

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

11/2/2022 - 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. Veterans Affairs / Veterans Day

Director of Veterans Affairs Tim Wynn spoke about Operation Green Light, an initiative to support military veterans. The county building will be illuminated in green from November 7th through the 13th to raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by veterans and their families. Mr. Wynn also presented a video showing their new van which transports area veterans to their appointments. Responding to questions from Commissioner Harvie, Mr. Wynn provided information regarding the PACT Act. Commissioner DiGirolamo noted the need for healthcare for veterans.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Commissioner Harvie reminded everyone to limit their comments to only items on the agenda.

The following people had questions or commented on agenda items as follows:

- Ed Mackouse from Buckingham – budget adjustment
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township – agenda items 1a & 10a
- Tim Daly from Lower Makefield – meeting minutes

Commissioner Harvie, Chief Financial Officer David Boscola, and Human Resources Director Lauren Smith all contributed responses to the various concerns and 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 October 19, 2022 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Area Agency on Aging

- a. With: Morrisville Senior Servicer
 Morrisville, PA
 Amount: \$52,918** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding
 to provide senior center services.
 3/3/21 – 12/31/24

2. BH/DP

- a. With: Belmont Behavioral Hospital, LLC
 d/b/a Belmont Behavioral Hospital
 Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$35,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide inpatient psychiatric
 services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- b. With: Co-mans, Inc.
 Penndel, PA
 Amount: \$300,000** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding
 for acquisition of a Wellness House to support the
 female forensic population.
 11/1/22 – 12/31/24

3. Children & Youth

- a. With: K/S Consultants, Inc.
 Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$495,000** (County 19%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide family therapy, advocate
 services, and educational consultation to maintain
 youth in their homes.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- b. With: K/S Consultants, Inc.
 Warrington, PA
 Amount: \$132,500** (County 20%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide Transition to Foster Care
 Program.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- c. With: K/S Consultants, Inc.
 Warrington, PA
Amount: \$70,000** (County 5%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide the Triple P Positive
 Parenting Program.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- d. With: K/S Consultants, Inc.
 Warrington, PA
Amount: \$345,000** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide intensive and
 step-down Truancy Prevention/Diversion to youths K-
 12.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- e. With: K/S MST, Inc.
 Warrington, PA
Amount: \$85,000** (County 5%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Multisystemic Therapy
 services to youth and families.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- f. With: Neighborhood First Program, Inc.
 Bristol, PA
Amount: \$1,656,830** (County 13%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide mentoring and monitoring
 services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/24
- g. With: Northeast Treatment Centers, Inc.
 Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$40,000** (County 20%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide foster care and kinship
 services to children.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

4. Commissioners

- a. With: Bucks County Industrial Development Authority
 (BCIDA)
 Doylestown, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve authorization of Certificate of Approval for
 Kampus Klothes, LLC in Warwick, for an issuance of
 bonds not to exceed \$6,500,000 pursuant to Section
 147(f) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986,
 as amended.

5. Corrections

- a. With: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
 (PCCD)
 Harrisburg, PA
- Amount:
- Purpose: Approve extension of 2021 County Jail-Based
 Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) grant.
 10/1/22 – 3/31/23

6. District Attorney

- a. With: C&C Ford Sales Inc.
 d/b/a Chapman Chrysler Jeep Dodge
 Horsham, PA
- Amount: \$43,830 (County 0%)
- Purpose: Approve the purchase of undercover detective vehicle.
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- b. With: McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen,
 Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Johnson &
 Johnson
- Amount: \$4,504,606.99 (Revenue)
- Purpose: Approve County's receipt of National Opioid Settlement
 funds (Commonwealth of PA/Bucks County District
 Attorney's Office v. AmerisourceBergen Corp et al.)
 1/1/22 – 12/31/38
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- c. With: Ahmad Zafferese LLC
 Philadelphia, PA
- Amount: 15% of settlement plus expenses** (County 100%)
- Purpose: Ratify District Attorneys' remittance of contingent fee to
 outside counsel for opioid litigation (Commonwealth of

PA/Bucks County District Attorney's Office v.
AmerisourceBergen Corp et al.).
1/28/20 – 12/31/27

- d. With: Pennsylvania Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority
 Mechanicsburg, PA
 Amount: \$331,144 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve grant application and award to support the
 prosecution and investigation of medical provider and
 prescription fraud, disability and healthcare insurance
 fraud, life and annuity consumer protection and
 automobile insurance fraud.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

7. Emergency Communications

- a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$85,871.01 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve 911 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding
 Grant.
 7/1/22 – 12/31/23

8. General Services

- a. With: Donald E. Reisinger, Inc.
 West Chester, PA
 Amount: \$33,728.30 (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to replace additional
 Padgenite insulating panels at the Public Safety
 Training Center Burn Building 2.

- b. With: Joseph & Madison Bromiley
 Dublin, PA
 Amount: \$22,200 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract for rental of county property located
 at 601 Creek Road in Doylestown.
 11/1/22 – 10/31/23

9. Health Department

- a. With:
 Amount:
 Purpose: Approve amended Bucks County Department of Health rules and regulations for conducting and operating manufactured home communities.

10. Human Resources

- a. With: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), District Council 88, Units 05R & 53
 Plymouth Meeting, PA
 Amount:
 Purpose: Ratify and approve a side letter agreement for retention bonuses for Deputy Sheriffs, Corporal Deputy Sheriffs, and Sergeant Deputy Sheriffs.
- b. With: First Hospital Laboratories Inc. d/b/a Vault Health Chalfont, PA
 Amount: \$30,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension for drug and alcohol testing programs.
 1/1/23 – 12/31/23
- c. With: Symetra Life Insurance Company
 Bellevue, WA
 Amount: \$533,000* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide basic term life, AD&D, disability, and voluntary life insurance to eligible county employees.
 1/1/23 – 12/31/23

11. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Area Agency on Aging
 Doylestown, PA
 Amount: \$95,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide personal care and adult day services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- b. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$70,693** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide counseling, housing, and
 service planning/case management services for
 families.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- c. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$52,994.25** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide homeless assistance case
 management services.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- d. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$209,689.77** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide rental assistance to
 financially needy individuals or families.
 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
- e. With: St Luke's Penn Foundation
 Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$1,311,366** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to
 provide sign-on & retention bonuses to address the
 hiring crisis.
 3/3/22 – 12/31/24

12. Juvenile Probation

- a. With: Hope Springs Behavioral Health Inc.
 Warminster, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve contract extension to provide court ordered
 psychological evaluations and screenings.
 2/1/23 – 1/31/24

13. Law Department

- a. With: Sarak Owk
Chalfont, PA
Amount: \$19,800 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve settlement agreement and general release of claims (re: EEOC #530-2022-00613)

14. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: Genesis Eldercare Network Services, Inc.
Kennett Square, PA
Amount: \$94,800** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to provide consulting services.
11/1/22 – 10/31/23
- b. With: Hirschberg Mechanical LLC
Ft. Washington, PA
Amount: (\$24,233.08)
Purpose: Approve decrease and extension of mechanical contract for boiler replacement.
NTP – 9/30/22
- c. With: S&S Electrical Services, Inc.
Warrington, PA
Amount: (\$4,396)
Purpose: Approve decrease and extension of electrical contract for boiler replacement.
NTP – 9/30/22

15. Purchasing

- a. With: Acme Uniforms
Bristol, PA
Amount: \$112,483.80* (County 70.8%)
Purpose: Approve contract for rental of maintenance uniforms.
12/1/22 – 11/30/25
- b. With: Pariser Industries, Inc.

Paterson, NJ
Amount: \$69,435* (County 40%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide laundry chemicals,
dispensing systems and services for county facilities.
12/1/22 – 11/30/25

16. Treasurer

a. With: PP&L Sustainable Energy Fund (SEF)
Schecksville, PA
Amount:
Purpose: Approve amended cooperation agreement for
implementation of the C-PACE Program.
1/5/22 – ongoing

17. Workforce & Economic Development

a. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc.
Dearborn, MI
Amount: \$4,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to
coordinate a job fair to fill positions for essential
workers.
3/3/22 – 12/31/24

b. With: Educational Data Systems, Inc.
Dearborn, MI
Amount: \$488,000** (County 0%)
Purpose: Approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to
provide training and supportive services.
3/3/22 – 12/31/24

c. With: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry,
Bureau of Workforce Development Administration
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$400,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve grant funding to provide five pre-
apprenticeships for students from the three technical
high schools.
7/1/22 – 6/30/23

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Budget Adjustments

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

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

18. **2022 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Agenda Description

November 2, 2022

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional grant fund

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #14	Board of Elections (Revenue)	(825,000)
	Voting Machines (Revenue)	(400,000)
	Voting Machines	35,000
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		(1,190,000)

B. Personnel Actions

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

C. Board Appointments

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

19.	<u>Bucks America250PA</u> (5-year term)		
	Kellee Blake	new appointment	term ends 7/5/26
	<u>Library Board</u> (3-year term)		
	Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer	reappointment	term ends 11/1/25
	Richard D. Rogers	reappointment	term ends 11/1/25
	<u>Parks & Recreation</u> (5-year term)		
	Theodore Moore, Sr.	reappointment	term ends 11/1/27
	Charles Raudenbush Jr.	reappointment	term ends 11/1/27

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:

20. Bucks County Tour of Honor - \$4,000
James Michener Arts Center - \$50,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Margie McKevitt, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Deputy Chief Operating Officer Gail Humphrey and Board of Elections Director Tom Freitag. Mr. Freitag provided an update on the upcoming General Election including information about deadlines pertaining to mail-in ballots; recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling about ballots received without dates; clarification on verification of ballots; issues with regular versus e-poll books; and processes for curing ballots. Mr. Freitag also responded to questions posed by Commissioner DiGirolamo. Ms. McKevitt thanked the Board of Elections staff for the great job they do all year long.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan reported on the standing Executive Session held yesterday to discuss personnel matters and collective bargaining negotiations.

Explaining that Mike Bannon, Director of Consumer Protection Weights & Measures, could not be here today, Mr. Khan introduced an NBC 10 news consumer protection segment featuring Mr. Bannon talking about quality control inspections they perform regularly on the trucks that deliver home heating oil.

VIII. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – All Items

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

- Priscilla Linden from Upper Makefield
- Nancy Sherlock from Morrisville
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Edward Mackhouse from Buckingham
- Andy Warren from Middletown
- Jamie Walker from Chalfont
- Tim Daly from Lower Makefield
- Vonna DeArmond from Plumstead Township
- Joe Frederick from Doylestown Borough

Commissioner Harvie responded to several of the above comments.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo thanked all veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Commissioner Marseglia reminded everyone of the Hold On You Matter suicide prevention walk being held this Saturday at the Upper Bucks Community College at 1:30 pm. Donations and registrations can be made on-line. Please see website for further details and information.

Commissioner Harvie recapped some of the contracts approved at the meeting today. He also thanked all veterans, noting all his family members who have served. The Commissioner reminded everyone to get their flu shots and COVID boosters.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, 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 16, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: November 16, 2022
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*