

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 5, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held today at 10:00 am, in the Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 55 E. Court Street, Doylestown, Pennsylvania. In attendance were Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Chair; Commissioner Robert J. Harvie, Vice Chair; and Commissioner Gene DiGirolamo. Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia welcomed everyone to the meeting and Christine Shenk, Chief Adult Probation Officer, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Marseglia invited those county row officers who were present to introduce themselves. They were: Meredith Buck, Coroner; Matthew Weintraub, District Attorney; Judi Reiss, Prothonotary; and Robin Robinson, Recorder of Deeds.

PRESENTATIONS

Mike Harrison, Deputy Chief with Adult Probation, and Dave Kratz, Deputy Director with the Department of Corrections, Chairman and Vice Chair respectively of the Bucks County Reentry Coalition, presented information on the Coalition and thanked everyone for their support. Mr. Harrison spoke about the mission of the coalition and Mr. Kratz shared information about the history and funding. They both responded to questions posed by Commissioners Marseglia and DiGirolamo.

Antonetta Stancu and Megan Stricker, both from the District Attorney’s Office, spoke about the Bucks Heroes bike team and their 65 mile ride to benefit the families of fallen first responders. They announced a fundraising event tonight at M.O.M.’S which will feature celebrity bartenders, including Commissioner Marseglia and District Attorney Matt Weintraub. Commissioner Marseglia challenged Mr. Weintraub to see who can raise more and said that the commissioners will double the amount of their combined tips up to \$2,000.

PROCLAMATIONS

The commissioners proclaimed February 14, 2020 as “League of Women Voters Day” to congratulate the League on its 100th Anniversary and commend them for their significant contributions to empower voters and make democracy work. Accepting the proclamation was Chris Flynn from the Bucks County League of Women Voters, who spoke about the history of the women’s suffrage movement and passage of the 19th Amendment.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

None

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes for the regular meeting of January 22, 2020 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS

Consent

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, the following Resolutions from the Consent Agenda were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners with the vote being 3-0:

1. ADULT PROBATION	a. Vigilnet Omaha, NE	Approve payment for electronic monitoring equipment.	\$31,822.23 (County 100%)
2. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	a. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Washington, D.C.	Approve 2019 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant award. 1/2/20 – 7/3/23	\$1,563,106 (Revenue)
3. COURTS	a. Daniel Martin Keane, Esquire Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for conflict counsel to represent individual defendants in cases when there is a conflict of interest with the Bucks County Public Defender’s Office. 3/1/20 – 12/31/20	\$31,738.30* (County 100%)
	b. Sharif Nabil Abaza, Esquire Doylestown, PA	Approve appointment as Advocate Counsel to the Drug Court/Mental Health Diversionary Programs. 3/1/20 – 12/31/20	\$40,000* (County 100%)

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a. NextGen Security Exton, PA	Approve contract extension to complete installation of security video system. 1/1/20 – Completion	
5. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	a. CrimeWatch Technologies, Inc. Carlisle, PA	Approve contract to administer police intelligence network. 3/1/20 – 2/28/21	\$66,500 (County 0%)
6. GENERAL SERVICES	a. CMG of Easton Easton, PA	Approve contract increase for fire protection contractor for Phase 2B & 3 of 55 East Court Street renovations.	\$84,757.06 (County 57%)
	b. CMG of Easton Easton, PA	Approve contract increase for fire protection contractor for Phase 2B & 3 of 55 East Court Street renovations.	\$14,756.11 (County 100%)
	c. Stan-Roch Plumbing Inc. Zion Grove, PA	Approve contract increase for plumbing contractor for Phase 2B & 3 of 55 East Court Street renovations.	\$18,559.80 (County 100%)
	d. Hydro-Marine Construction Company, Inc. Hainesport, NJ	Approve contract to provide maintenance and repairs for the Neshaminy flood control dams. Three years from NTP	\$403,800* (County 100%)
	e. Tinari Contractors, Inc. Southampton, PA	Approve emergency demolition of barn at Peace Valley Park. NTP – Completion	\$24,500 (County 100%)
	f. Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide engineering services for the replacement of Bridge #87 on Clay Ridge Road over Rapp Creek in Tinicum Township. 2/5/20 – Completion	\$258,704** (County 100%)
7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a. CDW Government Chicago, IL	Approve contract to provide anti-virus protection. 2/14/20 – 2/13/23	\$114,444 (County 100%)
8. MH/DP	a. BARC Developmental Services, Inc. Holicong, PA	Approve contract increase to add residential services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$145,060** (County 3.9%)
	b. Clarke Pennsylvania, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide early intervention services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$22,000** (County 10%)
	c. Horizon House, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide supported living and residential services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$871,527** (County 3.9%)
	d. Horsham Clinic Ambler, PA	Approve contract to provide hospital inpatient services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$21,000** (County 3.9%)
	e. Resources for Human Development, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract extension to provide long term structured residential services. 12/5/19 – 12/31/20	
9. NESHAMINY MANOR	a. Derstine Company, LLC Souderton, PA	Approve contract for purchase and installation of water softener system.	\$32,000 (County 0%)
10. PLANNING COMMISSION	a. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve Bucks County Planning Commission Executive Director as the Designated Agent for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.	
11. PURCHASING	a. Kellermeyer Bergensons Services, LLC d/b/a Capital Contractors, Inc. Oceanside, CA	Approve vendor name change on contract to provide janitorial services.	
12. SOLICITOR	a.	Approve maximum hourly rates for outside counsel for the following matters: 1/1/20 – Open	

Professional Responsibility, Ethics, and Right-to-Know Counseling	\$150/hour** + expenses (County 100%)
Economic Development Projects, Bonds and Other Public Finance	\$250/hour** + expenses (County 100%)

- b. Antheil Maslow & MacMinn, LLP
Doylestown, PA
- Approve additional law firm to provide legal services for the County as outside counsel. (Subject to approval by County Solicitor)
2/5/20 – Open

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

Regular

Commissioner Marseglia presented the regular agenda, providing clarification and addressing questions and comments.

Item 13a – Behavioral Health Director Cindy Grezeszak provided some particulars about the amendment to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement.

Items 14b & c – Children & Youth Director Marge McKeone responded to Commissioner Marseglia’s questions regarding these housing services.

Items 15a & b – Recorder of Deeds Robin Robinson spoke about the preservation of the county’s historical deed books. In response to Commissioner Marseglia’s question, Ms. Robinson advised that after these are done, more than half of the 700 books will be complete.

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

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| 13. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH | a. Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Harrisburg, PA | Approve contract amendment for HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement.
1/1/20 – 12/31/24 | |
| 14. CHILDREN & YOUTH | a. A Woman’s Place
Doylestown, PA | Approve contract to provide shelter services.
7/1/19 - 6/30/20 | \$11,016 **
(County 20%) |
| | b. Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.
Warminster, PA | Approve contract to provide transitional housing services and rental assistance.
7/1/19 – 6/30/20 | \$280,205 **
(County 12%) |
| | c. Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.
Warminster, PA | Approve contract to provide supportive housing services.
7/1/19 – 6/30/20 | \$717,550**
(County 20%) |
| | d. Libertae
Bensalem, PA | Approve contract to provide parenting group services.
7/1/19 – 6/30/20 | \$32,205**
(County 20%) |
| 15. RECORDER OF DEEDS | a. Institute of Museum and Library Services
Washington, DC | Approve grant to preserve and restore historical deed books as part of the Save America’s Treasures program.
10/1/19 – 9/30/20 | \$125,000
(Revenue) |
| | b. Kofile Preservation Inc.
Essex, VT | Approve contract to preserve and restore historical deed books.
10/1/19 – 9/30/20 | \$250,000
(County 0%) |

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AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry these Resolutions into effect.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

David Boscola, Finance Director, provided additional clarification on the following budget adjustments:

2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description

February 5, 2020

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for Grant Funds

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #1	Community Development Admin	440,000
	Community Development Admin (Revenue)	(440,000)

Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance -

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

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, and with Commissioner Marseglia abstaining, the following personnel actions were approved with a vote of 2-0-1:

COMMISSIONERS LIST								
February 5, 2020								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources								
Item numbers 1 through 38								
APPOINTMENTS								
REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
1	4075	Gina Cesaire	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	03	40.0	2/18/2020	20.78 PH
2	4167	Seon Eccleston	Cook	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	23.98 PH
3	4080	Marikay Geib	Registered Nurse - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	60	14.0	2/18/2020	37.74 PH
4	4267	Deirdra Hunt	Social Worker I	Children and Youth	04	37.5	2/10/2020	26.41 PH
5	4298	Keeley M. Kluesner	Project Administrator	Community-Economic Development	00	40.0	2/10/2020	52,000.00 PA
6	4078	John J. Knoneborg	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	03	24.0	2/8/2020	13.27 PH
7	4288	Charlene M. Maloney	Election Coordinator	Board of Voter Registration	00	37.5	2/10/2020	25.00 PH
8	4258	Amy Miccicke	Fiscal Technician	Area Agency on Aging	04	37.5	2/10/2020	23.26 PH
9	4205	Wyett D. Muth	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
10	4205	Zachary S. Nester	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
11	4077	Narvelyn Rollin	Nursing Assistant - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	30	14.0	2/18/2020	21.42 PH
12	4306	William Spurlin	Security Screener - PD	Security	00	11.0	2/10/2020	13.77 PH
PER DIEM TO PERMANENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
13	N/A	Nicole T. Conaway	Dispatcher Trainee - PD TO Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	00 TO 03	30.0 TO 40.0	1/17/2020	13.52 PH TO 27.26 PH
14	N/A	Joanna Jaeger	Dispatcher Trainee - PD TO Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	00 TO 03	30.0 TO 40.0	1/17/2020	13.79 PH TO 27.26 PH
15	4075	Belinda G. Nyemoh Tarpeh	Nursing Assistant - Pool TO Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Pool TO NM Nursing Assistants	30 TO 03	14.0 TO 40.0	2/15/2020	21.42 PH TO 20.78 PH
16	N/A	Tracy M. Sauler	Dispatcher Trainee - PD TO Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	00 TO 03	30.0 TO 40.0	1/16/2020	13.52 PH TO 27.26 PH
POSITION CHANGE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
17	N/A	Suzette S. Adler	Deputy Public Defender TO Senior Deputy Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	2/17/2020	83,846.00 PA TO 94,178.00 PA
18	4281	Jeffrey L. Contino	Community Corrections Manager TO Deputy Superintendent	Main Jail	00	40.0	2/6/2020	82,337.00 PA TO 88,723.00 PA
19	N/A	Lisa M. Douple	Senior Chief Deputy Public Defender TO Administrative Deputy Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	2/17/2020	114,689.00 PA TO 116,811.00 PA
20	N/A	Riley M. Downs	Assistant Public Defender TO Deputy Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	2/17/2020	53,060.00 PA TO 67,971.00 PA
21	N/A	John R. Fagan	Chief Deputy Public Defender TO Senior Chief Deputy Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	2/17/2020	112,710.00 PA TO 114,689.00 PA
22	N/A	Kenneth B. Hone	Senior Deputy Public Defender TO Chief Deputy Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	2/17/2020	94,178.00 PA TO 112,710.00 PA
23	4317	Jane M. Schreiber	Assistant Therapeutic Recreation Director TO Director of Recreation Therapy	NM Activities	00	40.0	2/8/2020	55,111.00 PA TO 66,300.00 PA
24	N/A	Melissa S. Williams	Dispatcher III TO Assistant Training Coordinator	911 Emergency Response	45 TO 00	40.0	2/6/2020	29.33 PH TO 30.28 PH
TRANSFER								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
25	4297	Katelyn Marseglia	Caseworker TO Intake Coordinator	Children and Youth TO Community-Economic Development	04 TO 00	37.5 TO 40.0	2/10/2020	30.63 PH TO 21.00 PH
SALARY ADJUSTMENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
26	N/A	Anne M. Letizio	Administrative Office Supervisor	NM Business Office	00	40.0	1/4/2020	25.40 PH TO 27.88 PH
27	N/A	Brian P. McBeth	Assistant Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	2/17/2020	52,020.00 PA TO 53,060.00 PA
END OUT OF CLASS/TEMP ASSIGNMENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
28	N/A	Jeffrey L. Contino	Deputy Superintendent TO Community Corrections Manager	Main Jail	00	40.0	2/5/2020	86,906.00 PA TO 82,337.00 PA

SEPARATION	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
29	Lucia G. Budzak	Registered Nurse - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	2/1/2020	38.49 PH
30	Anmarie T. Evans	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	2/7/2020	20.48 PH
31	Brian Henthaler	Chief Operating Officer	Commissioners	2/14/2020	167,965.00 PA
32	Stephanie A. McMnamin	Registered Nurse - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	2/7/2020	38.49 PH
33	Heather M. O'Donnell	Director of Recreation Therapy	NM Activities	1/29/2020	66,300.00 PA
34	Joseph W. Pizzo	Solicitor	Planning Administrative	1/21/2020	10,000.00 PA
35	Tammy A. Rivera	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	1/28/2020	13.52 PH
36	Helna S. Robert	LP N - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	1/23/2020	30.30 PH
37	Steven W. Skinner	ERP System Administrator	ERP	2/13/2020	43.42 PH
38	Elsa B. Wreh	Nursing Assistant - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	1/23/2020	22.29 PH

*Estimated Date **Never Started ***Agreement ****Reinstatement

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

Agricultural Land Preservation Board

Kenneth Goldenberg – Board Chair Reappointment

Conservation District

Gene DiGirolamo New Appointment

Community College Trustees

Broadus W. Davis New Appointment

Emergency Health Advisory Council

Richard Goldsmith, President Reappointment
Mark Scholl Reappointment

Industrial Development Authority

Richard F. Davies New Appointment

MH/DP

Maun Flanagan Reappointment

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

Emergency Health Advisory Council

Edward Crohe (medical professional) New Appointment
Earl Bruck (public at large) New Appointment

St. Mary Hospital Authority

Umar Farooq, M.D. New Appointment

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Angela P. Benner Change of Designation

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OTHER CIVICS

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

Families Behind the Badge Children’s Foundation Up to \$2,000
Salute 2 Service \$1,000

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Brian Henthaler, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following:

Bucks County Police Assisting In Recovery – BPAIR will be having a kick-off meeting on Friday, February, 28th. This will be held in room 112 of the rotunda from 10 to 12.

Administration Building Renovation – General Services Director Kevin Spencer provided an update on the project noting departments that have moved already or will be moving into the building; work being done in the building; sale of county owned office buildings; and the opening of the coffee bar and café, including their partnership with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit.

Mr. Spencer responded to Commissioner Harvie's question about the new parking garage and said it should open in mid to end of February.

Commissioner Marseglia expressed her support of the collaboration with the Intermediate Unit.

Mr. Hessenthaler, noting this is his last commissioners' meeting before he retires, thanked everyone for the support and well wishes. He spoke about what a great place Bucks County is, his time working here, and the people he has worked with over the years. Commissioner Marseglia reflected on her positive experience working with Mr. Hessenthaler and she presented him with a commemorative commissioners' tile.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvie extended his best wishes and appreciation to Mr. Hessenthaler on his retirement.

Commissioner Harvie thanked all staff involved with the voting machines and training.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the upcoming census and said they are working with Evan Stone, the Opportunity Council, and the League of Women Voters, to ensure they are getting the most accurate count they can. The commissioner advised that, for each person not counted in the census, Pennsylvania loses \$2,000 to \$3,000 in federal money that could be used for education, housing, and human services. They are in need of additional census workers to go out in certain areas; the pay is good and the hours are flexible.

Noting the impact of the women's suffrage movement, Mr. Harvie referenced Commissioner Board Chair Marseglia and said she would not be there if not for the work done by all those women over the decades.

Commissioner DiGirolamo thanked Mr. Hessenthaler for his years of dedication, service, and commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Bucks County.

Commissioner DiGirolamo reported on the Governor's recent budget address and said he was pleased that there would be more money for human services and education, including public education, special education, and pre-K education. They are also proposing to tax the Marcellus shale industry, which Commissioner DiGirolamo said he was strongly in favor of. He advised that, of the twenty states that have Marcellus shale, Pennsylvania is the only state that doesn't tax. The commissioner also advised of a proposal last year to merge the behavioral health side of Medicaid with the physical side which, he said, would be a disaster for the counties. He indicated that behavioral health is better managed locally.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Joe Khan echoed all the positive comments toward Mr. Hessenthaler and thanked him for his wisdom and support during the past few weeks. Mr. Khan also thanked District Attorney Weintraub, President Judge Bateman, and the other Common Pleas Judges who have recently been so generous with their time and advice.

Mr. Khan advised that he has been working with Public Information to improve the Right-To-Know process, specifically as it relates to increased effectiveness and transparency as well as to reduce duplication of efforts.

Mr. Khan has also been working with Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey to review the county ordinances to determine if any new ordinances are needed or old ones need amending. They are also discussing better ways to track the ordinances and provide improved accessibility.

Mr. Khan commended Solicitor Stu Wilder for his tireless work to make sure the upcoming elections are running effectively.

Mr. Khan reported that they held an executive session on January 28, 2020 to discuss pending litigation, in particular, the Taha litigation, which continues to cost the county money.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kiel Sigafos, member of the Warwick Township Republican Committee and Frank Fiorentino, Chair of the Warwick Township Democrats, raised concerns regarding the relocation of St. Cyril's as a polling place. Commissioner Marseglia spoke about the cost St. Cyril's is charging to use their facility. Commissioner Harvie, President of the Board of Elections, invited them to attend the Board of Elections meeting next week. He noted that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is charging for use at all facilities. In reference to the parking concerns, Mr. Harvie pointed out that there may be a reduction in people coming to the polls due to the new absentee ballot law. Board of Elections Director Tom Freitag responded to Commissioner DiGirolamo's request for clarification of the cost being charged by St. Cyril's.

Andy Warren, from Middletown Township, also spoke about the cost being charged by St. Cyril's.

Doreen Stratton, from Doylestown Borough, commended Recorder of Deeds Robin Robinson for her efforts to preserve the county deed books.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, 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, February 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: March 4, 2020

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner, Chair

Robert J. Harvie, Jr.
Commissioner, Vice-Chair

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*