

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

8/3/2022 - 10:30 AM

I. WELCOME / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Farm Preservation

Eric Nagy, Director of Policy and Communications, introduced intern Josh Brown, who presented an update on Bucks County farm preservation. This was a summer project by Mr. Brown, which highlighted the county's long-term commitment to agriculture.

B. Foundations Community Partnership

The Commissioners recognized and congratulated Foundations Community Partnership as they celebrate their 15th anniversary. This philanthropic organization is committed to supporting the behavioral and human service needs of children, young adults, and their families. Executive Director Tobias Bruhn shared some information and presented a slideshow highlighting the history and support provided by the organization.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

The following individuals commented on agenda items as follows:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham – item 18a
- Laurie Katz from Northampton – items 2a & 18a
- Christine Heitman from Bensalem – item 2a
- Stephanie Inselberg from Bensalem – item 2a
- Chris Spear from Milford – item 14a (Upper Bucks Rail Trail)

Commissioner Harvie addressed many of the issues raised, including ARPA funding, poll books, the job training vehicle, the Aqua/BC Water & Sewer Authority, retention of paper ballots, and designation of trails.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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 July 20, 2022 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Center
Warminster, PA

Amount: \$67,547** (County 2%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for senior center services, and amendments to Appendix E funding allocation, and Appendix G program requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/24

b. With: Bensalem Senior Citizens Association
Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$129,141** (County 2%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for senior center services, support SeniorConnect program and amendments to Appendix E funding allocation, and Appendix G program requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/24

c. With: Bristol Borough Area Active Adult Center
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$47,542** (County 2%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for senior center services, and amendments to Appendix E funding allocation, and Appendix G program requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/24

d. With: Bristol Township Senior Citizens Center
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$128,037** (County 2%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for senior center services, support SeniorConnect program and amendments to Appendix E funding allocation, and Appendix G program requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/24

e. With: Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior Citizens
Trevose, PA
Amount: \$184,015** (County 2%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for senior center services, and amendments to Appendix E funding allocation, and Appendix G program requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/24

f. With: Council Rock Senior Citizens Association

- Richboro, PA
- Amount: \$21,102** (County 2%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for senior center services, and amendments to Appendix E funding allocation, and Appendix G program requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/24
- g. With: Eastern Upper Bucks Seniors, Inc.
Ottsville, PA
- Amount: \$26,447** (County 2%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for senior center services, and amendments to Appendix E funding allocation, and Appendix G program requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/24
- h. With: Falls Township Senior Citizens, Inc.
Fairless Hills, PA
- Amount: \$72,626** (County 2%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for senior center services, and amendments to Appendix E funding allocation, and Appendix G program requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/24
- i. With: Middletown Senior Citizens Association
Levittown, PA
- Amount: \$63,577** (County 2%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for senior center services, and amendments to Appendix E funding allocation, and Appendix G program requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/24
- j. With: Morrisville Senior Servicer
Morrisville, PA
- Amount: \$61,162** (County 2%)
- Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for senior center services, and amendments to Appendix E funding allocation, and Appendix G program requirements.
7/1/21 – 6/30/24

2. Board of Elections

- a. With: KnowInk, LLC
St. Louis, MO
Amount: (\$81,625)
Purpose: Approve contract decrease to purchase electronic poll books.

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: Acollective Consulting, LLC
Warminster, PA
Amount: \$430,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide community residential services for dependent children.
6/1/22 – 6/30/24
- b. With: Youth Service, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$80,000 ** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide emergency shelter services for dependent children.
7/1/21 - 6/30/23

4. Corrections

- a. With: Gerald P. McCormac Jr.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$5,157.34** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide a Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Coordinator.
10/7/21 - 10/6/22

5. District Attorney

- a. With:
Amount: \$2,811.34* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve out of county travel for one attorney to attend IAATI/NCRC Conference in Rosemont, Illinois.
7/31/22 – 8/5/22

6. Emergency Communications

- a. With: CentralSquare Technologies LLC
 Lake Mary, FL
 Amount: \$1,950** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to add two police
 departments to the Metro RMS CAD Interface.
 1/25/22 - 1/24/23

7. Emergency Health Services

- a. With: Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$286,512.62 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve County Emergency Medical Services Grant.
 7/1/22 - 6/30/23

8. General Services

- a. With: Keystone Turf Club, Inc.
 Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$5,000 + closing costs and transfer taxes
 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve purchase and sales agreement between Bucks
 County and Keystone Turf Club; lease termination
 agreement between Bucks County and BCCVB; waiver
 and release of reversionary interests between Bucks
 County and Bensalem Township; and delegation of
 authority memo to allow General Services to sign
 documents at closing.
 (TMP 02-033-001-003)

- b. With: Loftus Construction, Inc.
 Cinnaminson, NJ
 Amount: \$1,524,000 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for the rehabilitation of Bridge #183 on
 Farm School Road over Tohickon Creek in Bedminster
 Township.

- c. With: Lowes Companies, Inc.
 Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$40,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide repair and maintenance

supplies for county buildings and properties.
1/1/22 - 12/31/22

9. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
 Doylestown, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract extension for Emergency Solutions
 Grant funds to provide Rapid Rehousing and
 homelessness prevention assistance.
 7/1/22 - 8/31/22

- b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic
 Development
 Harrisburg, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve extension of Emergency Solutions Grant –
 CARES Act (ESG-CV) funds to provide homeless
 assistance and support as a result of COVID-19.
 7/1/22 - 8/31/22

- c. With: Penn Foundation d/b/a St. Luke's Penn Foundation
 Sellersville, PA

 Amount: \$35,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Village of Home transitional
 housing program.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- d. With: Valley Youth House
 Bethlehem, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract extension for Emergency Solutions
 Grant CARES Act funding for Rapid Rehousing and
 Emergency Shelter services to support individuals and
 families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 6/30/22 – 9/30/22

- e. With: YWCA Bucks County
 Trevose, PA

 Amount:

Purpose: Approve contract extension for Emergency Solutions Grant funds to provide homeless assistance and support.
7/1/22 - 8/31/22

- f. With: YWCA Bucks County
Trevose, PA
Amount: (\$31,114.37)
Purpose: Approve contract decrease and extension for HUD Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act funding for Rapid Rehousing services and Housing Stability Case Management, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic.
6/30/22 – 9/30/22

10. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: RTM LLC, d.b.a. The Academy Community-Based Services
Norristown, PA
Amount: \$100,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide community-based services for juveniles.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

11. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Taylor-Med, Inc dba Med-Electronics
Beltsville, MD
Amount: \$25,320** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide monitors and stands.
8/15/22 – 8/14/23

12. Park Rangers

- a. With: Axon Enterprises, Inc.
Scottsdale, AZ
Amount: \$61,937.06** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide body cameras for rangers.
8/15/22 – 8/14/27

13. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Port A Bowl Restroom Co.
 Plumsteadville, PA
 Amount: \$3,304.48* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide and service two
 additional portable toilets at the Churchville Nature
 Center.
 6/1/22 – 5/31/25

14. Planning Commission

- a. With: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve resolution of endorsement for the completion of
 the Upper Bucks Public Transportation Feasibility Study.
- b. With: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve resolution of endorsement for the completion of
 the Bucks County Pedestrian Safety Study.
- c. With: Plumstead Township
 Pipersville, PA
 Amount: \$56,750 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract to prepare update to the
 Comprehensive Plan.
 8/3/22 – 8/3/24

15. Printing and Reproduction

- a. With: Lindenmeyr Monroe
 King of Prussia, PA
 Amount: \$19,482.76* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve County's portion of the Southeastern PA
 Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board's bid for
 envelopes.
 8/1/22 - 7/31/23

16. Purchasing

- a. With: Riggins, Inc.
Vineland, NJ
Amount: \$14,040.30* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to add delivery location for diesel fuel.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 17a & b – Area Agency on Aging Director Kathy Bennett spoke about the SeniorConnect program, an effort to reduce isolation among senior citizens through technology.

Item 18a – Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeivitt presented information on the allocations of American Rescue Plan Act funding. She advised that all the information will also be available on the website. Commissioner Marseglia noted that the contracts for spending this money are approved at the commissioners' meetings.

Item 19a – United Way Impact Director Tim Philpot shared information on the LIFT United pilot program to assist low and moderate income employed residents with obtaining low-interest used car loans.

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

17. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$47,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to support SeniorConnect program.
6/1/22 - 6/30/23
- b. With: YWCA Bucks County
Trevose, PA

Amount: \$45,400** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to support Senior Connect Program.
6/1/22 - 12/31/23

18. Commissioners

a. With: US Department of the Treasury
Washington, DC
Amount: \$61,017,041 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve acceptance of funds from the American Rescue
Plan Act of 2021.
3/3/21 - 12/31/24

19. Housing & Community Development

a. With: United Way of Bucks County
Fairless Hills, PA
Amount: \$179,278** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding to support
implementation of a car loan program.
3/1/22 – 2/29/24

B. Ordinance #169 (roll call)

Dr. Felicia Ganther, president of Bucks County Community College, thanked the commissioners for supporting this opportunity for the college to secure funding to build a welcome center. Commissioner Harvie clarified that the money is not coming from the county and Chief Financial Officer Dave Boscola added that the county is guaranteeing the bond issue.

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

20. Enact **Ordinance #169** approving a financing by the Bucks County Community College Authority for the purpose of providing funds for a capital project for Community College purposes; approving the sale of the 2022 bonds at a private sale by negotiation pursuant to an assignable bond purchase proposal and subsequent addendum; approving the incurrence of lease rental debt of the County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000; approving the issuance by the Bucks County Community College Authority of its guaranteed college building revenue bonds, series of 2022 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 for its capital project, as described herein; authorizing the execution of a guaranty agreement in which the County guarantees the payment of debt service on the 2022 bonds; authorizing and

approving a sixth supplemental lease and sublease; authorizing the preparation of a debt statement and other documentation, the filing of said debt statement and other documentation and a transcript of proceedings with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development; approving an official statement for use in connection with the sale of the 2022 bonds; authorizing the execution of a continuing disclosure agreement or supplement to an existing continuing disclosure agreement; and authorizing other necessary action.

C. Personnel Actions

District Attorney Matt Weintraub advised that the effective date of item #14 on the Row List should be amended to read 8/15/22.

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

D. Board Appointments

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

Human Relations Council (3-year term)

Joyce A. Hadley	reappointment	term ends 8/1/25
Barbara Hoffman	new appointment	term ends 8/1/25
Mary Jane Leonard	new appointment	term ends 8/1/25
Keith Pacheco	reappointment	term ends 8/1/25
Robert Wilson	reappointment	term ends 8/1/25

Library Board (3-year term)

Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer	new appointment	term ends 11/1/22
	*finishing the term of Jon Panofsky	

Redevelopment Authority (5-year term)

Bryan Servis	new appointment	term ends 7/17/24
	*finishing the term of Dean D. Schafer	

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:

Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$12,000
Peace Center	\$4,500

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. McKeivitt advised that 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 August 17th at 9:00 featuring Ben Fileccia, Senior Director of Operations for the Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association. Mr. Fileccia will present an update on the hospitality industry across the region. Those interested can register on the county website.

As requested by Ms. McKeivitt, Mr. Boscola spoke about the county's AAA bond rating. He advised this rating was reaffirmed by Moody's in a report issued relative to the current bond issuance for Buck County Community College.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan reported on the standing executive session held the day before the public meeting to discuss the personnel list, real estate matters, and pending litigation. Mr. Khan also reported on an executive session held last Thursday, to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Khan provided an update on the recent legal challenges brought against Act 77, Pennsylvania's election law expanding absentee and mail-in voting. After a ruling yesterday by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, he advised that Act 77 remains the law of the land.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

The following individuals spoke on general items:

- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Beth Curcia from Warminster
- Laurie Katz from Northampton
- Art Larson from Doylestown
- Christine Heitman from Bensalem
- Stephanie Inselberg from Bensalem
- Dawn DiLuigi from Northampton Township

Commissioner Harvie encouraged anyone with concerns about the BCWSA/Aqua proposal to reach out to the BCWSA directly. He also noted that the Q&A section on their website may be helpful. Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey addressed the questions regarding video cameras at drop boxes. Ms. McKeivitt provided additional clarification on CareerLink and the Workforce on Wheels vehicle.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia addressed the following issues and concerns:

- transportation and unemployment problems that exist in other areas of the county
- conspiracy theories related to vaccines and elections
- parking enforcement and parking garages in Doylestown

Commissioner DiGirolamo reported on a session held last week led by Jennifer Smith, Secretary of Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. He stressed the need for enforcement of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, stating that drug and alcohol addiction and mental health issues are diseases and need to be treated as such by the insurance companies.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the live broadcasting of Commissioner and Board of Elections meetings and this administration's efforts to increase transparency.

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

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, August 17, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: August 17, 2022
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*