

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

9/7/2022 - 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. Commissioner Harvie welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Clerk of Courts, DRIP (Delinquency Recovery Program) update – Brian Munroe

Clerk of Courts Brian Munroe provided an update on DRiP, (Delinquency Recovery Program), an effort by the Clerk of Courts to collect court costs and victim restitution. Noting that they recently reached the \$1 million milestone, Mr. Munroe explained the program and cited statistics highlighting its success.

B. National Recovery Month

The Commissioners proclaimed September 2022 as "National Recovery Month." Jennifer King, Executive Director of the Council of Southeast Pennsylvania spoke about recovery from substance use disorders and the Annual Recovery Walk scheduled for Saturday, September 17th. Joining Ms. King to accept the proclamation was Noni West from the Council of Southeast Pennsylvania.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Due to technical problems with the public comment on-line sign-in sheet, Commissioner Harvie asked that those who wanted to speak on agenda items to please raise their hands.

The following people spoke regarding agenda Item 4a:

- Megan Brock from Northampton
- Christine Heitman from Bensalem
- Stephanie Inselberg from Bensalem
- Laurie Katz from Northampton Township
- Ed Mackouse from Buckingham Township

Beth Curcio from Warminster spoke on agenda items 10b & 15a

Andy Warren from Middletown spoke on agenda items 4a, 11a, 12a, 12b-h, 15a, & 23a

Commissioner Harvie, Human Resources Director Lauren Smith, Assistant County Solicitor Dan Grieser, and Commissioner DiGirolamo contributed responses to the various questions raised.

IV. 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 the August 17, 2022 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

a. With: Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$5,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
cable TV services to seniors.
1/1/23 – 12/31/23

2. BH/DP

a. With: Be Well Transitional Living, LLC
f/k/a Be Well Supportive Living, LLC
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$427,480** (County 1.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to operate Transition House.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

b. With: Patricia M. Griffin, Ph.D. d/b/a GriflInn Consulting, LLC.
East Norriton, PA
Amount: \$10,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services for
evaluation of Mental Health Court.
7/1/21 – 6/30/23

c. With: Penn Foundation, Inc., d/b/a St. Luke's Penn
Foundation
Sellersville, PA
Amount: \$230,200** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to fund the start-up of a mobile
engagement services program.
1/1/22 – 12/31/22

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: Atlantic Diagnostic Laboratories
 Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$110,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide drug testing services.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22
- b. With: Clear Vision Residential Treatment Services, Inc.
 Montgomery, PA
Amount: \$130,000** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential treatment
 services for dependent and delinquent youth.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- c. With: Diakon Child, Family, and Community Ministries
 Topton, PA
Amount: \$28,000** (County 3%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide Family
 Preservation/After-Care, Intensive Permanency, and
 Stabilizing While Assessing Trauma (SWAT) intensive
 programs.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- d. With: Linda Pasqua-Blaisse, M.Ed.
 Kintnersville, PA
Amount: \$10,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster parent evaluations
 and screening services.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22
- e. With: Neshaminy School District
 Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$10,000** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide the Summer PASS
 (Planned Action Stimulates Success) Program.
 6/1/22 – 9/30/22
- f. With: Network of Victim Assistance, Inc.
 Jamison, PA
Amount: \$129,960** (County 5%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide counseling and mentoring
 services.

7/1/22 – 6/30/23

4. Commissioners

- a. With: Increase access to the public comment period for
Amount: Agenda Items (30 minutes total) by reducing per-person
Purpose: time limit from 5 minutes to 3 minutes. Effective 9/8/22

5. Corrections

- a. With: Aramark Facilities Services, LLC
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$318,340.72** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 preventative maintenance services for the Department
 of Corrections and Youth Center.
 9/1/22 – 12/31/22
- b. With: Keefe Commissary Network
 Edison, NJ
Amount: 40% of all purchases (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide commissary
 services for inmates.
 7/29/22 – 5/27/23
- c. With: R.W. Powitz Associates, P.C.
 Old Saybrook, CT
Amount: \$18,750**/year (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consulting services for
 environmental health and safety conditions.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/23

6. Courts

- a. With: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
 Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$216,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve and authorize acceptance of grant for the

Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

7. Emergency Communications

- a. With: Aviat U.S., Inc.
 Austin, TX
 Amount: \$64,150 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide maintenance and support
 for the 911 microwave connection.
 8/1/22 – 7/31/25

8. Finance

- a. With: Wright National Flood Insurance Company
 St. Petersburg, FL
 Amount: \$13,761 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve annual Flood Insurance Policies.
 9/4/22 – 9/15/23

9. General Services

- a. With: Carl & Ina Christiansen
 Newtown, PA
 Amount: \$18,600 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract for rental of county property located at
 55 King Road in Chalfont.
 9/1/22 – 8/31/23
- b. With: McCormick Taylor
 Exton, PA
 Amount: \$5,385.51** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide engineering
 design services for the replacement of Bridge #42 on
 Schwenk Mill Road over Morris Run in Hilltown
 Township.
 5/5/21 - Completion

10. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: A Woman's Place
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$5,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant
 funding for shelter operations.
 8/11/21 – 8/10/23
- b. With: Bucks County Housing Group
 Warminster, PA
Amount: \$45,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide housing counseling
 services for First Time Home Buyer Program.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- c. With: Family Service Association of Bucks County
 Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$70,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant
 funding for personnel costs associated with shelter
 services.
 8/11/21 – 8/10/23
- d. With: Penndel Borough
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension for 2021 CDBG funding for
 ADA compliant renovations at the Memorial Park.
 8/1/22 – 11/30/22
- e. With: Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County
 Bristol, PA
Amount: \$250,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2022 CDBG for funding of owner-
 occupied housing rehabilitation program.
 8/1/22 – 7/31/24
- f. With: Worthwhile Wear, Inc.
 Silverdale, PA
Amount: \$125,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for CDBG-CV funding to provide
 operational support for The Well.
 6/1/22 – 5/31/23

- g. With: YWCA Bucks County
 Trevose, PA
 Amount: \$71,702 (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract for 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant
 funding for Rapid Re-Housing services.
 8/11/21 – 8/10/23

11. Human Resources

- a. With: International Union of Operating Engineers,
 Local 835A Unit 01 AFL-CIO
 Drexel Hill, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Ratify and approve contract interest arbitration award
 for 240 staff employed as Corrections Officers,
 Correctional Case Managers, Cooks, Records Officers,
 Laundry Officers, and one Warehouse Officer.
 1/1/21 – 12/31/24

12. Human Services

- a. With: A Women's Place
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$193,736** (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: BARC Developmental Services
 Holicong, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve amendment to ARPA funding agreement to
 update exhibits C and D.
- c. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve amendment to ARPA funding agreement to
 update exhibits C and D.

- d. With: Community Options, Inc.
 Feasterville-Trevose, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve amendment to ARPA funding agreement to
 update exhibits C and D.
- e. With: Employment Technology, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA

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 update exhibits C and D.
- f. With: Good Friends, Inc.
 Morrisville, PA

 Amount:
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 update exhibits C and D.
- g. With: Lenape Valley Foundation
 Doylestown, PA

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 update exhibits C and D.
- h. With: Penndel Mental Health Center
 Langhorne, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve amendment to ARPA funding agreement to
 update exhibits C and D.

13. Information Technology

- a. With: Kronos Incorporated
 Lowell, MA

 Amount: \$42,090.64* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide application support for the
 Telestaff Module.
 9/26/22 – 9/25/23

b. With: Kronos Incorporated
 Lowell, MA
Amount: \$89,112.20* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide application support for the
 Workforce Central Module.
 9/25/22 – 9/24/23

14. Juvenile Probation

a. With: CHOR Youth and Family Services Inc.
 d/b/a Affinity Forensic Services LLC
 Reading, PA
Amount: \$35,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide highly
 specialized foster care for at-risk children.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

b. With: Community Commitment, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$850,000** (County 12%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide intensive in-home
 counseling for juveniles.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

c. With: Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
 Columbia, PA
Amount: \$10,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24

d. With: George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania
 Grove City, PA
Amount: \$325,000** (County 40%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide long-term residential care.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

e. With: Juvenile Court Judges' Commission
 Harrisburg, PA

Amount: \$605,890 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve application and acceptance of grant agreement for juvenile and specialized probation services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

f. With: Lenape Valley Foundation
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$10,000** (County 50%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide consultations and coaching/support services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

g. With: Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc.
Greensburg, PA
Amount: \$185,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide residential care and in-home family services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/24

h. With: White Deer Run, LLC d/b/a Cove Prep
Pittsburgh, PA
Amount: \$61,775** (County 40%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide a secure facility to treat adjudicated adolescent males.
7/1/20 – 6/30/22

i. With: White Deer Run, LLC d/b/a Cove Prep
Pittsburgh, PA
Amount: \$150,000** (County 40%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide a secure facility to treat adjudicated adolescent males.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

15. Law Department

a. With: Charles Joseph Freitag, Jr. as Administrator of The Estate of Charles Joseph Freitag, Sr. and Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing, Feinberg & Lin LLP
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$337,500 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve payment (to be reimbursed by insurer) in the

matter of The Estate of Charles Joseph Freitag, Sr. v. County of Bucks for settlement of litigation and general release of claims.

16. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Inc.
 Manheim, PA
 Amount: \$32,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to purchase examination gloves.
 4/1/22 – 9/30/22

- b. With: Manheim Medical Supply, Inc.
 Manheim, PA
 Amount: \$15,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 incontinence products.
 10/9/22 – 3/28/23

- c. With: ROMED Ambulance, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$58,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide
 wheelchair and basic life support transportation for
 residents.
 9/1/22 – 8/31/23

17. Parks & Recreation

- a. With: Eurofins Environment Testing Philadelphia LLC
 Horsham, PA
 Amount: \$43,215.50* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide water sampling & analytical
 testing services for county pools and parks.
 10/1/22 – 9/30/24

18. Planning Commission

- a. With: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
 (DVRPC)

Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$94,200 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide transportation planning services.
7/25/22 – 6/30/23

b. With: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$61,734 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide public transit planning services.
7/25/22 – 6/30/23

c. With: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$26,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide GIS services.
7/25/22 – 6/30/23

19. Police Training

a. With: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation,
Bureau of Highway Safety
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$305,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant for the Police Traffic Services Grant program.
10/1/22 – 9/30/23

b. With: TMA Bucks Foundation, Inc.
Feasterville Trevose, PA
Amount: \$113,631.61 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Community Traffic Safety programs.
10/1/22 – 9/30/23

20. Prothonotary

- a. With: Paperless Solutions, Inc.
 Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$6,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and amendment to provide
 system enhancement for bulk subpoena orders.
 10/1/19 – 9/30/22

21. Public Defender

- a. With: Allan M. Tepper, J.D. Psy.D.
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$80,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide forensic and psychological
 services.
 5/1/22 – 5/1/23

22. Purchasing

- a. With: Concordance Healthcare Solutions
 Tiffin, OH
 Amount: \$26,014.08* (County 2%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide plastic utensils, cups, and
 other non-food kitchen items for Neshaminy Manor and
 the Youth Center.
 9/19/22 – 9/18/23
- b. With: Imperial Bag & Paper Company, LLC
 Jersey City, NJ
 Amount: \$3,802* (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide plastic utensils, cups, and
 other non-food kitchen items for Neshaminy Manor and
 the Youth Center.
 9/19/22 – 9/18/23
- c. With: WB Mason Company
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$32,317.50* (County 32%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide plastic utensils, cups, and
 other non-food kitchen items for Neshaminy Manor and
 the Youth Center.
 9/19/22 – 9/18/23

23. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Centennial School District, Wm. Tennent High School
 Warminster, PA
 Amount: \$61,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to reimburse substitute teacher costs
 and participating intern wages associated with
 establishing a paid internship program and providing
 coverage for the internship program manager.
 2/1/22 – 12/31/23
- b. With: Dontech, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$4,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide Strategic Planning
 training course for ten employees for Workforce
 Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible PA
 CareerLink® Bucks County clients.
 7/1/21 – 7/31/22
- c. With: NouSoma Communications, Inc.
 Haverford, PA
 Amount: \$7,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide website resources for
 jobseekers.
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24
- d. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
 Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$1,085,380.29 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 (WIOA) grant funds for Out-of-School Youth (OSY)
 programs.
 4/1/22 – 6/30/24
- e. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau
 of Workforce Development Administration
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$186,200 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

(WIOA) grant funds for the Temporary Assistance for
Needy Families (TANF) program.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

24. Youth Center

- a. With: County of Lackawanna
Scranton, PA
Amount: \$400/day/resident (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract 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

Item 25a – Florence Kawoczka and Stephanie Clark from Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County provided information on their partnership with Housing & Community Development to develop the county's first land trust program to assist in providing attainable homeownership.

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

25. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County
Warminster, PA
Amount: \$160,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for HOME funding to construct single
family residence at 5802 Beaver Dam Road in Bristol
Borough.
2/1/22 – 7/31/23

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

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia,

with the vote being 3-0, the following Other Civics contributions were approved:

26. GOAL - \$2,000
Pennridge Music Association - \$250
Police Chief's Association of Bucks County - \$700
Potential, Inc. - \$3,000
Synchronicity Recovery Foundation, LTD. - \$2,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

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

Workforce and Economic Development will be hosting another WED talk on September 14th. Kevin Watson from EDSI will be speaking about how to build an award-winning culture within your business. Please sign up on the website.

Thanks to Director of Emergency Services Audrey Kenny and her team for securing reimbursement from PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency) for the vaccine clinics. More than \$8 million will come back to the county for 2021.

General Services Director Kevin Spencer and Parks & Recreation Director Angela Nagle have advised that the DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) will be funding a study for "Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan."

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

In Solicitor Joe Khan's absence, Assistant Solicitor Dan Grieser reported on the standing executive session held yesterday to discuss personnel matters, collective bargaining issues, and pending litigation. One of these lawsuits, Mr. Grieser advised, was filed last week by the Republican National Committee. It named each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties, and concerns the curing procedures for absentee and mail-in ballots. More information will become available as this moves forward.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

The following individuals spoke during the public comment period for general items:

- Ray Post from Middletown
- Jamie Walker from Chalfont
- Maureen Hickey from Northampton Township
- Megan Brock from Northampton Township
- Albert Tielemans from Doylestown
- Steve Santarsiero from Lower Makefield
- Fred Gaines from Warrington Township
- Priscilla Linden from Upper Makefield
- Jeanne Voronin from Buckingham
- Miah Hornyak from Bensalem
- Joe Frederick from Doylestown Borough

At this point the thirty-minute limit for public comment was reached. The

commissioners agreed to extend the time to allow for the remaining people who signed up to speak.

- Andrew Meehan from Bristol Township
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Ron Cronise from New Hope
- Ginny Marcille-Kerslake from West Whiteland
- Mary Margaret Briggs from New Britain Township
- Patty Knight from Northampton

Commissioner Harvie responded to several of the comments, including those regarding the BCWSA, the use of electronic poll books, and Right-To-Know requests. Mr. Grieser provided some clarification regarding the election code.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia advised that she counted 22 lies today from several speakers, most of them regarding the election and COVID guidelines, two of them being especially significant and offensive. The commissioner also emphasized that no children in Bucks County have died from COVID.

Commissioner Harvie said he appreciated those who have come out with their hearts in the right place and not to spread misinformation and division. He also thanked the staff and ROW officers for all their work.

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 21, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: September 21, 2022
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*