

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

10/19/2022 - 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. Bridge Clinic

Chase Miller from the Bridge Clinic, accompanied by Michele Miller and two volunteers, presented an update on the Core Creek Park Feral Cat project. The commissioners thanked them for all their work and presented them with cat tiles from the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works.

B. Human Services Appreciation

Tim Wynn, Director of Military Affairs, provided an update on several items related to his office, including construction, the new PACT Act, and their van which has been transporting veterans to their appointments at various VA hospitals and clinics. Mr. Wynn also shared a story about a recent situation with a veteran who was helped thanks to assistance from his office, the co-responder program, and Human Services.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Ed Mackouse from Buckingham and Audrey Stein from Warwick both spoke regarding agenda items 2a & b.

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 October 5, 2022 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. BH/DP

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| a. | With: | Acute Care Medical Transport, Inc.
Hatboro, PA |
| | Amount: | \$75,000** (County 3.9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide transportation services for individuals with a mental health diagnosis.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23 |

- b. With: Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$149,955** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide startup funds for
 a Children's Partial Hospitalization Program in Lower
 Bucks.
 1/1/22 – 12/31/22
- c. With: Children's Therapy Services, LLC
 Coopersburg, PA
Amount: \$412,964** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services
 for children.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- d. With: Growing Children with Challenges, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$40,000** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide early intervention
 services for children.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- e. With: Growing Children with Challenges, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$137,700** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services
 for children.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- f. With: LifePath, Inc.
 Bethlehem, PA
Amount: \$2,252** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide community
 participation and residential services.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- g. With: Pediatric Therapeutics, Inc.
 Newtown, PA
Amount: \$934,416** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services
 for children.

7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- h. With: Penndel Mental Health Center
 Langhorne, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to reallocate funds.
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
- i. With: Reach Out Foundation of Bucks County
 Penndel, PA

 Amount: \$175,804** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to
 provide a day shelter for adults.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- j. With: Resources for Human Development, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA

 Amount: \$899,768** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to complete
 additional work for reinvestment project.
 1/1/23 – 12/31/23
- k. With: SPIN, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA

 Amount: \$59,750** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention therapy
 services for children.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- l. With: Sunny Days Early Childhood Developmental Services,
 Inc.
 Media, PA

 Amount: \$1,127,300** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services
 for children.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- m. With: Sunshine Therapy Club, Inc.
 Havertown, PA

 Amount: \$438,370** (County 10%)

Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services for children.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

n. With: The Melmark Home, Inc.
Berwyn, PA
Amount: \$181,334** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide intellectual disability services for community participation support and residential services.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

o. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$42,720 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant to provide rental assistance.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

2. Board of Elections

a. With: Gatehouse Media Pennsylvania Holdings Inc.
d/b/a The Intelligencer
Green Bay, WI
Amount: \$13,032.50* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide election advertising.
12/1/22 – 11/30/23

b. With: Gatehouse Media Pennsylvania Holdings Inc.
d/b/a The Courier Times
Green Bay, WI
Amount: \$13,032.50* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide election advertising.
12/1/22 – 11/30/23

3. Children & Youth

a. With: Clear Vision Residential Treatment Services, Inc.
Montgomery, PA

Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract amendment to add language for children served through Children & Youth.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

b. With: Tabor Children's Services
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$21,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide independent living, life skills and other supportive services.
7/1/21 – 6/30/22

c. With: University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract between Laura B. Carr and the University of Pittsburgh for Child Welfare Education program.
8/3/22 – Graduation

4. Commissioners

a. With: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks
Bristol, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve cooperation agreement for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant for the construction of the Doylestown Hospital Children's Village project.

5. Corrections

a. With: Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$106,500** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Pre-Trial Program.
7/1/22 – 12/31/22

b. With: Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission
Doylestown, PA

Amount: \$65,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve reimbursement to Inmate Welfare Fund for drug and alcohol intervention service expenses.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

c. With: Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission
Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$80,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to continue HEART program.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

d. With: Gerald P. McCormac Jr.
Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$82,500** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide a Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Coordinator.
10/7/22 - 10/6/23

6. Emergency Communications

a. With: Russ Bassett Corporation
Whittier, CA
Amount: \$47,650** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to include electrical component for workstation furniture replacement at the 911 Center.

7. Emergency Management

a. With: Guard911 LLC
Collinsville, IL
Amount: \$28,572** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for smartphone application in Neshaminy School District.
9/1/22 – 8/31/23

8. Finance

a. With: Gerber Life Insurance Co. c/o CCAP (County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania)

Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$5,689.70 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve accident insurance premium for community,
court referred alternative sentencing, work release, and
juvenile tobacco enforcement volunteers.
10/1/22 – 10/1/23

9. General Services

a. With: Bill Anskis Company, Inc.
Elysburg, PA
Amount: \$1,345,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for the rehabilitation of Bridge #36 on
Stockton Avenue over Aquetong Creek in New Hope
Borough.
180 days from NTP

10. Housing & Community Development

a. With: Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks
Quakertown, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension for Emergency Solutions
Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) funds for emergency
shelter, shelter operations & essential services to
provide homelessness prevention assistance.
10/1/22 – 9/30/23

b. With: Bristol Borough
Amount: \$150,400** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract for 2022 CDBG funding for ADA
compliant curb ramp renovations.
9/1/22 – 8/31/23

c. With: Bucks County Housing Group
Warminster, PA
Amount: \$91,000 (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for HUD
Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act funding for
Rapid Rehousing assistance.
10/1/22 – 12/31/22

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

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract extension for Emergency Solutions
 Grant (ESG-CV1) funding to provide Rapid Rehousing
 and homelessness prevention assistance.
 9/1/22 - 12/31/22
- e. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
 Doylestown, PA

 Amount: (\$164,500)
 Purpose: Approve contract decrease and extension for HUD
 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding for
 Rapid Rehousing services and street outreach
 activities.
 10/1/22 – 9/30/23
- f. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council
 Doylestown, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve contract extension for 2020 Pennsylvania
 Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement
 (PHARE) funding for landlord incentives.
 8/26/22 – 6/30/24
- g. With: Penndel Borough
 Amount: \$46,990** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase for 2022 CDBG funding for
 ADA compliant bleachers in Memorial Park.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- h. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and
 Economic Development
 Harrisburg, PA

 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve extension of Emergency Solutions Grant
 (ESG-CV) funding for homeless assistance and
 support.
 9/1/22 – 6/30/23

- i. With: Pennsylvania Department of Community and
 Economic Development
 Harrisburg, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve extension of Emergency Solutions Grant
 (ESG-CV 2) funding for emergency shelter assistance.
 9/1/22 – 6/30/23
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- j. With: Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency
 Harrisburg, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve contract extension for Pennsylvania Housing
 Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE)
 grant funding.
 6/3/22 – 6/30/24
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- k. With: Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency
 Harrisburg, PA
- Amount: \$400,000 (Revenue)
- Purpose: Approve contract for Pennsylvania Housing
 Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE)
 grant funding.
 11/2/22 – 5/2/24
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- l. With: TAPP, LLC
 Quakertown, PA
- Amount: \$504,550** (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to
 renovate a property into six affordable rental units.
 5/1/22 – 4/30/24
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- m. With: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 Philadelphia, PA
- Amount: \$103,023 (Revenue)
- Purpose: Approve grant agreement for Homeless Management
 Information System (HMIS)
 1/1/23 – 12/31/23
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- n. With: YWCA Bucks County
 Trevose, PA
- Amount: \$73,500 (County 0%)

Purpose: Approve contract increase 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.
10/1/22 – 12/31/22

11. Human Resources

- a. With: International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE)
Local 835A, AFL-CIO
Drexel Hill, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Ratify and approve a side letter agreement to add Juneteenth to the holiday schedule retroactively to January 1, 2022 and to correct the wage rates for Corrections Officers retroactively to January 1, 2021.
1/1/21 – 12/31/24

12. Human Services

- a. With: Advocates For Homeless & Those In Need
Fairless Hills, PA
- Amount: \$7,000** (County 3.9%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide shelter, meals, and transportation support to shelters during Code Blue events.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- b. With: Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.
Warminster, PA
- Amount: \$6,000** (County 3.9%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide service planning and case management services for families.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- c. With: Catholic Social Services
Levittown, PA
- Amount: \$7,000** (County 3.9%)
- Purpose: Approve contract to provide counseling services and life skills education.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- d. With: Family Service Association
 Langhorne, PA
Amount: \$41,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide information and referral
 services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- e. With: Libertae, Inc.
 Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$26,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide specialized services for
 recovering women.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- f. With: The Council of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve amendment to ARPA funding agreement to
 update exhibits C and D.
- g. With: Worthwhile Wear
 Silverdale, PA
Amount: \$12,500** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide protective services for
 women.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

13. Information Technology

- a. With: Paperless Solutions Inc.
 Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$853,494.60** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide support for CourtPro
 document imaging system.
 10/1/22 – 9/30/25

14. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: BI Incorporated

Boulder, CO
Amount: \$183,000** (County 20% for JPO)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for Global Positioning System (GPS) Electronic Monitoring Equipment and services for Adult Probation and Juvenile Probation.
12/2/20 – 12/1/22

15. Parks & Recreation

a. With: Bucks County Horse Park Inc.
Revere, PA
Amount: \$29 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve agreement for lease and management of 147 acres located at 8934 Easton Road in Nockamixon Township. (TMP 30-11-116)
10/19/22 – 4/19/52

16. Purchasing

a. With: W.B. Mason Co. Inc.
Allentown, PA
Amount: \$197,405.40* (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve county's portion of the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board's bid for copy paper.
10/1/22 – 9/30/23

17. Recorder of Deeds

a. With: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$5,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Historical & Archival Records Care grant award.
10/19/22 – 5/31/24

18. Voting Machines

a. With: Matheson Transfer Company
Forty Fort, PA

Amount: \$567,265* (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide hauling of voting machines.
10/17/22 – 10/16/26

19. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Chester County Economic Development Council
Exton, PA
Amount: \$29,200* (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Memorandum of Understanding to provide oversight of the PA DCED Engage! Program.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- b. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$291,225 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funding to provide services to job seekers and employers.
10/1/20 – 6/30/23
- c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$110,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funding to provide programs for adults in the local workforce area.
10/1/20 – 6/30/23
- d. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$366,833.50 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program grant funding to provide outreach to students and residents on Community College campuses.
4/1/20 – 6/30/23

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

Item 20a – Carol Boyle, Deputy Administrator of Area Agency on Aging, presented information on the senior centers and how they navigated the pandemic.

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

20. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Bensalem Senior Citizens Association
Bensalem, PA
Amount: \$50,772** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide senior center services.
3/3/21 – 12/31/24

B. Budget Adjustments

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, this Budget Adjustment was adopted.

21. 2022 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS Agenda Description October 19, 2022

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional grant funds

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #13	Workforce & Economic Development	664,000
	Workforce & Economic Development (Revenue)	(664,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

C. Personnel Actions

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

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:

- 22. Bucks County Heroes Scholarship Fund - \$2,000
- Bucks County NAACP - \$1,400
- NAMI Bucks County - \$2,500
- VITA - \$12,000
- YWCA - \$1,200

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

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

The county, in collaboration with Workforce & Economic Development and PA CareerLink, is hosting a job fair for difficult to fill positions in Corrections, Emergency Services, and Neshaminy Manor. This will be held at the Public Safety Center, 1760 Easton Road, on October 25th from 3 to 6 pm.

Human Services Director Rachel Neff reported on the upcoming Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 29th from 10 am to 2 pm at 46 locations throughout the county.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday to discuss personnel matters and a pending litigation matter.

Mr. Khan presented information on the Judicial Watch lawsuit that was dismissed in March of 2021.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

Ed Mackouse from Buckingham and Audrey Stein from Warwick both spoke during the public comment period for general items. Commissioner Harvie laughed at one commenter's suggestion that the Southern Poverty Law Center was a racist organization.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo shared some background on Act 77 and some of the issues with mail-in voting. He also spoke about all the negativity in election advertising.

Commissioner Marseglia agreed with Commissioner DiGirolamo. She also advised that the movie "2000 Mules" has been debunked and she warned everyone to be careful of deer while driving.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the importance of truth and the need for government to find the right balance between standing up for what's right and

compromising where we can.

Commissioner Harvie thanked everyone – especially Ms. McKevitt – for all their hard 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, November 2, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: November 2, 2022
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*