

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 4, 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 Gail Humphrey, Chief Clerk, 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; Neale Dougherty, Controller; Matthew Weintraub, District Attorney; Judi Reiss, Prothonotary; Linda Bobrin, Register of Wills; and Kristian Ballerini, Treasurer.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed March 2020 as "American Red Cross Month" to encourage all residents to assist and support the Red Cross and its lifesaving mission, which is powered by the devotion of volunteers, the generosity of donors, and the partnership of community organizations.

The Commissioners proclaimed March 14, 2020 as "Bucks County 32nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Celebration Day," encouraging all Bucks Countians to attend the annual parade, which starts at Conwell-Egan Catholic High School at 10:30 am on Saturday, March 14th. A Holy Mass will be celebrated prior to the parade at 8 am at the Conwell-Egan Chapel. The parade will be followed by a Hoolie at the Ancient Order of Hibernians on Corson Street in Bristol. Terry Hughes, the 2020 Parade Grand Marshal, thanked the Commissioners for the proclamation.

The Commissioners proclaimed March 4, 2020 as "Buckingham Elementary Citizen Challenge Champions Day," congratulating teacher Linda Raitt, Buckingham Elementary School, the Central Bucks School District, and the 23 students involved for winning the 2019 Citizenship Challenge, an annual essay contest sponsored by the Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement. The students included Gwen Alemao, Logan Arnold, Lexi Biruk, Constantine Cooper, Angelina Dan, Chase Donohue, Meghan Ellixson, Payton Karas, Aidan Koestler, Alora Meitzner, Owen Metzger, Dane Molnar, Nick Orlando, John Parker, Lia Picciotti, Jack Rogers, Ella Rowcliff, James Ruch, Matthew Rudy, Cari Ruiz, Kiran Sticker, Addison Tanner, and Maddie Young. Each of the students took a turn presenting information on their project.

See Solicitor Comments for 4th proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

Jeff Fields, Director of Housing Services, presented information on the Point in Time Count and the Bucks County Housing Link/Continuum of Care. The Point in Time (PIT) Count was held on January 29th and is a one-night snapshot of homelessness in the county. Mr. Fields reported that the count this year was 333, represented a 7% decrease from last year and is the lowest since the initiative began in 2003. Speaking about the Housing Locator, Mr. Fields urged anyone who may know of any landlords willing to join to call (215)589-5773. Commissioner Marseglia added that the rent to participating providers is guaranteed thanks to various partnerships. The commissioner also noted the importance of inclusionary zoning and the success of the code blue shelters.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Former State Representative Paul Clymer, a resident of West Rockhill Township, referenced the recent successful protests of a proposed safe injection site in Philadelphia and voiced his opposition to the possibility of a safe injection site here in Bucks County. Commissioner Marseglia advised that the commissioners had planned to address this very issue and confirmed that they are definitely against safe injection sites. Commissioner DiGirolamo also voiced his opposition to safe injection sites, emphasizing his support of saving lives and getting people treatment, but saying safe injection sites are not the way to go.

Commissioner DiGirolamo made a motion that the commissioners present a Resolution at the next meeting to let everyone in Bucks County know that they, as a county government, are opposed to safe injection sites anywhere in Bucks County. This was seconded by Commissioner Harvie and passed with a vote of 3–0.

Dan Kel from Hilltown voiced concerns with proposed Responsible Contractor Ordinance #162.

Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, had questions on several agenda items:

- Finance Director Dave Boscola responded to Mr. Warren's question on item 5b and advised that the original contract amount was \$668,000.

- General Services Director Kevin Spencer responded to Mr. Warren's question regarding the length of the terms on items 6a & b and Commissioners Marseglia and Harvie provided additional clarification.

- Commissioner Marseglia advised that they will address Mr. Warren's questions on items 12a & b during presentation of the regular agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Old Business

1. Approve minutes from the February 5, 2020 meeting
2. Approve minutes from the February 19, 2020 meeting
3. Repeal \$500 Other Civics contribution to the Pa. Audubon Society (see February 19, 2020 meeting minutes, page 7)

B. Resolutions

1. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Harrisburg, PA	Approve renewal of Local Agency Agreement for Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. 5/1/20 – 12/31/24	\$3,250/yr. (Revenue)
2. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	a. Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract to provide services in support of the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Medicaid program. 1/1/20 – 12/31/22	\$515,208.11** (County 0%)
3. CORRECTIONS	a. Kintock Group Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract amendment to remove housing availability for male inmates. 10/20/10 – 3/4/20	
4. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a. Northrop Grumman Systems Corp. McLean, VA	Approve contract to provide for hardware and software support services for 911 computer-aided dispatch system. 3/1/20 – 2/28/21	\$190,298 (County 100%)
	b. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve and authorize acceptance of 911 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding Grant Agreement.	\$198,000 (Revenue)
5. FINANCE	a. Munn Roofing Corp. Hatfield, PA	Approve contract increase for additional work needed to replace metal roof and translucent wall at the Doylestown branch of the Bucks County Free Library.	\$44,922 (County 50%)
	b. PELICAN Insurance c/o AIG Insurance Management Services Burlington, VT	Approve contract for General Liability, Professional Liability, and Mcare Assessment for Neshaminy Manor. 3/1/20 – 3/1/21	\$181,757 (County 100%)
6. GENERAL SERVICES	a. Jones Engineering Associates Fairless Hills, PA	Approve contract to provide engineering services. 3/4/20 – 3/3/25	\$35,000/project** (County 100%)
	b. RL Showalter & Associates Chalfont, PA	Approve contract to provide engineering services. 3/4/20 – 3/3/25	\$35,000/project** (County 100%)
	c. Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc. Wilmington, DE	Approve contract for the rehabilitation of Bridge #282 on Flushing Road over the Neshaminy Creek in Bensalem Township.	\$725,339** (County 100%)
	d. Road-Con, Inc. West Chester, PA	Approve contract for the rehabilitation of Bridge #172 on Old Carversville Road over Paunacussing Creek in Solebury Township.	\$854,653.55** (County 100%)
7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a. Vertiv Corporation Columbus, OH	Approve contract to provide batteries for uninterrupted power supply for data centers.	\$38,744.17 (County 100%)

8. JUVENILE PROBATION	a. Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc. Coatesville, PA	Approve purchase of body armor. 3/4/20 – 6/30/20	\$28,455.56* (County 100%)
9. MILITARY AFFAIRS	a. FlagZone Gilbertsville, PA	Approve contract to purchase flags for veterans' graves. 1/1/20 – 12/31/21	\$38,096.60* (County 100%)
10. SOLICITOR	a. Repko Law, LLC Doylestown, PA	Expand scope of solicitor designation (Health Department) to include entire Division of Health Services. (Adding Neshaminy Manor)	\$150/hour** +expenses (County 100%)

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolutions

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

Item 11a – Corrections Director Chris Pirolli spoke about the anger management program and advised that it is paid for by the inmate welfare fund.

Item 12a – General Services Director Kevin Spencer provided details about the sale of this property and responded to questions. He clarified that the total parcel is just over seven acres and 2.25 of that is subject to this agreement of sale.

Item 12b – Mr. Spencer explained the particulars with regard to the electric vehicle charging stations and clarified that there are currently four ports, with the option to add more in the future.

Item 12c – In response to Commissioner Harvie's questions regarding the new parking garage, Mr. Spencer advised that they are testing this week for an opening next week. April 1st is the target date to begin charging the public for parking at both garages which, he added, will help to offset maintenance expenses.

Items 13a, b & c – Housing Services Director Jeff Fields explained the PHARE funding and the increased Rapid Re-Housing services the awards provide for each year.

Items 14a, b & c – Evan Stone, Executive Director of the Planning Commission, provided more information regarding the Transportation and Community Development Initiative grant program and the three proposed projects.

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:

11. CORRECTIONS	a. Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide anger management program. 2/19/20 – 12/31/20	\$36,000** (County 0%)
12. GENERAL SERVICES	a. New Falls Associates, LLC c/o The Verrichia Company, Thomas Verrichia Doylestown, PA	Approve sale of county property located at New Falls Road and Bristol-Oxford Valley Road in Bristol Township.	\$500,000 less settlement costs (Revenue)
	b. ChargePoint, Inc. Campbell, CA	Approve contract to provide electric vehicle charging stations for administration garage and other county locations. (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor) 3/4/20 – 3/4/24	10% of revenue + \$280/port/yr
	c. Shift4 Corporation Las Vegas, NV	Approve contract to provide gateway and credit card processing services for the Union Street and administration garages. (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor) 3/4/20 – 3/3/23	2%-5% of revenue* (estimate)
13. HOUSING SERVICES	a. A Woman's Place Doylestown, PA	Approve contract extension for 2018 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Grant funding for Rapid Re-Housing services. 1/4/20 – 12/31/20	

- b. Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc. Doylestown, PA Approve contract extension for 2018 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Grant funding for Rapid Re-Housing services. 1/4/20 – 12/31/20
 - c. Keystone Opportunity Center, Inc. Souderton, PA Approve contract extension for 2018 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Grant funding for Rapid Re-Housing services. 1/4/20 – 12/31/20
14. PLANNING COMMISSION
- a. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA Approve application for a Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) planning grant for the Bucks County Traffic Calming Bundling Program.
 - b. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA Approve application for a Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) planning grant for the Upper Bucks County Public Transportation Analysis.
 - c. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA Approve application for a Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) planning grant for the Bucks County Pedestrian Safety Study.

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

B. Ordinance

Commissioner Marseglia presented the Responsible Contractor Ordinance #162.

Commissioner Harvie, spoke about his significant experience with Responsible Contractor Ordinances and responded specifically to earlier comments citing a “rush to judgement,” “fictitious Class A Apprenticeships,” and “political playback.” Commissioner DiGirolamo also spoke about his history with Responsible Contractor Ordinances and asserted that this is the right thing to do for Bucks County. Commissioner Marseglia also spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, and by roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Marseglia – aye, Commissioner Harvie – aye, and Commissioner DiGirolamo – aye, the following was approved with a vote of 3-0:

Approve **Ordinance No. 162**, of the County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (The “County”) that provides for the adoption of certain procedures related to the solicitation and award of public contracts; provides for certification requirements for public contractors and subcontractors to public contracts; provides for public contract review procedures; provides for assurance on the use of properly trained construction personnel; repeals inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances; contains a savings clause and provides for an effective date.

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

None

PERSONNEL

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

COMMISSIONERS LIST								
March 4, 2020								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources								
Item numbers 1 through 15								
APPOINTMENTS								
	REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
1	4265	Derek S. Davis	MH Caseworker III	MH DP Admin	04	37.5	3/16/2020	27.65 PH
2	4286	Hannah F. Hegedus	Caseworker	Children and Youth	04	37.5	3/9/2020	25.36 PH
3	4310	Cynthia L. Osborne	Caseworker	Children and Youth	04	37.5	3/9/2020	25.36 PH
4	4286	Margaret M. Pellegrini	Caseworker	Children and Youth	04	37.5	3/9/2020	25.36 PH
5	4331	Marie Saintine	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	03	24.0	3/17/2020	20.37 PH
6	4264	Reanna M. Serafine	MH Caseworker III	MH DP Admin	04	37.5	3/16/2020	27.65 PH
7	4320	Michael Vile	Engineer I	General Services	02	40.0	3/9/2020	27.62 PH
8	4326	Yolanda M. Wynne	LP N - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	31	14.0	3/17/2020	30.91 PH

Job Fair – a job fair hosted by Pa CareerLink will be held today from 3 – 6 pm at 1260 Veterans Highway in Bristol, and on April 11th, 18th, and 25th. They are looking for census workers especially, so if you know anyone who may be interested, please send them down. Information on the 2020 Census will be mailed out between March 12th and 20th and people will be able to participate by phone, on-line, or by filling out paperwork.

Medication Take-Back – the next scheduled event will be held on Saturday, April 25th. District Attorney Matt Weintraub added that Bucks County is #1 in the state, having collected over 137,000 pounds of old, expired, and unused medications, including pet medications and vapes.

Re-entry Summit – the Bucks County Workforce Development Board is hosting a re-entry summit on April 29th from 8:30 to 10:30 geared toward potential employers in the county. The panel, comprised of Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt from Bucks County Community College; Commissioner Marseglia; Mike Harrison, deputy chief of the Bucks County Department of Adult Probation and Parole; and Attorney General Josh Shapiro, will be discussing how to help employers employ people who have barriers to employment.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Joe Khan reported that he met with the Commissioners in an executive session yesterday, March 3, 2020, to discuss pending litigation.

Mr. Khan responded to the earlier suggestion that the Responsible Contractor Ordinance was done hastily, and said that the Commissioners have been extremely transparent and welcoming of input from the community.

Mr. Khan announced that, as part of recent departmental restructuring, the Board of Elections will now be reporting to Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey. The current Solicitor's Office will now be known as the Law Department, and will be part of the newly named Legal Services Division which will continue to include Guardian Ad Litem. The Public Defender's Office will now be part of the Legal Services Division, as will the Office of Consumer Protection/Weights & Measures. Mr. Khan welcomed Consumer Protection Director Mike Bannon, saying that Consumer Protection/Weights & Measures will physically be moving back into this building. Mr. Khan noted it is fitting that it is Consumer Protection Week, as the Commissioners proclaimed March 1 through March 7, 2020 to be "Bucks County Consumer Protection Week," commending the Office of Consumer Protection and consumer advocates everywhere for their work to maintain a fair and honest marketplace for all.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvie thanked his executive assistant Stephen Seufert for noticing the article in the paper about the Buckingham Elementary students. Mr. Seufert suggested they bring the students in today and he worked with Public Information and Security to coordinate everything.

At Commissioner Harvie's request, Health Department Director Dr. David Damsker provided an update on the coronavirus. Dr. Damsker said there were currently no confirmed cases in Pennsylvania and they are following all guidance from the CDC as it comes out. The state can now test for coronavirus and testing will soon be available at places like LabCorp and Quest. While the virus does not seem to be affecting young children very much, it is affecting the senior population similarly to the flu. Dr. Damsker urged everyone not to panic and to follow the same precautions to prevent the spread of the virus as they do for the seasonal flu.

Commissioner DiGirolamo gave a shout out to Diane Rosati, Executive Director of the Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission for hosting a forum here at the courthouse last Friday. Currently, there are five police departments in the county involved with the "Bucks County Police Assisting in Recovery (BPAIR)" program aimed towards getting help for individuals seeking treatment by connecting them with a treatment center instead of incarceration. The Commissioner said the goal is to bring this program to every police department in the county.

Referencing Fair Districts, a nonpartisan citizens group working to stop gerrymandering, Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke against gerrymandering and called for an independent committee to help re-draw the voting district lines in Pennsylvania. Commissioner Marseglia advised that they did have that subject penciled in for the next meeting.

On the occasion of her feast day yesterday, Commissioner DiGirolamo shared information about St. Katharine Drexel, a native of Bensalem. The Commissioner advised that she dedicated her life to helping the neediest by founding a religious order, and starting missions, hospitals, schools, and a university. She believed in empowering people with education and was only the second native born American to be canonized a saint.

Commissioner Marseglia advised that they are aiming to get the meetings live-streamed by June.

Commissioner Marseglia thanked Corrections staff, including Director Chris Pirolli, Superintendent Kevin Rousset, Deputy Director Dave Kratz, and Manager Jeff Contino, for sponsoring the "Inside Out" program. The Commissioner advised that students from Holy Family College, with their professor, were allowed to attend a college class at the prison with the inmates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Warren, former commissioner from Middletown Township, commented on Commissioner Harvie’s years of experience with change orders. Mr. Warren also spoke about the National Association of Counties (NACO) and suggested that the current Board of Commissioners re-join the organization. Commissioner Marseglia and Mr. Khan responded to Mr. Warren’s request for clarification regarding the Board of Elections and Consumer Protection.

Barbara O’Donnell, from Richboro, Northampton Township, and a member of the League of Women Voters and Pa Fair Districts, said she was there to ask the Commissioners to support an independent voting commission in Pennsylvania. Ms. O’Donnell said that thanks to Commissioner DiGirolamo, she did not have to say what she had planned.

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, March 18, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Room.

Approved: March 18, 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*