

# BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

8/17/2022 - 10:30 AM

## I. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

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, joined via Zoom. Commissioner Harvie welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## II. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Grange Fair Week / Farmer of the Year

The Commissioners proclaimed August 17 - 21, 2022 as "Middletown Grange Fair Week." In doing so, they salute the members of Middletown Grange No. 684 for their hard work and commitment to holding one of the premier community events in Bucks County, noting years of family entertainment, education, and excitement.

### B. Agricultural Preservation

The Commissioners proclaimed Mike McArdle, of McArdle's Holiday Farm, as the "2022 Bucks County Conservation Farmer of the Year." In doing so, they commended the McArdle family's commitment to the land through both structural and management practices. Accepting the award on behalf of the McArdle family was Bucks County Conservation District Manager Gretchen Schatschneider.

Commissioner Harvie encouraged everyone to visit the Grange Fair and advised of additional resources now available on the county website pertaining to agriculture and farms.

John Ives, Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation & Open Space Programs, presented information on agenda items 1a & b for agricultural conservation easements. These will be the 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> farms preserved in Bedminster Township.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

The following people commented on agenda item 3a as follows:

- Janis Hobbs-Pellechio from Doylestown
  - Julie Kimmel from Doylestown
  - Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
  - Jeff Cogshall from Doylestown Township
  - Amy McGahran from Doylestown
  - Matt McGahran from Doylestown Township
  - Judy Dixon from Doylestown Township
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- Beth Curcio from Warminster spoke regarding agenda items 3a, 5b, 7a & b,

and 10b

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve minutes from the August 3, 2022 regular meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes were approved.

B. Resolutions

Commissioner Harvie spoke about several items on the agenda, responding to many of the public comments. Health Department Director Dr. David Damsker provided clarification on agenda items 7a & b and 10b.

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

1. Agricultural Land Preservation

- a. With: John M. and Kathryn A. Hunsberger  
Perkasie, PA  
Amount: \$376,860 + settlement charges and adjustments  
(County 100%)  
Purpose: Approve county's portion of a 62.81 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Hunsberger farm located on Smith School Road in Bedminster Township. (TMPs 01-011-120-002; 01-011-120-006; and 01-011-124)
- b. With: Mathew P. Goldenberg and Kelly Burland  
Perkasie, PA  
Amount: \$51,944.90 + settlement charges and adjustments  
(County 100%)  
Purpose: Approve county's portion of a 106.01 acre agricultural conservation easement on the Goldenberg/Burland farm located on Slotter and Sweetbriar Roads in Bedminster Township. (TMPs 01-006-022; 01-006-049; 01-006-050; and 01-006-051.001)

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.  
Doylestown, PA  
Amount: \$300,000\*\* (County 0%)  
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide Recovery House funding.

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- b.     With:             Child and Family Focus, Inc.  
                              Audubon, PA  
           Amount:       \$173,335\*\* (County 0%)  
           Purpose:      Approve contract to provide Systems Integration  
                              Facilitation services.  
                              7/1/22 – 6/30/24
  
- c.     With:             Dr. John Markey, Psy. D., CADC  
                              Doylestown, PA  
           Amount:       \$35,000\*\* (County 3.9%)  
           Purpose:      Approve contract to provide forensic evaluations in  
                              support of mental health treatment.  
                              7/1/22 – 9/30/22
  
- d.     With:             St. Luke's Penn Foundation  
                              Sellersville, PA  
           Amount:       \$459,155\*\* (County 0%)  
           Purpose:      Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to  
                              support camp programming for children and  
                              adolescents.  
                              3/3/21 – 12/31/24
  
- e.     With:             T.E.C., Inc., d/b/a Family and Friends  
                              Point Pleasant, PA  
           Amount:       \$1,404,725\*\* (County 3.9%)  
           Purpose:      Approve contract to provide residential services for  
                              individuals with intellectual disabilities.  
                              7/1/22 – 6/30/23

3.     Board of Elections

- a.     With:             Clear Ballot Group Inc.  
                              Boston, MA  
           Amount:       \$39,000 (County 100%)  
           Purpose:      Approve contract to provide pre- and post-election  
                              support services.  
                              8/1/22 – 12/31/22

4. Children & Youth

- a. With: YWCA of Bucks County  
Trevose, PA  
Amount: \$30,000\*\* (County 20%)  
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide life skills, camps and literacy programs, family finding and family searches programs, and employment services programs.  
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

5. General Services

- a. With: Doylestown Electric  
Doylestown, 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
- b. With: Gilah Properties LLC, c/o Bucks County Office Center  
Bristol, PA  
Amount: \$106,585.24 (County 0%)  
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for rental of office space for PA CareerLink® Bucks County.  
6/1/22 – 8/31/22
- c. With: Palman Electric Inc.  
Huntington Valley, PA  
Amount: \$790.74\*\* (County 100%)  
Purpose: Approve electrical contract increase and extension for the 5th floor Justice Center build out.  
5/9/22 – 5/31/22
- d. With: Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc.  
Newtown, PA  
Amount: \$268,658.35 (County 0%)  
Purpose: Approve authorization for General Services Director of Operations to sign contract increase and amendment for Bridge Project Specific Agreement #L0037, for environmental studies, preliminary engineering, final design, ROW acquisition services, and construction

consultation for the replacement of Bridge #54 on King Road over Herkaken Creek in New Britain Township.

e. With: U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Harrisburg, PA

Amount:

Purpose: Approve extension of the Reimbursable Agreement relative to the engineering design for rehabilitation, repairs and improvements to the Neshaminy Creek Watershed, Core Creek Dam PA-620  
10/1/22 – 9/30/23

## 6. Hazardous Materials

a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency  
Harrisburg, PA

Amount: \$31,470 (Revenue)

Purpose: Approve Radiological Emergency Response Fund (Act 147) grant.  
7/1/22 – 7/30/23

b. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency  
Harrisburg, PA

Amount: \$36,022 (Revenue)

Purpose: Approve Hazardous Material Response Fund (Act 165) grant.  
7/1/22 – 7/30/23

## 7. Health Department

a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases  
Harrisburg, PA

Amount: \$38,034 (Revenue)

Purpose: Approve tuberculosis grant award.  
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Office of Public Health Preparedness  
Harrisburg, PA

Amount: \$360,505 (Revenue)  
Purpose: Approve increase and extension of federal immunization grant.  
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

8. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: A Woman's Place  
Doylestown, PA  
Amount:  
Purpose: Approve contract extension for HUD Emergency Solutions Grant - CARES Act (ESG-CV) funding for Rapid Rehousing and emergency shelter assistance.  
6/30/22 – 9/30/22
- b. With: A Woman's Place  
Doylestown, PA  
Amount:  
Purpose: Approve contract extension for PA DCED Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV 2) funding for emergency shelter assistance.  
7/14/22 – 8/31/22
- c. With: Family Service Association  
Langhorne, PA  
Amount:  
Purpose: Approve contract extension for PA DCED Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV 2) funding for emergency shelter assistance.  
7/14/22 – 8/31/22
- d. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development  
Harrisburg, PA  
Amount:  
Purpose: Approve contract extension for PA DCED Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV 2) funding for emergency shelter assistance.  
7/14/22 – 8/31/22
- e. With: Valley Youth House

Bethlehem, PA

Amount:

Purpose:

Approve contract extension for PA DCED Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV 2) funding for emergency shelter assistance.

7/14/22 – 8/31/22

f.

With:

Worthwhile Wear, Inc.

Silverdale, PA

Amount:

(\$28,359.10)

Purpose:

Approve termination of contract for 2021 CDBG funding to provide operational support.

2/1/22 – 8/17/22

g.

With:

YWCA Bucks County

Trevoze, PA

Amount:

Purpose:

Approve contract extension for PA DCED Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV 2) funding for emergency shelter assistance.

7/14/22 – 8/31/22

## 9. Human Services

a.

With:

Hindsight Consulting Group, LLC

Philadelphia, PA

Amount:

\$1,400\*\* (County 3.9%)

Purpose:

Approve contract increase to provide trauma informed training for staff.

3/19/21 – 12/31/22

b.

With:

Paul DiLorenzo, ACSW, MLSP

Bala Cynwyd, PA

Amount:

\$17,000\*\* (County 3.9%)

Purpose:

Approve contract increase and extension to include strategic planning consultation services.

1/1/23 – 12/31/23

## 10. Neshaminy Manor

- a.     With:           American Health Care Services, Inc.  
                          Bristol, PA  
          Amount:       \$17,034.85\* (County 0%)  
          Purpose:      Approve contract to purchase liquid nutritional  
                          supplements.  
                          9/1/22 – 8/31/23
  
- b.     With:           Senior Salon Services  
                          Marlton, NJ  
          Amount:       \$6,000\* (County 0%)  
          Purpose:      Approve contract to provide hair care services.  
                          8/15/22 – 8/14/23

11.   Parks & Recreation

- a.     With:           Friends of Churchville Nature Center  
                          Churchville, PA  
          Amount:         
          Purpose:      Approve Memorandum of Understanding between  
                          Supporting Organization and the County.  
                          5/25/22 – 5/25/24

12.   Workforce & Economic Development

- a.     With:           Department of Corrections  
          Amount:       \$385,000\*\* (County 0%)  
          Purpose:      Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding  
                          and inter-agency agreement to provide re-entry  
                          assistance and services.  
                          3/3/21 – 12/31/24
  
- b.     With:           EFE Laboratories, Inc.  
                          Perkasie, PA  
          Amount:       \$3,918.75\*\* (County 0%)  
          Purpose:      Approve contract to provide Supervising for Success  
                          training for 5 employees.  
                          4/21/22 – 6/2/22
  
- c.     With:           Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau  
                          of Workforce Development Administration



Harrisburg, PA  
Amount: \$17,391 (Revenue)  
Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funds for Dislocated Worker-Rapid Response.  
7/1/20 – 12/31/22

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

## V. REGULAR AGENDA

### A. Resolutions

Item 13a - Laura McCrory and Rebekah Pinto from the Bucks County Intermediate Unit presented information on the Project Search internship program for students with disabilities in their last year of school.

Item 14a - Director of Military Affairs, Tim Wynn and interim Dean of Students from Bucks County Community College, Dr. Dekia Smith, spoke about the resources that will now be available at the college to support veterans and returning adults.

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

#### 13. Human Resources

a. With: Bucks County Intermediate Unit, #22  
Doylestown, PA  
Amount:  
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding for Project Search intern program for young people with disabilities for the 2022-2023 school year.  
8/15/22 – 6/30/23

#### 14. Human Services

a. With: Bucks County Community College  
Newtown, PA  
Amount: \$200,000\*\* (County 0%)  
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to establish office for veterans' affairs and returning adults.  
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

## B. Personnel Actions

Commissioner Harvie noted that the commissioners vote on the personnel actions on the Commissioners' List only and not for the Courts or Row Offices.

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

### C. Board Appointments

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

15. Conservation District (3-year term)  
Joel Roney new appointment term ends 12/31/22\*  
\*finishing the term of Scott G. Smith
- Drug & Alcohol Commission (3-year term)  
Gary V. Tosti new appointment term ends 8/19/25

Commissioner Harvie clarified that these are not paid positions. He advised that one of the appointees are a relative of his and there is no conflict of interest.

#### D. Other Civics

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

16. Boston Legacy Foundation - \$250  
Garden of Reflection - \$2,000  
Gilda's Club - \$4,000

## VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt reported that the budget cycle has begun. They are hoping to have a draft by October 28<sup>th</sup> with a preliminary budget by November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Public hearings will follow in December, with the goal of passing the final budget at the final commissioners' meeting in December.

Mr. Wynn shared information about The Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act, which is the largest healthcare and benefits expansion in VA history. The new law, known as the “Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022” addresses the full range of issues impacting toxic-exposed veterans from the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and 911. Mr. Wynn urged any veterans who may be eligible for these new benefits to contact his office for assistance. Ms. McKeivitt advised that further information can be found on the county website.

## VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

In Solicitor Joe Khan's absence, First Assistant Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on the standing executive session held yesterday to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation.

Ms. Fitzpatrick announced that the Law Department will be presenting its 4<sup>th</sup> Continuing Legal Education course on August 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be a multi-disciplinary and multi-county perspective on human trafficking, led by Deputy County Solicitor Chelsey Jackman. The Law Department will be partnering with both the Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the Bucks County Bar Association. The Bar Association will be hosting the CLE at their offices in Doylestown.

#### VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

The following individuals voiced opposition to the sale of the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority:

Ray Post from Middletown Township  
Doug Smith from Doylestown Borough  
Maggie Rash from Buckingham Township  
Barry Lubert from Warrington Township  
Fred Gaines from Warrington Township  
Stacey Mulholland from Plumstead Township  
Jeanne Voronin from Buckingham Township  
Barbara Lyons from Doylestown Township  
Tom Zeuner from Northampton  
Mike Sullivan from Warwick Township  
Terry Clemons from Buckingham Township

The following individuals spoke on various other topics:

Ada Miller from West Rockhill Township  
Nancy Sherlock from Morrisville  
Jamie Walker from New Britain

#### IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo advised that he was isolating from home due to a positive COVID test.

Commissioner Marseglia commented on the proposed sale of the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority and thanked those who came to speak about it.

Regarding those who spoke on matters other than the BCWSA, Commissioner Marseglia advised that she counted sixteen lies and will continue to keep count.

Commissioner Harvie addressed several of the questions related to the proposed sale of the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority.

Commissioner Harvie said a few words about the Grange Fair, Farmer of the Year, and agricultural preservation, and he commented on the significant amount of the county that is preserved as farmland, open space, and parkland.

#### 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, September 7, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: September 7, 2022  
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

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Gene DiGirolamo  
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*