

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 17, 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 Linda Bobrin, Register of Wills, 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: Brian Munroe, Clerk of Courts; Linda Bobrin, Register of Wills; and Kristian Ballerini, Treasurer.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners recognized Kiley Malloy as the “2020 High School Poet of the Year” applauding her creative gift of poetry and commending her contribution to the literary tradition of the community. Ms. Malloy, a senior at Council Rock High School South, read her poem “When You Take Me for a Ghost.”

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Commissioner Marseglia responded to comments from Vincent Montoya of Bristol Township, concerning agenda items 14a, 17a, 18a, 18b, 18c, and 18e.

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. Minutes from the June 3, 2020 regular meeting
- B. Resolution Requests

1. AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION	a. Bauman Road Associates, LLC Hatfield, PA	Approve amendment to agricultural conservation easement on a 12,000 sq. ft. portion of the Nichol farm preserved in 2000. (TMP 23-002-136-002)	
2. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Dr. Kenneth R. Carroll, PhD Swarthmore, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide psychological consulting services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$10,000** (County 0%)
	b. Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide care management services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$130,000** (County 0%)
	c. Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania Bristol, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide legal services for seniors. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$70,200** (County 0%)
	d. Linton’s Managed Services Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide dietician services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$10,000** (County 0%)
3. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	a. Access Services, Inc. Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract extension to develop and implement a mobile psychiatric rehabilitation service. 7/1/20 – 12/31/20	
	b. Child and Family Focus, Inc. Audubon, PA	Approve contract to provide Systems Integration Facilitation services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$75,000** (County 0%)
	c. Prest & Associates, LLC Madison, WI	Approve contract to provide medical consulting services. 6/17/20 – 12/31/22	\$15,000** (County 0%)

	d.	The Peace Center Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide resource and call center guidance for bullying prevention. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$60,000** (County 0%)
4. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a.	Bethanna Southampton, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care and adoption services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/21	\$190,000** (County 11%)
	b.	CHOR Youth and Family Services, Inc. Reading, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/21	\$305,000** (County 22%)
	c.	Devereux Foundation d/b/a Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health King of Prussia, PA	Approve contract to provide foster and residential care. 7/1/19 – 6/30/21	\$150,000** (County 15%)
	d.	Families United Network, Inc. Muncy, PA	Approve contract to provide foster and emergency shelter care, diagnostic services, and community based residential services for dependent youth. 7/1/19 – 6/30/21	\$350,000** (County 18%)
	e.	Second Haven Services for Youth, Inc. Mount Pocono, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care and community residential services. 7/1/18 – 6/30/19	\$100,890** (County 20%)
5. CLERK OF COURTS	a.	Arcadia Recovery Bureau Reading, PA	Approve contract to provide collection services. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor) 6/17/20 - ongoing	25% of balance collected* (County 0%)
6. COMMISSIONERS	a.	Delaware Valley Regional Economic Development Fund Philadelphia, PA	Approve grant agreement for funding to support local small businesses in Bucks County that have suffered economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.	\$250,000 (Revenue)
7. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a.	NICE Systems, Inc. Reston, VA	Approve contract to provide maintenance for the 9-1-1 voice recorder system. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$44,825 (County 100%)
8. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	a.	DRS Imaging and Print Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to purchase PPE supplies for COVID-19 pandemic. 5/1/20 – 5/31/20	\$99,396.78* (County 100%)
	b.	General Chemical & Supply Moorestown, NJ	Approve contract to purchase PPE supplies for COVID-19 pandemic. 5/1/20 – 5/31/20	\$55,000* (County 100%)
	c.	Home Depot Pro Institutional Jacksonville, FL	Approve contract to purchase PPE supplies for COVID-19 pandemic. 5/1/20 – 5/31/20	\$52,692* (County 100%)
	d.	Safeware, Inc. Lanham, MD	Approve contract to purchase PPE supplies for COVID-19 pandemic. 5/1/20 – 5/31/20	\$93,163.52* (County 100%)
9. ERP	a.	RPI Consultants Baltimore, MD	Approve contract increase to provide assistance with conversion to the Infor Global Human Resources platform.	\$12,800** (County 100%)
10. GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Maarv Waterproofing Inc. Clifton, NJ	Approve decrease of general construction contract for restoration of the Bucks County Parking Garage.	(\$30,999)
	b.	Troy Eggert Bristol, PA	Approve contract for rental of County property located at 175 Cafferty Road in Pipersville. 6/19/20 – 5/31/21	\$17,100 (Revenue)
11. HEALTH DEPARTMENT	a.	Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases Harrisburg, PA	Approve federal immunization grant. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$342,328 (Revenue)

12. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a. Bensalem Township & Bristol Township	Approve HOME Consortium Cooperation Agreement with automatic renewal. 7/1/21 – 6/3/23	
	b. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia, PA	Approve submission of annual Action Plan for the FY 2019 and acceptance of special allocation of CDBG and ESG funding available through CARES Act for COVID-19. 4/2/20 – 4/1/21	\$3,315,067 (Revenue)
13. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a. DVL Group, Inc. Bristol, PA	Approve contract to provide maintenance & repairs of datacenter HVAC systems. 6/14/20 – 6/13/21	\$30,937** (County 100%)
	b. Verizon Business Frazer, PA	Approve increase and extension of Business Services Agreement for SONET ring, all relevant circuits, network management, and LAN modems. 1/1/20 – 12/31/20	\$427,486.30* (County 100%)
14. LAW DEPARTMENT	a. Marianne Medzadourian and Levin & Zeigler LLP Philadelphia, PA	Approve county's portion of payment in the matter of <u>Medzadourian v. Bucks County et.al.</u> for settlement of litigation and general release of claims.	\$15,000 (County 100%)
15. NESHAMINY MANOR	a. American Health Care Services, Inc. Bristol, PA	Approve contract extension to purchase liquid nutritional supplements. 8/1/20 – 7/31/21	
	b. Concordance Healthcare Solutions New Rochelle, NY	Approve contract extension to purchase liquid nutritional supplements. 8/1/20 – 7/31/21	
	c. Good Source Solutions, Inc. Carlsbad, CA	Approve contract extension to purchase liquid nutritional supplements. 8/1/20 – 7/31/21	
16. PLANNING COMMISSION	a. Boucher & James, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract extension for work on the Neshaminy Greenway Trail. 5/18/20 – 8/1/21	
	b. Monster Paving, Inc. Lower Gwynedd, PA	Approve contract decrease for Upper Bucks Rail Trail repaving at Cherry Road crossing. 11/6/19 – Completion	(\$16,070)
	c. Monster Paving, Inc. Lower Gwynedd, PA	Approve contract decrease for Upper Bucks Rail Trail due to changes in trail design. 11/6/19 – Completion	(\$10,230)
17. POLICE TRAINING	a. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Bureau of Highway Safety Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant for the Police Traffic Services Grant program. 10/1/20 – 9/30/22	\$607,180 (Revenue)
18. PURCHASING	a. Bob Barker Fuquay-Varina, NC	Approve contract to purchase inmate clothing. 1/13/20 – 1/12/21	\$49,074.63* (County 71.4%)
	b. Calico Packaging, LLC Laurel, MD	Approve contract to purchase bags and can liners. 6/24/20 – 6/23/23	\$24,706.90* (County 100%)
	c. Central Poly Bag Corporation Linden, NJ	Approve contract to purchase bags and can liners. 6/24/20 – 6/23/23	\$66,175.60* (County 100%)
	d. Concordance Healthcare Solutions New Rochelle, NY	Approve contract increase and extension to provide medical and surgical supplies. 8/1/20 – 7/31/21	\$170* (County 100%)
	e. JAB Trading Industries, LLC San Antonio, TX	Approve contract to provide inmate clothing. 1/13/20 – 1/12/21	\$2,204* (County 50%)
	f. Manheim Medical Supply, Inc. Manheim, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide medical and surgical supplies. 8/1/20 – 7/31/21	\$3,346.50* (County 100%)

- g. School Health Corporation Hanover Park, IL Approve contract increase and extension to provide medical and surgical supplies. 8/1/20 – 7/31/21 \$817.50\* (County 100%)
- 19. YOUTH CENTER a. US Foods Allentown, PA Approve contract increase and extension to purchase food products. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21 \$80,000\*\* (County 50%)

REGULAR AGENDA

- 20. COMMISSIONERS a. Approve resolution extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency of March 13, 2020 relative to a pandemic outbreak through July 2, 2020.
- b. Approve resolution accepting Transition Report, authorizing staff to implement appropriate changes, and expressing appreciation for Transition Committee.
- 21. HUMAN RESOURCES a. Approve Fair Chance Hiring Policy
- b. Approve Equal Pay Hiring Policy

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

Item 20b - Commissioner Marseglia spoke about the Transition Report, saying it is like a report card that they can keep referencing to see how they are doing. Some of the recommendations have already been done and some still need to be done. Commissioner DiGirolamo thanked the transition team for putting the report together. He emphasized that the team is made up entirely of volunteers and they have made some good recommendations. Commissioner Harvie provided more detail about the various committees within the transition team. He advised that they interacted with county staff to provide directives and obtain feedback. Each committee submitted reports, which the commissioner advised will be posted today or tomorrow on the county website.

Items 21a & b – County Solicitor Joe Khan explained these two policies that will change the application process to obtain employment with the county. The Fair Chance Hiring Policy moves the question of about an applicant having any prior convictions to later in the hiring process. The county will continue to be able to conduct background checks and inquire about the nature of any criminal convictions, but only after making a determination that the candidate is a potential fit for the job. The Equal Pay Policy is an effort to break the cycle of women getting paid less for the same work as men by removing the question of what the candidate was last being paid. Mr. Khan expressed his thanks to Ginger Hardwick, Assistant Solicitor in the Law Department for this and other work she has done on hiring, employment, and wage policies in the county. Commissioner Marseglia added thanks to Bucks County resident Maxine Katz for her efforts to get this on the agenda. Commissioner Harvie thanked Mr. Khan and Ms. Hardwick for their work on this and added his thoughts in support of these new policies.

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

**2019 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**Agenda Description**

**June 17, 2020**

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget to cover additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #68	Children & Youth	2,000
	Children & Youth (Transfers)	(2,000)
	General Fund (Transfers)	2,000
	General Fund	(2,000)
Adjustment #70	General Fund (Transfers)	188,000
	Children & Youth (Transfers)	(188,000)

	Children & Youth (Revenue)	188,000
Adjustment #71	Community Development Admin	24,000
	Community Development Admin (Revenue)	(24,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		(188,000)

**2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**  
**Agenda Description**  
**June 17, 2020**

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures**

<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adjustment #5	Board of Elections	175,000
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		(175,000)

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

COMMISSIONERS LIST							
June 17, 2020							
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources							
Item numbers 1 through 52							
APPOINTMENTS							
4343	Kevin S. Albright	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	6/22/2020	18.40 PH
4330	Antoinette Austin	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	03	40.0	6/23/2020	20.78 PH
4326	Analiya Burnham	LP N - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	31	14.0	6/23/2020	30.30 PH
4330	Guerline Coriolan	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	03	40.0	6/23/2020	20.78 PH
4343	Nolan Dunn	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	6/22/2020	18.40 PH
4379	Veronica Echevarria	ID Program Specialist I	MH DP Admin	04	37.5	7/6/2020	30.03 PH
4375	Ian W. Eppig	Operations & Training Officer	Emergency Management Agency	00	40.0	8/3/2020	24.00 PH
4343	Anthony Felix	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	6/22/2020	18.40 PH
4343	Scott C. Henley	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	6/22/2020	18.40 PH
4343	Christopher Hunter	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	6/22/2020	18.40 PH
4328	Brandon Miller	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	03	24.0	6/20/2020	13.27 PH
4339	Sarah Omietanski	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services	00	40.0	6/20/2020	9.18 PH
4325	Ivory S. Overby	LP N	NM Licensed Practical Nurses	33	40.0	6/23/2020	29.31 PH
4329	Kelly M. Owens	Activities Assistant - PD	NM Activities	03	12.0	6/23/2020	14.36 PH
4343	Alyssa M. Taylor	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	6/22/2020	18.40 PH
4324	Leslie Todorovac	Registered Nurse - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	60	14.0	6/23/2020	37.74 PH

PERMANENT TO PER DIEM								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
17	4324	Kathi A. Reilley	Registered Nurse TO Registered Nurse - Pool	NM Registered Nurses TO NM Nursing Pool	06 TO 60	40.0 TO 14.0	6/20/2020	33.87 PH TO 37.74 PH

PER DIEM TO PERMANENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
18	4403	Luis A. Flores	Food Service Attendant - PD TO Custodian - NMH	NM Dietary Services TO General Services	03 TO 02	24.0 TO 40.0	6/22/2020	13.27 PH TO 21.22 PH

POSITION CHANGE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
19	4408	Stefanie D. Bodman	HMS Project Administrator TO Program Manager, Homeless Services	Housing & Community Development	46 TO 00	40.0	6/29/2020	30.03 PH TO 72,000.00 PA
20	4430	Christine C. Cregar	Deputy Public Defender TO Senior Deputy Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	7/6/2020	70,039.00 PA TO 94,178.00 PA
21	4431	Caroline Criste	Assistant Public Defender TO Deputy Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	7/6/2020	53,060.00 PA TO 67,971.00 PA
22	4392	Patrick N. Duchesneau	Dispatcher I TO Assistant Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Coordinator	911 Emergency Response	03 TO 00	40.0	7/6/2020	27.81 PH TO 29.50 PH
23	N/A	Michael T. Duncan	Maintenance TO Building Supervisor	General Services	02 TO 00	40.0	6/22/2020	29.03 PH TO 65,000.00 PA
24	4404	John S. Ives	Senior Planner TO Director Agriculture Land Preservation & Open Space Programs	Planning Administrative	45 TO 00	40.0	6/22/2020	36.30 PH TO 85,000.00 PA
25	4422	Andrea G. Jannetti	Senior Deputy Public Defender TO First Deputy Public Defender	Public Defender	00	40.0	7/6/2020	94,178.00 PA TO 116,809.00 PA
26	4393	Michael J. Jimison	Electronic Technician I TO Electronic Technician III	Emergency Communications	03 TO 00	40.0	6/20/2020	27.81 PH TO 32.92 PH
27	4380	Patricia Kim	ID Program Specialist I	MH DP Admin	04	37.5	7/7/2020	30.03 PH
28	N/A	Brittney L. Scott	Accounts Specialist TO Procurement Administrator	NM Business Office	03 TO 00	40.0	6/20/2020	24.50 PH TO 27.69 PH

TRANSFER								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
29	4330	Kelly C. Hoffman	Food Service Attendant TO Nursing Assistant	NM Dietary Services TO NM Nursing Assistants	03	40.0	6/22/2020	19.56 PH TO 21.20 PH
30	N/A	Juliet E. Kelchner	Deputy Director Public Information TO Website Operations Manager	Public Information TO Planning Administrative	00	40.0	6/20/2020	67,279.00 PA TO 69,300.00 PA
31	4389	Maryellen Lott	HR Manager TO Office Supervisor-Assistant to Executive Director	Human Resources TO Planning Administrative	00	40.0	6/22/2020	56,182.00 PA TO 61,201.00 PA

SALARY ADJUSTMENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
32	N/A	Michael D. Bannon	Chief Sealer	Consumer Protection	11	40.0	6/20/2020	78,381.00 PA TO 80,493.00 PA
33	N/A	Thomas F. Kennedy	Central Warehouse Coordinator	General Services	00	40.0	6/22/2020	27.06 PH TO 29.80 PH
34	N/A	Larry R. King	Director County Communications	Public Information	11	40.0	6/20/2020	83,232.00 PA TO 90,000.00 PA
35	N/A	Ara Jay Kimbrough	Lieutenant Corrections	Main Jail	00	40.0	6/20/2020	41.49 PH TO 44.23 PH
36	N/A	David L. Kratz	Deputy Director of Corrections	Main Jail	00	40.0	6/20/2020	103,520.00 PA TO 105,590.00 PA
37	N/A	Lauren M. Smith	Human Resources Director	Human Resources	11	40.0	6/20/2020	91,086.00 PA TO 100,000.00 PA

TITLE CHANGE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
38	N/A	Rachael K. Neff	Housing & Human Services Director TO Human Services Director	Human Services	88	40.0	6/20/2020	110,000.00 PA

SEPARATION						EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT					
39	Thomas E. Booz	Resident Ranger	Park Rangers			6/6/2020	35.13 PH
40	Joseph P. Cleary	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			5/28/2020	12.44 PH
41	Victoria A. Flores	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses			6/11/2020	36.47 PH
42	Peter Hall	First Deputy Public Defender	Public Defender			7/2/2020	116,809.00 PA
43	Robert J. Hennigan	Corrections Officer	Main Jail			7/1/2020	28.79 PH
44	Toni M. Henry	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants			5/28/2020	20.37 PH
45	Jacob D. Leonard	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			5/28/2020	8.25 PH
46	Dominic M. Macaluso	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			5/28/2020	9.02 PH
47	Philip A. Papiro	Corrections Officer	Main Jail			6/3/2020	28.79 PH
48	John C. Pendergast	Seasonal Help/Deputy Ranger - PD	Park Rangers			6/1/2020	13.00 PH
49	Sean P. Rodman	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services			5/22/2020	10.97 PH
50	Sheyianna J. Slight	Nursing Assistant - Pool	NM Nursing Pool			6/3/2020	21.85 PH
51	Matthew T. Smith	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services			6/18/2020	13.54 PH
52	Stuart Wilder	Assistant Solicitor	Law Department			6/1/2020	79,673.00 PA

\*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 DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointment was approved:

Agricultural Land Preservation Board

James B. Nilsen

New Appointment

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

OTHER CIVICS

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

Bowman Hill Wildflower Preserve \$2,400

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

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

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

Several county departments will be moving into newly renovated offices in the Administration Building within the next few months. They include Area Agency on Aging, Children & Youth, Human Resources, and Consumer Protection.

In early July the Buck County Workforce Development Board is expected to move from their current offices in Bristol to county offices at the Neshaminy Manor Center. The CareerLink offices in both Bristol and Perkasie will remain where they are.

Area Agency on Aging's annual senior games are cancelled for this year. Military Affairs has also announced that they will not be hosting the Veteran Benefits Expo at Parx Casino, or the annual golf outing.

In partnership with United Way, the county is hosting a food drive through Friday. Collection boxes are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Administration Building and at the Neshaminy Manor Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Building G.

Housing & Community Development has been working with non-profit providers throughout the county on different programs that will be using CARES funding. Due to the moratorium on evictions ending in July, it is anticipated there will be more CARES funding for rental assistance.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Khan folded his report into his comments on Items 21a & b.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Regarding the Workforce Development move mentioned by Ms. McKeivitt, Commissioner Harvie noted that this was one of the things recommended by the Economic Development Committee in their Transition Report.

Commissioner Harvie provided an update on the Bucks Back to Work grant program and announced that decisions have been made for the first round of recipients. The 460 businesses chosen will be notified within the next few days and money should be dispersed next week. The businesses that were not chosen will be re-considered for the next round. The commissioner thanked Jeff Fields, Director of Housing & Community Development, Deanna Giorno from the Workforce Development Board, and Ms. McKeivitt for the tremendous amount of work done on this program.

Commissioner DiGirolamo commented on the grant program, saying it is good news for small businesses in the county. Also good for them would be the county going to green next week, as everyone is hopeful for.

Commissioner DiGirolamo advised of a task force that has been formed to review the challenges experienced recently with the primary election, i.e.: new voting machines, mail-in ballots, and COVID-19, and to review what changes need to be made before the General Election in November. Comprised of Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey, Board of Elections Director Tom Freitag, Commissioner DiGirolamo, State Representative Frank Farry, and State Representative John Galloway, the task force will be considering what state laws need to be changed to make it easier to count all the ballots more quickly and to ensure all votes count.

PUBLIC COMMENT<sup>1</sup>

Commissioner Harvie responded to an email received from Andy Warren, former commissioner from Middletown Township, questioning when the public will be able to attend the commissioners' meetings in person.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, 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, July 1, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: July 1, 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 noted that an email was received from outside the county, which he said he would not read aloud but would forward to the commissioners.