

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 3, 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 requested they take a moment to reflect and send out some positive vibes for the country, the state, and the county. Larry King, Director of Public Information, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Marseglia announced that public comments on agenda items will be accepted until 10:10 via email at [publiccomment@buckscounty.org](mailto:publiccomment@buckscounty.org).

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Marseglia invited those county row officers who were present to introduce themselves. They were Meredith Buck, Coroner; Linda Bobrin, Register of Wills; and Kristian Ballerini, Treasurer. The commissioner also welcomed Rachael Neff, the new Director of Housing & Human Services.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed June 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as “Child Welfare Professional’s Appreciation Week” to express their gratitude and admiration for the Bucks County Children & Youth Social Services Agency, who perform important and difficult work every day. Commissioner Marseglia initiated a round of applause for these child welfare workers who have been working extra hard during the COVID-19 crisis to keep children safe.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

To supplement the public access provided by the [publiccomment@buckscounty.org](mailto:publiccomment@buckscounty.org) e-mail address, the meeting was livestreamed via Facebook.

Bucks County Solicitor Joe Khan read an email received from Andy Warren, former commissioner from Middletown Township, concerning agenda item 7b. In response, Commissioner Harvie clarified that the company on agenda for approval today is the same company that has been managing the golf course for several years. He further explained why the contract awarded in May was being rescinded. Mr. Khan advised that the contract cost on agenda is \$125,000. General Services Director Kevin Spencer responded to Commissioner DiGirolamo’s question regarding when the golf course is going to open. In response to Commissioner Marseglia, Mr. Spencer provided more detail about the RFP for this professional service.

No other emails were received for public comment.

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. Commissioner Harvie noted that he is neighbors with one of the owners of the company being awarded the contract for item 7b but stated for the record that there is no conflict of interest.

- A. Minutes from the May 20, 2020 regular meeting
- B. Resolutions

1. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Bucks County Free Library Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to develop and implement programs and services for older adults. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$1,500** (County 0%)
	b. Carvell Health Services Huntington Valley, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide in-home services for seniors. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$100,000** (County 0%)
	c. Jane Fox-Laquer Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide services as Contracted Ombudsman. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$33,000** (County 0%)
	d. Patsy H. Long Warrington, PA	Approve contract increase and extension for services as Contracted Ombudsman. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$33,000** (County 0%)
	e. The Wood Company, a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Sodexo Management Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide home-delivered meals. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$10,000** (County 9%)

2.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a.	KidsPeace National Center Schnecksville, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/21	\$650,000** (County 11%)
		b.	University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	Approve contract between Danielle Marie Galluppi and the University of Pittsburgh for Child Welfare Education program. 4/27/20 – Graduation	
		c.	University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	Approve contract between Megan Elizabeth Bacevich and the University of Pittsburgh for Child Welfare Education program. 4/27/20 – Graduation	
3.	CORRECTIONS	a.	Global Tel*Link Corporation Falls Church, VA	Approve contract to purchase OMS Link Units for inmates. 5/11/20 – 6/7/20	\$20/unit** (County 0%)
4.	ERP	a.	Infor Inc. New York, NY	Approve contract increase and extension to provide maintenance and support. 6/1/20 – 5/31/25	\$1,549,811.68** (County 100%)
5.	HUMAN SERVICES	a.	Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for reimbursement of costs for consulting services. 1/1/20 – 12/31/20	\$17,000 (Revenue)
6.	LAW DEPARTMENT	a.		Approve maximum hourly rate for outside counsel for Election and Voter Registration Counseling. 6/1/20 – Open	\$150/hour** + expenses (County 100%)
		b.	Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller Norristown, PA	Approve fee agreement to provide outside counsel for joint representation of Bucks, Chester, and Delaware Counties in connection with voter registration litigation. 6/3/20 – Open	\$360/hour** + expenses (County 33.33%)
7.	PARKS & RECREATION	a.	Spirit Golf Management, LLC Yardley, PA	Rescind contract to manage Oxford Valley Golf Course. 3 years	(\$162,000)
		b.	Alfred E. Lewis and John Bonner a/k/a B&B Turf Management, LP Fallsington, PA	Approve contract to manage the Oxford Valley Golf Course. (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor) 4/1/20 – 12/31/20	\$125,000* (County 100%)
8.	PROTHONOTARY	a.	Paperless Solutions, Inc. Bensalem, PA	Approve contract increase to scan and index additional cases into existing system. 10/1/19 – 9/30/22	\$93,600** (County 0%)

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

REGULAR AGENDA

9.	COMMISSIONERS	a.		Approve resolution extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency of March 13, 2020 relative to a pandemic outbreak through June 18, 2020.	
10.	PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	PennDot King of Prussia, PA	Approve Reimbursement Agreement for the Neshaminy Greenway Trail Phase 1.	\$1,823,000 (Revenue)
11.	WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	a.		Approve CARES Act Funds for Small Business Grant Program (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor)	\$30,000,000
		b.	Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Harrisburg, PA	Approve Local Workforce Development Grant Agreement (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor) 7/1/20 – 6/30/24	

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Item 10a – Commissioner Harvie spoke about this grant to improve the network of trails, allowing for added enjoyment of biking, hiking, running, and walking across the county. He applauded the hard work done by the Planning Commission and local municipalities.

Item 11a – Commissioner Harvie provided an update on the Bucks Back to Work grant program and this additional \$30 million they are committing to assist small businesses in the county. Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about how tough it is for small businesses to survive and said this is a great use of the CARES funding. He thanked Commissioner Harvie for taking the lead with this. Commissioner Marseglia added thanks to Jeff Fields, Director of Housing & Community Development.

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the above items from the regular agenda were approved.

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

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

David Boscola, Chief Financial Officer, provided additional clarification on the following budget adjustments:

**2019 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS  
Agenda Description  
June 3, 2020**

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget to cover additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #64	Coroner General Fund	2,000 (2,000)
Adjustment #65	Health General Fund	11,000 (11,000)
Adjustment #66	Emergency Health General Fund	3,000 (3,000)
Adjustment #67	Human Services General Fund	12,000 (12,000)
Adjustment #68	Children & Youth General Fund	2,000 (2,000)
Adjustment #69	2018 Bond 2018 Bond (Transfers) Bridge Reconstruction (Transfers) Bridge Reconstruction	750,000 (750,000) 750,000 (750,000)

Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance -

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, 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 June 3, 2020								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources Item numbers 1 through 23								
APPOINTMENTS								
REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
1	4295 Karen Batson	Clerk Typist II	Children and Youth	04	37.5	6/8/2020	18.83 PH	
2	4324 Barbara Cadesca	Registered Nurse - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	60	14.0	6/9/2020	37.74 PH	
3	4331 Denna Fisher	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	03	24.0	6/9/2020	20.37 PH	
4	4331 Foteini Gerasi Tsolakis	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	03	24.0	6/9/2020	20.37 PH	
5	4407 Martin Shnyder	Assistant Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	6/8/2020	51,000.00 PA	
6	4323 Rita Surrick	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	06	40.0	6/9/2020	33.14 PH	
REHIRE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
7	4326 Gale C. Primodie Separation Date: 6/1/2020	LPN - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	31	14.0	6/4/2020	30.30 PH	

PERMANENT TO PER DIEM								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
8	4329	Janet C. Mood	Activities Assistant TO Activities Assistant - PD	NM Activities	03	40.0 TO 6.0	6/6/2020	21.20 PH TO 14.36 PH
9	4326	Ketia A. Sylvestre	LPN TO LPN - Pool	NM Licensed Practical Nurses TO NM Nursing Pool	33 TO 31	40.0 TO 14.0	6/6/2020	29.31 PH TO 30.30 PH
POSITION CHANGE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
10	4377	Kristen M. Griego	Social Worker I TO Casework Supervisor	Children and Youth	04 TO 84	37.5	6/8/2020	30.03 PH TO 30.47 PH
TRANSFER								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
11	4310	Blanca Monclou-Farbotnik	Health Educator TO Caseworker	Health Department TO Children and Youth	46 TO 04	40.0 TO 37.5	6/3/2020	34.74 PH TO 34.78 PH
12	4401	Jeanine M. Richards	LPN TO Coordinator Out Patient Consultation Services	NM Licensed Practical Nurses TO NM Physician Services	33	40.0	6/4/2020	30.18 PH
SALARY ADJUSTMENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
13	N/A	Kelly S. Emanuele	Benefits Manager	Human Resources	00	40.0	6/6/2020	58,203.00 PA TO 61,497.00 PA
14	N/A	Dana M. Praul	Human Resources Generalist	Human Resources	00	40.0	6/6/2020	41,616.00 PA TO 44,116.00 PA
15	N/A	Rosemary K. Roehner	Assistant Human Resources Director	Human Resources	00	40.0	6/6/2020	68,289.00 PA TO 73,289.00 PA
SEPARATION								
NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION				
16	Zachary J. Cooperman	Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	6/18/2020	27.81 PH			
17	Joseph D. Cutchineal	Senior Deputy Sealer	Consumer Protection	7/6/2020	29.47 PH			
18	Patricia J. Davis	D & A Supervisor	Main Jail	6/5/2020	79,060.00 PA			
19	Donna P. DeLucia	Assistant Director of Nursing	NM Administrative	6/3/2020	99,212.00 PA			
20	Elezabeth George	Registered Nurse - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	5/25/2020	39.26 PH			
21	Jesse R. Huber	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	5/22/2020	22.14 PH			
22	Rebecca L. Karonis	Registered Nurse - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	5/8/2020	39.26 PH			
23	Gregory S. Landis	Captain of Security	Main Jail	6/5/2020	47.29 PH			

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

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

None

OTHER CIVICS

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

Twilight Wish Foundation \$2,400

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CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Referencing yesterday’s primary election, Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeVitt said the Board of Elections staff did an amazing job. It took everyone available to facilitate the process and Ms. McKeVitt thanked all the other departments that helped. Mail in ballots versus in-person were about 50/50 and they will continue processing mail in ballots until next Tuesday. Ms. McKeVitt thanked the public for their patience, as there were issues with some of the ballots. The poll workers also did an amazing job and Ms. McKeVitt said she is grateful for their efforts.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Joe Khan echoed Ms. McKeVitt’s comments about the amazing work of the Board of Elections and gave special thanks to attorney Jessica VanderKam who, under difficult circumstances, helped the County obtain court approval to extend the deadline to accept mail-in and absentee ballots. All mail-in ballots that are postmarked before Election Day will be counted as long as they are received by the Board of Elections by 5:00 pm next Tuesday.

Regarding the proposed Taha settlement discussed at the last meeting, Mr. Khan advised that the judge has granted preliminary approval of the class action settlement, as hoped. The next hearing will be on October 1<sup>st</sup>, after which the County hopes to have final approval and will know exactly what the county’s financial obligations regarding this matter will be.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Marseglia commented on the tremendous amount of work and challenges encountered during this election period and thanked everyone that assisted. The commissioner cited the new voting machines, the pandemic, mail-in ballots, and problems with the ballot paper in some of the polling places.

Commissioner DiGirolamo also commended the Board of Elections on the amazing work they have done since January, noting the special election in Bensalem in March, in addition to the issues with the current election. He spoke about the statewide problem with the delayed election results and said something needs to be done in Harrisburg before the General Election in November.

Commissioner Harvie echoed the above comments and spoke about the commitment of the poll workers yesterday who worked long hours dealing with challenges at some of the polls, such as the ballot issues. Many of the people were also new to working the polls, having to fill in for those who were unable to do so this year. Speaking of commitment, the commissioner called out Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey, who was injured in a car accident on Saturday while checking on the ballot boxes.

Commissioner Harvie said one good thing resulting from the pandemic is the cooperation between the surrounding Philadelphia counties in sharing information and data. An example cited was the DVRPC's efforts to get the Greater Delaware Valley designated as an economic development district. This will result in more funding from the federal government, which will help all the local economies.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the county's move to yellow on Friday and the tremendous amount of work done behind the scenes to accomplish this. In addition to all the county personnel the commissioner thanked all the residents who helped by maintaining social distancing, wearing masks, and limiting their travel – it has all helped.

Commissioner Marseglia thanked the poll workers and voters for their efforts to keep each other safe by keeping their masks on yesterday.

PUBLIC COMMENT<sup>1</sup>

Commissioners Marseglia and Harvie responded to an email received from Chris Hopkins from Jamison regarding the economic impact that COVID-19 has had on the businesses of Bucks County.

Commissioner Marseglia responded to an email received from Andy Warren, former commissioner from Middletown Township, regarding the timing on election results.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marseglia thanked all the brave people who are continuing to keep us all safe, as well as the courageous people who are standing up for justice.

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, June 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: June 17, 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*

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Khan replied to an email received from Chuck Kellander and asked Mr. Kellander to provide his township or municipality, in accordance with the rules of public comment. Since Mr. Kellander did not provide that information before the end of the meeting, his comment was provided to the Commissioners but not read aloud during the meeting.