

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 19, 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 Margie McKeivitt, Acting Chief Operating Officer, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Marseglia invited those county row officers who were present to introduce themselves. They were: Brian Munroe, Clerk of Courts; Matthew Weintraub, District Attorney; Judi Reiss, Prothonotary; Robin Robinson, Recorder of Deeds; Linda Bobrin, Register of Wills; Perry Ferrara, Sheriff’s Chief Deputy; and Kristian Ballerini, Treasurer.

PRESENTATIONS

District Attorney Matt Weintraub presented information on “Walking While Black: L.O.V.E. is the Answer,” a film purchased by the District Attorney’s office which was recently shown in Bensalem and Quakertown. Mr. Weintraub advised that they were attended by community members and local police officers, and each viewing was followed by small group discussions. The next viewing is scheduled for March 4, 2020 from 5 to 7:30 pm at Delaware Valley University.

Kelly Gale, Assistant Director of Board of Elections, spoke about “Youth at the Booth,” a program for high school students to work at the polls on Election Day. The students are compensated to work either full or half-day shifts, must be at least 17 years old, and have parental permission. Commissioner Harvie said a few words in support of this program.

PROCLAMATION

The commissioners proclaimed March 2020 as “Hunger and Nutrition Awareness Month,” commending the Hunger and Nutrition Coalition of Bucks County for providing essential hunger and nutrition-related information and resources for more than a decade. The commissioners extended thanks to all residents who are dedicated to reducing hunger and increasing nutritional health within Bucks County. Accepting the proclamation were Heather Foor, Food Program Manager for the Bucks County Opportunity Council, and Maddie Burgess from the Bucks County Housing Group and co-chair of the Hunger Nutrition Coalition of Bucks County. Commissioner DiGirolamo commended the coalition on their work and shared his views in favor of SNAP, the federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Andy Warren, former commissioner from Middletown Township, had questions on agenda items 6a, 6i, and 9a, b, c & d. Mr. Warren also posed a question regarding the budget adjustments, which Commissioner Marseglia advised would be addressed later in the meeting. Commissioner Marseglia responded to Mr. Warren’s question on items 9a, b, c & d regarding the out-of-county travel for Information Technology. Kevin Spencer, Director of General Services, addressed the questions regarding the contract increase for high-density storage and the reconstruction of Bridge #138.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS

Consent

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

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| 1. AREA AGENCY<br>ON AGING | a. Metz Culinary Management, Inc.<br>Dallas, PA | Approve contract to provide congregate<br>and home-delivered meals.<br>4/1/20 – 3/31/21      | \$694,720 **<br>(County 9%)   |
| 2. BOARD OF<br>ELECTIONS   | a. The Home Depot<br>Atlanta, GA                | Approve purchase of tables and hand<br>trucks for polling places.                            | \$34,682.80*<br>(County 100%) |
|                            | b. Reliance Graphics, Inc.<br>West Chester, PA  | Approve contract to provide printing of<br>election materials for 2020 Primary<br>Elections. | \$114,110*<br>(County 100%)   |

3. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a.	Bethanna Southampton, PA	Approve amendment of contract to provide foster care and adoption services. 7/1/18 – 6/30/19	
	b.	Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley Jenkintown, PA	Approve amendment of contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/18 – 6/30/20	
	c.	Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to support shelter operations. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$253,360** (County 20%)
	d.	Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide various support programs. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$236,500** (County 20%)
	e.	Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide the Nurturing Parent program. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$135,500** (County 5%)
	f.	Linda Pasqua-Blaisse, M.Ed. Kintnersville, PA	Approve contract to provide foster parent evaluations and screening services. 1/1/20 – 12/31/20	\$10,000** (County 20%)
	g.	Valley Youth House Committee, Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract to provide supportive housing services. 10/1/19 – 9/30/20	\$61,855** (County 15%)
4. CORRECTIONS	a.	Anthony Lewis Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase to provide drug and alcohol intervention services to inmates. 8/19/19 – 6/30/20	\$4,940** (County 0%)
	b.	Gregory Rearick New Hope, PA	Approve termination of contract for drug and alcohol intervention services to inmates. 7/1/19 – 2/19/20	(\$7,800)
5. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	a.		Approve Emergency Operations Plan promulgation statement.	
	b.	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve authorization for Commissioner Chair to act as sole signatory of the PEMA grant administration, and attested by Chief Clerk.	
6. GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Diversified Storage Solutions, Inc. Norristown, PA	Approve contract increase to purchase high density storage for the Board of Elections as part of the Administration Building Renovation project.	\$184,353.04** (County 100%)
	b.	GOE International, LLC Newtown, PA	Approve contract decrease for maintenance and repairs of the Neshaminy flood control dams. 12/1/16 – 11/30/19	(\$40,500)
	c.	INTEX Environmental Group, Inc. Pipersville, PA	Approve contract increase for engineering services at the Hidden Valley Landfill. 5/1/19 – 4/30/20	\$10,847.50** (County 100%)
	d.	Isaac M. Jarrett Irrevocable Deed of Trust Ivyland, PA	Approve Temporary Construction Easement and Agreement of Sale for a Right-of-Way Acquisition for reconstruction of Bucks County Bridge #138, on Creek Road over Little Neshaminy Creek in Warwick Township, in lieu of condemnation. Also, authorize General Services Director of Operations to sign the Settlement Statement on behalf of the County. (TMP #51-013-007)	\$2,834.70 (County 100%)
	e.	Kencor, Inc. West Chester, PA	Approve contract increase for elevator maintenance and repair services. 2/1/19 – 1/31/22	\$18,373** (County 100%)

	f.	M&M Lawn Care East Inc. Churchville, PA	Approve contract increase and extension for mowing and maintenance services. 4/15/20 – 4/14/21	\$8,133* (County 100%)
	g.	Michael Calvin, Inc. d/b/a Pinnacle Vending Group Bristol, PA	Approve contract increase to resolve unforeseen conditions during excavation of the sewer line.	\$14,352.99 (County 100%)
	h.	Offix USA, LLC Allentown, PA	Approve contract increase to purchase workstation furniture for the Administration Building Renovation project.	\$783,232* (County 100%)
	i.	Taylor, Wiseman & Taylor Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract increase for additional engineering services as required by PennDot for the replacement of Bridge #21 on Rickert Road in Hilltown Township. 2/12/01 - Completion	\$25,200** (County 20%)
7.		HOUSING SERVICES		
	a.	Aldie Counseling Center Doylestown, PA	Approve partial distribution of HOME funds.	\$75,000 (County 0%)
8.		HUMAN RESOURCES		
	a.	FSSolutions Chalfont, PA	Approve contract increase for drug and alcohol testing programs. 12/1/19 – 12/31/20	\$3,300* (County 100%)
9		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
	a.		Approve out-of-county travel expenses for 1 employee to attend ServiceNow Knowledge 2020 conference in Orlando, FL	\$3,088.87* (County 100%)
	b.		Approve out-of-county travel expenses for 1 employee to attend ServiceNow Knowledge 2020 conference in Orlando, FL.	\$3,067.97* (County 100%)
	c.		Approve out-of-county travel expenses for 1 employee to attend ServiceNow Knowledge 2020 conference in Orlando, FL.	\$3,061.53* (County 100%)
	d.		Approve out-of-county travel expenses for 1 employee to attend ServiceNow Knowledge 2020 conference in Orlando, FL.	\$3,057.62* (County 100%)
10.		MH/DP		
	a.	Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks Quakertown, PA	Approve contract to provide shelter and support to homeless population. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$15,000** (County 3.9%)
	b.	CO-MANS, Inc. Pennel, PA	Approve contract increase to provide supported living and community residential services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$27,000** (County 3.9%)
	c.	National Alliance on Mental Illness of PA, Bucks County Chapter Warrington, PA	Approve contract increase to provide community support program. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$22,800** (County 3%)
11.		NESHAMINY MANOR		
	a.	American Data Sauk City, WI	Approve contract increase and extension to provide annual maintenance agreement for electronic charting system. 1/1/20 – 12/31/20	\$27,272.43** (County 0%)
12.		PLANNING COMMISSION		
	a.	Newtown Borough	Approve contract to prepare update to the Newtown Borough Comprehensive Plan.	\$13,800 (Revenue)
13.		RECORDER OF DEEDS		
	a.	Tameran Graphic Systems, Inc. Solon, OH	Approve contract extension to create security copies of microfilm to meet the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission requirements. 4/1/20 – 3/31/21	

14. YOUTH CENTER	a. County of Schuylkill Pottsville, PA	Approve contract to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles. 1/1/20 – 12/31/25	\$350/day /resident (Revenue)
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\*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes only.      \*\* Unit Cost/Not to Exceed

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

Items 15a, b, & c – Children & Youth Director Marge McKeone responded to Commissioner Marseglia’s questions regarding the drug testing services. Ms. McKeone also performed a sample drug test on volunteer Diane Rosati, Executive Director of Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission.

Items 16a & b – Corrections Director Chris Pirolli provided an explanation for the requested increase to the electrical contract. Mr. Pirolli also presented information on the yoga program at the prison.

Item 17a – Emergency Health Services Director Jeryl DeGideo shared information about Bucks County’s bariatric program and the ambulances recently purchased.

Item 18a – General Services Project Manager Steve Brauns explained why window tinting was chosen for the rotunda windows.

Item 19a – Health Department Director Dr. David Damsker provided more detail regarding the updated rules for regulating all public pools in the County.

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:

15. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Atlantic Diagnostic Laboratories Bensalem, PA	Approve contract to provide drug testing services. 1/1/20 – 12/31/20	\$70,000** (County 20%)
	b. The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide mobile drug testing services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$31,900** (County 20%)
	c. The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide the Family Strengthening program. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$25,000** (County 20%)
16. CORRECTIONS	a. Debra Schad Erwinna, PA	Approve contract increase to provide yoga classes. 1/1/20 – 12/31/20	\$2,552** (County 0%)
	b. Wescott Electric Company Glen Riddle, PA	Approve increase to electrical contract for Women’s Correctional Facility expansion project.	\$130,041** (County 100%)
17. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	a. Global Emergency Vehicles Levittown, PA	Approve purchase of two bariatric ambulances.	\$147,500* (County 0%)
18. GENERAL SERVICES	a. Diversified Glass Films T/A Eastern Solar Glass LLC West Berlin, NJ	Approve contract to provide window tinting and frosting in Administration Building and Rotunda.	\$235,000** (County 100%)
19. HEALTH	a.	Approve update to Bucks County Department of Health Rules and Regulations Governing Public Bathing Places.	

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia, referencing Mr. Warren’s earlier questions, provided additional clarification on the following budget adjustments:

**2019 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**  
**Agenda Description**  
**February 19, 2020**

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget to cover additional expenditures

<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adjustment #21	Commissioners General Fund	29,000 (29,000)
Adjustment #22	Consumer Protection General Fund	22,000 (22,000)
Adjustment #23	Treasurer	19,000
Adjustment #24	Recorder of Deeds	52,000
Adjustment #25	ERP General Fund	14,000 (14,000)
Adjustment #26	Register of Wills Register of Wills (Revenue)	5,000 (5,000)
Adjustment #27	Sheriff	592,000
Adjustment #28	Coroner	36,000
Adjustment #29	Prothonotary	106,000
Adjustment #30	Clerk of Courts	27,000
Adjustment #31	Guardian Ad Litem General Fund	19,000 (19,000)
Adjustment #32	Public Defender General Fund	17,000 (17,000)
Adjustment #33	District Attorney District Attorney (Revenue)	419,000 (14,000)
Adjustment #34	Health Department Health Department (Revenue) General Fund	77,000 (41,000) (36,000)
Adjustment #35	Emergency Health Services Emergency Health Services (Revenue) General Fund	8,000 (3,000) (5,000)
Adjustment #36	Human Services General Fund	36,000 (36,000)

Adjustment #37	Community Development Admin	14,000
	Community Development Admin	(14,000)
Adjustment #38	Children & Youth	351,000
	Children & Youth (Revenue)	(351,000)
Adjustment #39	Neshaminy Manor	1,515,000
	Neshaminy Manor (Revenue)	(1,515,000)
Adjustment #40	Mental Health/Developmental Programs	576,000
	Mental Health/Developmental Programs (Revenue)	(531,000)
	General Fund	(45,000)
Adjustment #41	HazMat	47,000
	HazMat (Revenue)	(47,000)
Adjustment #42	Emergency Communications	118,000
	Emergency Communications (Revenue)	(118,000)
Adjustment #43	Domestic Relations	250,000
	Main Courts	69,000
	Court Reporters	10,000
	Court Reporters (Revenue)	(10,000)
	Adult Probation	30,000
	Juvenile Probation	182,000
	District Courts	144,000
	Youth Center	353,000
	Youth Center (Revenue)	(353,000)
	Juvenile Placements	(575,000)
	Juvenile Placements (Transfers)	575,000
	General Fund (Transfers)	(575,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		1,337,000

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

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**PERSONNEL**

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

COMMISSIONERS LIST February 19, 2020								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources								
Item numbers 1 through 51								
APPOINTMENTS	REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
1	4286	Laura Carr	Caseworker	Children and Youth	04	37.5	2/24/2020	25.36 PH
2	4286	Laura A. Doyle	Caseworker	Children and Youth	04	37.5	2/24/2020	25.36 PH
3	4323	Eunice Etienne	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	06	40.0	3/2/2020	30.38 PH
4	4205	Raymar W. Fisher	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
5	4205	Maeghan Goldner	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
6	4286	Paula S. Henning	Caseworker	Children and Youth	04	37.5	2/24/2020	25.36 PH
7	4205	Danyell N. Himes	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
8	4205	Eli L. Hitchens	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
9	4327	Nertila Jaho	Receptionist-Clerical - PD	NM Business Office	03	12.0	2/20/2020	13.24 PH
10	4205	Friday O. James	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
11	4205	TyRae Johnson	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
12	4205	Kevin R. Jurgelwicz	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
13	4205	Cherie R. Lawson	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
14	4205	Richard A. Nagel Jr	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
15	4205	John M. Pohopin	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
16	4205	Teena M. Robinson	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH
17	4325	Ketia Sylvestre	L P N	NM Licensed Practical Nurses	33	40.0	3/2/2020	29.31 PH
18	4205	James A. Wielgus	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH

REHIRE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
19	4300 Mary K. Marsden Separation Date: 6/28/2019	Assistant Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	3/2/2020	51,000.00 PA	
20	N/A Steven W. Skinner Separation Date: 2/13/2020	ERP System Administrator - PD	ERP	00	15.0	2/24/2020	43.42 PH	
21	4205 Lauren M. Stires Separation Date: 9/8/2015	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/24/2020	22.14 PH	
PER DIEM TO PERMANENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
22	N/A Karen L. Dumont Korizis	Activities Assistant - PD TO Assistant Therapeutic Recreation Director	NM Activities	03 TO 00	24.0 TO 40.0	2/22/2020	14.65 PH TO 26.92 PH	
POSITION CHANGE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
23	N/A Joseph W. Johnson Jr	Corrections Officer TO Warehouse Officer	Main Jail	01	40.0	2/20/2020	28.79 PH TO 29.30 PH	
24	N/A Janet D. Simon	Paralegal TO Office Administrator/Open Records	Solicitor	00	40.0	2/10/2020	30.40 PH TO 32.00 PH	
25	4312 Jean B. Virgile	Nursing Assistant TO Restorative Aide	NM Nursing Assistants	03	40.0	2/29/2020	21.20 PH	
START OUT OF CLASS/TEMP ASSIGNMENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
26	N/A Margaret A. McKevitt	Director Community & Economic Development TO Chief Operating Officer	Community-Economic Development TO Commissioners	88 TO 67	40.0	2/15/2020	91,279.00 PA TO 167,965.00 PA	
SEPARATION								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
27	Anna Bogdan	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			1/7/2020	9.36 PH	
28	Andrew M. Clark	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			1/7/2020	8.25 PH	
29	Veronika F. Cunningham	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			1/17/2020	9.55 PH	
30	Joshua J. Davis	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			1/7/2020	9.93 PH	
31	Brian A. Deley	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			1/1/2020	15.61 PH	
32	Karen Lynn Fanelli	Office Administrator/Open Records	Solicitor			2/7/2020***	36.17 PH	
33	Matthew T. Gerhard	Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response			3/3/2020	27.81 PH	
34	Sabine Germain	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants			1/13/2020**	20.37 PH	
35	James M. Grant	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			1/7/2020	9.74 PH	
36	Christine Hoenstine	Assistant Head Ceramist	Parks Historical Properties			2/29/2020	33.31 PH	
37	Evan P. Kelly	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			1/28/2020	9.36 PH	
38	Meghan B. Kincade	Program Coordinator	Community-Economic Development			2/5/2020	66,586.00 PA	
39	Christian J. King	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			1/7/2020	8.09 PH	
40	Rian C. King	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			1/28/2020	10.97 PH	
41	Emma E. Kramer	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			1/6/2020	8.42 PH	
42	Francesmarie A. Mattia	Staffing Coordinator	Main Jail			2/21/2020	22.86 PH	
43	Virginia M. Miller	LP N	NM Licensed Practical Nurses			2/18/2020	30.18 PH	
44	Harry G. Pfender	EPS II	Health Department			2/2/2020	37.66 PH	
45	Khyra C. Phinizy	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services			1/31/2020	13.27 PH	
46	Ashly M. Prasz	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants			2/9/2020	20.37 PH	
47	David P. Sutterley	Maintenance Superintendent I	General Services			3/6/2020	38.26 PH	
48	Kim M. Thomas	PHN III	Health Department			4/1/2020	39.02 PH	
49	Denise Wesby	Cafeteria Attendant	NM Dietary Services			6/2/2020	19.56 PH	
50	Donald E. Williams	Assistant Solicitor	Solicitor			1/31/2020	82,000.00 PA	
51	Dylan R. Winters	Corrections Officer	Main Jail			2/4/2020	22.14 PH	

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

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**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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

Airport Authority

Louis McKay

Reappointment

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

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Shannon Courtleigh

Reappointment

Zachary Dunkelburger

Reappointment

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**OTHER CIVICS**

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

Pennsylvania Audubon Society <sup>1</sup>

\$500

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

BC Health Improvement Partnership

\$1,000

BC Special Equestrians

\$4,000

<sup>1</sup> This item was later repealed at the March 5, 2020 meeting

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

Livengrin Foundation \$1,500

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

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

Ms. McKevitt thanked the commissioners for their confidence in putting her in this interim position. She also thanked her co-workers and the row officers for their words of support. Thanks also to Lynn Bush for her guidance and support. Lynn will be helping from time to time during this transition.

Ms. McKevitt reported that county staff has been working with the transition team committees and she looks forward to seeing their report.

Ms. McKevitt spoke about the Consolidated Plan and said the process has already begun. They will be looking for public participation for that as well as for the Human Services block grant. Applications are being accepted for the CDBG program, the HOME program, and the ESG block grant program, and are due by March 18<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for some interesting and creative projects to recommend.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Joe Khan announced that the board met in executive session yesterday to discuss the ongoing litigation in connection with the Taha judgment.

Mr. Khan announced that the Retirement Board approved today the filing of a class action lawsuit, known as a stockholder derivative suit, in which the Bucks County Retirement Fund is the plaintiff and is seeking damages in connection with a merger between CBS and Viacom. The County is also pursuing other areas, such as environmental, public health, and general fraud issues, where they can bring these kinds of suits to seek recovery of damages and to protect from future losses.

Mr. Khan said that he was happy to announce that Janet Simon, a long time paralegal in the Solicitor's office, has been promoted to Chief Paralegal and Administrative/Open Records Officer.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo reported on the Farmer's Forum that the commissioners attended yesterday in Buckingham. Topics of discussion included the devastating effect that climate change and global warming was having on agriculture and the agricultural community. The commissioner noted how agriculture is important economically but also how it helps to improve the quality of life in Bucks County.

Referencing the "Walking While Black" video, Commissioner Harvie thanked District Attorney Weintraub for his work on this topic noting that he had seen the video in Bensalem. He said it is a very difficult topic and the film did an excellent job of remaining balanced. The commissioner advised that the school superintendents meet each month at the Intermediate Unit and suggested that it might be a way to get the word out for this as well as for Youth at the Booth.

Commissioner Harvie advised that the commissioners are sending a letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection stating their position on the East Rockhill Quarry and asking the two agencies to protect the residents of East Rockhill. The quarry is one of the few areas in the state where asbestos naturally occurs. The Department of Health stated recently that any kind of disturbance by mechanical means risks causing more asbestos to become airborne.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about a recent conference he attended on PFAS in Washington, D.C. Information was presented by the Centers for Disease Control and others regarding PFAS pollution. Pointing out that there are areas in Bucks County where this type of pollution is a problem, the commissioner advised that he would like to form a focus group on this issue. The group would stay on top of any information coming out, confirm its accuracy, and disseminate it to communities and residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, the meeting was adjourned.

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: March 4, 2020

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

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Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia  
*Commissioner, Chair*

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

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Gene DiGirolamo  
*Commissioner*

ATTEST:

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Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*