
relocation services to survivors of domestic abuse.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

b. With: Adelphoi Village, Inc.
Latrobe, PA
Amount: \$54,386** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention
bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

c. With: Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$15,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services.
1/1/22 – 12/31/22

- d. With: Concern Professional Services for Children, Youth
 and Families
 Fleetwood, PA
Amount: \$18,990** (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: No Longer Bound
 Bristol, PA
Amount: \$387,703** (County 0%)
Purpose: Correct 6/15/22 agenda description to “approve ARPA
 funding for programs for at-risk and low-income youth
 at the Bristol Education Center.”
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- f. With: Patricia M. Griffin, Ph.D. d/b/a Griffin Consulting, LLC
 East Norriton, PA
Amount: \$7,500** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 consulting services for the Co-Responder program.
 1/1/23 – 3/31/24
- g. With: The Council of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$412,313** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve ARPA funding to provide sign-on & retention
 bonuses to address the hiring crisis.
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24

11. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Accelerated Care Plus Leasing, Inc.
 Reno, NV
Amount: \$21,240** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 therapy equipment and related services for residents.
 6/22/22 – 6/21/23

- b. With: Quest Diagnostics Clinical Laboratories, Inc.
 Secaucus, NJ
 Amount: \$2,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide laboratory testing services.
 6/1/22 – 5/31/23

12. Purchasing

- a. With: Pitney Bowes Presort Services, LLC
 Omaha, NE
 Amount: \$56,953.87* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide pre-sort mail services.
 7/18/22 – 7/17/24

13. Tax Claim Bureau

- a. With: Government Software Services
 Honesdale, PA
 Amount: \$35,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to print and mail notices to delinquent
 taxpayers.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

14. Treasurer

- a. With: Fairfield Computer Services, LLC
 Oakwood, OH
 Amount: \$21,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase software to issue dog
 licenses, small games of chance & bingo licenses, and
 sportsman firearm permits.
 7/6/22 – 7/5/25

15. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: John's Family of Companies
 Fairless Hills, PA
 Amount: \$9,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to offer driving lessons for the Out of
 School Youth Program (OSY).
 4/1/22 – 9/30/22

- b. With: Oceanpointe Dental Assistant Academy of Philadelphia
 Newtown, PA
Amount: \$20,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide training services for
 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
 eligible PA CareerLink® Bucks County clients.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- c. With: Pennsylvania State University
 University Park, PA
Amount: \$10,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide a Project Management
 Training Certificate Program for Workforce Innovation
 and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible PA CareerLink®
 Bucks County clients.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- d. With: The Rodon Group
 Hatfield, PA
Amount: \$17,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide On the Job Training (OJT)
 for eligible Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 (WIOA) clients.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

16. Youth Center

- a. With: County of Schuylkill
 Pottsville, PA
Amount: \$400/day/resident (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide temporary
 housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
 7/1/22 – 12/31/25

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 17a – Laura Onisk from Housing and Community Development provided information on the street medicine program.

Item 18a – Dianna Krall, Assistant Director of Workforce & Economic Development, provided additional information on the mobile unit to provide Pa CareerLink services throughout the county.

Commissioner Harvie highlighted some of the items on agenda. Upon Motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions from the regular agenda were approved:

17. Housing & Community Development

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| a. | With: | Family Service Association of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA |
| | Amount: | \$213,142** (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to support
implementation of a street medicine program to assist
the homeless.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23 |

18. Workforce & Economic Development

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| a. | With: | Farber Specialty Vehicles, Inc.
Reynoldsburg, OH |
| | Amount: | \$391,730 (County 0%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve ARPA funding to purchase Workforce on
Wheels (WOW) vehicle. |

B. Budget Adjustments

2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

July 6, 2022

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #82	COVID-19 Stimulus	47,100
	COVID-19 Stimulus (Revenue)	(47,100)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

2022 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

July 6, 2022

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Capital Budgets per 2021 CAFR

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #3	Open Space Fund	(39,800)
	Open Space Fund (Revenue)	39,800
Adjustment #4	2013 Bond Fund	(100)
	2013 Bond Fund (Revenue)	100
	Debt Service	485,400
	Debt Service (Transfer)	(485,400)
Adjustment #5	2015 Loan Fund	983,800
	2015 Loan Fund (Revenue)	(983,800)
Adjustment #6	2020 Loan Fund	24,900
	2020 Loan Fund (Revenue)	(24,900)
Adjustment #7	Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund	(788,600)
	Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund (Revenue)	788,600
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

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

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

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

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

Juvenile Detention Center Board of Managers (3-year term)

Jay Deppeler reappointment term ends 7/1/25

Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (5-year term)

James Prokopiak new appointment term ends 7/17/27

E. Other Civics

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

- Foundations at the Manor - \$3,000
- Last Chance Ranch - \$2,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

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

The next household hazardous waste collection will be held on August 13th at Bensalem High School.

Workforce & Economic Development will be hosting a WED Talk on July 13th featuring bestselling author Heather Younger, who will speak about employee retention. Registration is on-line.

The county is updating its comprehensive plan, Bucks 2040, and asks county businesses to complete the survey to help inform the comprehensive plan's goals and objectives.

County administration is currently monitoring the state budget cycle. They are hoping for a quick resolution so they can determine the expected impact to the county, especially the Human Services budget.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan reported on the standing Executive Session held the day before the public meeting to discuss personnel and employment matters, emergency preparedness, real estate matters, collective bargaining agreements, and pending and prospective litigation.

Noting the county's continued efforts to reduce the cost of doing business in a cost-effective and environmentally friendly way, Mr. Khan reported that instead of purchasing new leather-bound minute books, the county will maintain future minute entries in an all-electronic format.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

The following individuals spoke during public comment on general items:

- Nancy Sherlock from Morrisville
- Priscilla Linden from Upper Makefield
- Andy Warren from Middletown
- Jamie Walker from Chalfont
- Sarah Bower from Doylestown
- Ed Mackouse from Buckingham, and
- Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead

Commissioner Harvie addressed comments regarding school masking requirements and recommendations.

Commissioner Harvie also clarified information regarding board appointments.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia provided a detailed explanation of the process involved with responding to Right-to-Know requests, especially for broad and non-specific requests for emails. The commissioners can each receive thousands of emails, containing personal and confidential information from private citizens, and each one needs to be combed through and redacted before being provided to the requestor.

Commissioner DiGirolamo advised that they should have the state budget by Friday or Saturday.

Commissioner DiGirolamo congratulated his daughter and her fiancé, who are getting married this Saturday.

Commissioner Harvie thanked Mr. Khan for leading the efforts of the Law Department to reduce the amount spent on legal fees for the county.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about conspiracy theories. He suggested that those who are sincere about helping children should be contacting their state representatives to seek additional funding for schools, mental and behavioral health, and drug & alcohol prevention.

Commissioner Harvie advised that the Opioid Advisory Committee is still accepting public input on how the county should be spending the funding that will be received from the opioid settlement.

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

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

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*