

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 15, 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, introducing the county’s new Project and Diversity Officer Bernard Griggs, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Marseglia invited those county row officers who were present to introduce themselves. They were: Judi Reiss, Prothonotary; Linda Bobrin, Register of Wills; and Kristian Ballerini, Treasurer.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners proclaimed July 19 – 25, 2020 as “Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week,” as a time to honor and celebrate the dedicated individuals in the community who work tirelessly to make neighborhoods safer. The Commissioners praised the Adult Probation officers and offered gratitude to the management team and staff of the Adult Probation/Parole Department. Accepting the proclamation on behalf of the department were Chief Adult Probation Officer Christine Shenk, accompanied by Tom Terra and Crystal Carey.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Bucks County Solicitor Joe Khan read an email received from William Hines of Doylestown Township regarding drop off sites for election ballots. Commissioner Marseglia suggested this be addressed during the discussion of regular agenda items.

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 July 1, 2020 regular meeting
- B. Resolutions

1. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Bethanna Southampton, PA	Approve contract decrease for visitation support services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/21	(\$60,000)
	b. Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract decrease to provide supportive housing services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	(\$20,000)
	c. Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract increase to provide transitional housing services and rental assistance. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$90,000 ** (County 12%)
2. CORRECTIONS	a. Aramark Facilities Services Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide maintenance and project support services for the Department of Corrections and Youth Center. 9/1/20 – 8/31/21	\$918,290.52 (County 100%)
	b. Global Tel*Link Corporation Falls Church, VA	Approve termination of contract for inmate telecommunication services. 9/6/13 – 7/15/20	
	c. Global Tel*Link Corporation Falls Church, VA	Approve contract to provide inmate telecommunication services. 7/16/20 – 7/15/23	\$500,000/yr (Revenue)
	d. Honeywell Building International Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract to upgrade and expand the Digital Video Manager (DVM) camera storage at the Correctional Facility. NTP – 12/31/20	\$129,350 (County 100%)
	e. Wescott Electric Company Glen Riddle, PA	Approve increase to electrical contract for Women’s Correctional Facility expansion project.	\$276,848** (County 100%)

3.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a. National Medical Services Lab d/b/a NMS Labs Horsham, PA	Approve contract to provide DNA and drug analysis. 1/1/20 – 12/31/20	\$40,000** (County 100%)
4.	FINANCE	a. Wright National Flood Insurance Company St. Petersburg, FL	Approve renewal of annual Flood Insurance Policy. 8/17/20 – 8/17/21	\$25,560 (County 100%)
5.	GENERAL SERVICES	a. PennDot Engineering District 6-0 Harrisburg, PA	Approve signature authorization for General Services Director of Operations, to electronically sign Amendments to Bridge Reimbursement Grant Agreement #R15060006 for the rehabilitation of Bucks County Bridge #333 on Strocks Grove Road over Beaver Creek in Nockamixon Township, and for County Solicitor to electronically concur.	
6.	HEALTH	a. Pennsylvania Department of Health, Office of Public Health Preparedness Harrisburg, PA	Approve annual grant for the Pennsylvania Health Department's Public Health Preparedness Program. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$481,369 (Revenue)
7.	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia, PA	Approve submission of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan including Annual Action Plan for the FY 2020, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, and acceptance of 2020 grant awards for CDBG, HOME and ESG funding. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$3,575,824 (Revenue)
8.	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a. Excel Communications Worldwide, Inc. Harleysville, PA	Approve emergency repair of fiber connectivity on the Neshaminy Manor campus. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)	\$24,584.01 (County 100%)
9.	JUVENILE PROBATION	a. Community Commitment, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide intensive in-home counseling for juveniles. 7/1/20 – 6/30/22	\$1,150,000** (County 9%)
		b. Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Services, Inc. Columbia, PA	Approve contract to provide residential services and treatment for juveniles. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$10,000** (County 40%)
		c. George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania Grove City, PA	Approve contract to provide long-term residential care. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$650,000** (County 40%)
		d. Lenape Valley Foundation Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide court ordered evaluations and medication checks for juveniles. 7/1/20 – 6/30/22	\$100,000** (County 50%)
		e. Network of Victim Assistance, Inc. Jamison, PA	Approve contract to provide a program for youth with behavior problems. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$24,960** (County 20%)
		f. White Deer Run, LLC d/b/a Cove Prep Pittsburgh, PA	Approve contract to provide a secure facility to treat adjudicated adolescent males. 7/1/20 – 6/30/22	\$215,000** (County 40%)
10.	LAW DEPARTMENT	a. Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller Norristown, PA	Approve fee agreement to provide outside counsel for joint representation of Bucks and other counties in connection with litigation against county Boards of Election in Pennsylvania. 7/10/20 – Open	\$360/hour** + expenses (County ≤ 50%)
11.	MH/DP	a. Access Services, Inc. Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract to provide administrative case management, blended case management, lifesharing, and mobile psychiatric rehabilitation services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$918,709** (County 2.8%)
12.	NESHAMINY MANOR	a. Accelerated Care Plus Leasing, Inc. Reno, NV	Approve contract increase and extension to provide therapy equipment and related services for residents. 6/22/20 – 6/21/22	\$43,080** (County 0%)

	b.	GEPS Physician Group of Pennsylvania, PC Towson, MD	Approve medical director agreement with Anton Furman, MD 5/8/20 – 5/7/21	\$48,000* (County 0%)
13. PURCHASING	a.	W.B. Mason Co. Inc. Allentown, PA	Approve county's portion of the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board's bid for copy paper. 10/1/20 – 9/30/21	\$62,824.77* (County 100%)
14. WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	a.	RedPoint Solutions Inc. Denver, CO	Approve contract to build and monitor on-line application to manage the second round of Bucks Back to Work grants in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. 7/15/20 – 12/30/20 (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)	\$185-225/hour* (County 0%)

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

REGULAR AGENDA

15. BOARD OF ELECTIONS	a.	DMT Solutions Global Corp. d/b/a BlueCrest Danbury, CT	Approve purchase of envelope sorter to handle increased volume of mail-in ballots due to COVID-19 pandemic and enable increased social distancing and protective measures by Board of Elections employees. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)	\$542,329 + shipping (County 0%)
16. COMMISSIONERS	a.		Approve resolution extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency of March 13, 2020 relative to a pandemic outbreak through August 13, 2020.	
	b.		Approve time limits for public comment at commissioners' meetings (30 minutes total for each comment period, to be extended only by agreement of the Board of Commissioners, with per-person limits of five minutes for agenda items and two minutes for other items).	
17. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a.	A Woman's Place Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide repairs and upgrades needed to help cope with impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$27,000 (County 0%)
	b.	Advocates For Homeless & Those In Need Fairless Hills, PA	Approve contract to provide housing and rental assistance for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$115,475 (County 0%)
	c.	Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks Quakertown, PA	Approve contract to provide housing and rental assistance for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$97,153.04 (County 0%)
	d.	Bucks County Community College Newtown, PA	Approve contract to provide training opportunities for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$420,000 (County 0%)
	e.	Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract increase to provide funding to assist clients impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$500,000 (County 0%)
	f.	Bucks Villa, Inc. Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide funding to help cope with impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$17,500 (County 0%)
	g.	Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide housing, food, and transportation support services for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$52,085 (County 0%)

	h. Educational Data Systems, Inc. Dearborn, MI	Approve contract to provide funding for training and services to combat job losses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$297,075 (County 0%)
	i. Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide funding for the expansion of the Emergency Homeless Shelter needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$400,000 (County 0%)
	j. Family Service Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract to provide equipment and supplies needed to help cope with impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and to expand the food pantry. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$26,269 (County 0%)
	k. Legal Aid of Southeastern PA Norristown, PA	Approve contract to provide legal services to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$50,000 (County 0%)
	l. Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) Jamison, PA	Approve contract to provide funding for renovations of the Bucks County Children's Advocacy Center in Jamison to ensure adequate physical distancing needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$81,825 (County 0%)
	m. Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) Jamison, PA	Approve contract to provide funding for renovations of the Bucks County Children's Advocacy Center in Fairless Hills to ensure adequate physical distancing needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$8,000 (County 0%)
	n. Newtown Ambulance Squad Newtown, PA	Approve contract to purchase a bariatric stretcher for transporting the increased number of bariatric patients due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$4,995 (County 0%)
	o. Quakertown Community Outreach Quakertown, PA	Approve contract to provide housing, food, and outreach to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$30,000 (County 0%)
	p. Valley Youth House Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract to provide assistance to youth impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$19,150 (County 0%)
	q. YMCA of Bucks County Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide equipment and supplies needed to help cope with impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$235,000 (County 0%)
18. HUMAN RESOURCES	a. Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Mt. Laurel, NJ	Approve termination of contract to provide consulting services for health and welfare benefits. 1/1/20 – 7/31/20	(\$78,333)
	b. CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services, Inc. Kansas City, MO	Approve contract to provide consulting services for county benefits. 8/1/20 – 7/31/22 (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)	\$170,000/yr (County 100%)
19. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a. The Lerro Corporation Norristown, PA	Approve contract to purchase audio and video equipment for the 1 <sup>st</sup> floor Commissioners' meeting room.	\$132,341.69** (County 0%)

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Item 15a – Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey provided additional information about the ballot sorter being requested to handle the increased number of mail-in ballots anticipated for the General Election in November. In response to Mr. Hines’ question regarding the ballot boxes, Ms. Humphrey advised that they have the option of recommissioning the old ballot boxes and/or buying additional ones if it is determined that more locations are needed. She also spoke about other options being considered, such as the purchase of on-site ballot printers, currently available only in Doylestown, for the Quakertown and Levittown locations. In response to a question from Commissioner DiGirolamo, Ms. Humphrey explained the chain of custody implemented with the ballot boxes and said they have submitted a letter to the state legislature recommending language to be adopted on this subject.

Items 17a-q – Commissioner Marseglia advised that these all represent expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Harvie pointed out that the organizations that provide social services are being negatively impacted at a time when the need for their services has increased so much. He thanked the Housing & Community Development staff for working with these groups to determine if the CARES Act funds could help them.

Items 18a & b – Commissioner Harvie pointed out that this change in vendors will result in savings of about \$18,000.

Item 19a – Eric Nagy, Director of Policy and Projects, shared some particulars regarding this new audio/video system which will allow for seamless and professional livestreaming of meetings over multiple platforms. He thanked Mike Gallagher and Sean Loughlin from IT for all their work piecing together livestreaming of the meetings during the pandemic. Mr. Nagy stressed the need for transparency and accessibility, pointing out that some of the commissioners’ meetings, press conferences, and town halls that were livestreamed had as many as 20,000 views. Commissioner Marseglia added that the silver lining of livestreaming the meetings is that people can see what the commissioners do and learn about some of the services the county provides. Commissioner Harvie noted that this upgrade is something recommended by the transition team. Emphasizing that it is long overdue, he said that when he first became a Falls Township supervisor in 2003, their meetings were broadcast on a dedicated cable TV channel.

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, the above Resolutions from the regular agenda were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a vote of 3-0.

**PERSONNEL**

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

COMMISSIONERS LIST July 15, 2020								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources Item numbers 1 through 36								
APPOINTMENTS								
REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
1	4339	Samuel Arjona	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services	00	40.0	7/16/2020	9.18 PH
2	4339	William R. Ferris	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services	00	40.0	7/16/2020	9.18 PH
3	N/A	Amy M. Fitzpatrick	Assistant County Solicitor	Law Department	00	40.0	7/31/2020	95,000.00 PA
4	N/A	Bernard Griggs	Project and Diversity Officer	Commissioners	00	40.0	7/1/2020	110,000.00 PA
5	4410	Laura Onisk	Project Administrator, Community Development	Housing & Community Development	00	40.0	7/20/2020	55,000.00 PA
6	4409	Priyank Patel	Data-Database Administrator	Information Technology	00	40.0	7/20/2020	32.93 PH
7	4390	Brandon C. Scott	Caseworker	Children & Youth	04	37.5	7/20/2020	25.36 PH
8	4445	Jane Shunk	HR Office Coordinator - PD	Human Resources	00	28.0	7/20/2020	15.50 PH
9	4310	Casey C. Trimbur	Caseworker	Children & Youth	04	37.5	7/20/2020	25.36 PH
10	4390	Anna L. VanBuskirk	Caseworker	Children & Youth	04	37.5	7/20/2020	25.36 PH
11	4396	Merine Varghese	Unit Manager	NM Administrative	86	40.0	7/21/2020	38.96 PH
12	N/A	Fan Zhang	Data-Database Administrator	Information Technology	00	40.0	7/20/2020	32.93 PH
PER DIEM TO PERMANENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
13	N/A	Natalie E. Ciafrei	Dispatcher Trainee - PD TO	911 Emergency Response	00 TO	30.0 TO	6/28/2020	18.40 PH TO
			Dispatcher I		03	40.0		27.26 PH
14	N/A	Emily R. DiDomenico	HR Office Coordinator TO	Human Resources	00	28.0 TO	7/18/2020	15.50 PH TO
			HR Generalist		00	40.0		37,440.00 PA
15	4323	Steve Huh	Registered Nurse - Pool TO	NM Nursing Pool TO	60 TO	14.0 TO	7/18/2020	37.74 PH TO
			Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	06	40.0		33.14 PH
POSITION CHANGE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
16	4440	Mary V. Coyle	Receptionist-Clerical TO	NM Business Office	03	40.0	7/18/2020	21.20 PH TO
			Accounts Specialist					24.50 PH
17	N/A	Heather McMullen	Data - Database Administrator TO	Information Technology	00	40.0	7/20/2020	41.17 PH TO
			Manager Application System Development					93,626.00 PA
18	N/A	Dana M. Praul	HR Generalist TO	Human Resources	00	40.0	7/18/2020	44,116.00 PA TO
			Senior HR Generalist					48,000.00 PA
19	N/A	Alan C. Simpson	Manager Application System Development TO	Information Technology	46	40.0	7/20/2020	93,626.00 PA TO
			Software Systems Specialist					37.66 PH
TRANSFER								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
20	N/A	Elizabeth A. Gates	Procurement Coordinator TO	Purchasing TO	00	40.0	7/20/2020	24.97 PH TO
			Assistant to COO	Commissioners				69,857.00 PA
21	4429	John J. McLaughlin	Buyer TO	Purchasing TO	03 TO	40.0	7/18/2020	24.50 PH TO
			Administrative Analyst-DC	Main Courts	96			26.83 PH
SALARY ADJUSTMENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
22	N/A	Nicole V. Chambers	Social Worker	Public Defender	00	40.0	8/17/2020	53,581.00 PA TO
								58,581.00 PA
23	N/A	Geraldine A. Longaker	Accounting Supervisor	Main Jail	00	40.0	7/18/2020	27.06 PH TO
								65,000.00 PA
24	N/A	Todd P. Neumann	Deputy Director of 911 Technology	911 Emergency Response	00	40.0	8/15/2020	89,842.00 PA TO
								91,000.00 PA
25	N/A	Susanne L. Ohama	Clinical & Quality Manager	Behavioral Health Services	00	40.0	8/1/2020	40.15 PH TO
								85,182.00 PA
26	N/A	Monica Stefanik	Manager Children's Service	Behavioral Health Services	00	40.0	8/1/2020	37.92 PH TO
								80,451.00 PA
27	N/A	Lawrence J. Loose	EMS Quality Assurance Coordinator TO	Emergency Medical Health	11	40.0	7/6/2020	28.56 PH TO
			Director Emergency Health					32.78 PH

SEPARATION								
	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION			
28	Rosita Colon	L P N	NM Licensed Practical Nurses	7/8/2020	30.18 PH			
29	Susan Ross Denard	Special Programs Administrator	Housing & Community Development	6/30/2020	60,000.00 PA			
30	Raymond M. Frattone	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	6/26/2020	18.40 PH			
31	TyRae S. Johnson	Corrections Officer	Main Jail	7/20/2020	22.14 PH			
32	Nicholas R. Macaluso	Project Manager - PD	General Services	6/25/2020	18.36 PH			
33	Jeffrey R. Sawyer	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services	6/11/2020	8.42 PH			
34	William Sawyer	Seasonal Help - PD	Parks Recreation Services	6/11/2020	8.42 PH			
35	Leslie Todorovac	Registered Nurse - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	6/25/2020	37.74 PH			
*Estimated Date **Never Started ***Agreement ****Reinstatement								
CORRECTION								
	REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION
36	4375	Ian W. Eppig	Operations & Training Officer	Emergency Management Agency	00	40.0	8/3/2020 TO 8/17/2020	24.00 PH

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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

Bucks County Community College Authority (5-year term)

David D. Oxley                      new appointment                      term expires 1/6/25\*

\*finishing remaining term of resigning member Thomas Jennings

**OTHER CIVICS**

None

**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT**

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

A Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Bucks County Technical High School in Fairless Hills from 9 am to 3 pm. This is a no contact event and on-line pre-registration is required. See website for more information.

The Division of Human Services will be holding two sessions to solicit comments and discuss applications for additional CARES Act funding from non-profit service providers in the county, including Area Agency on Aging, Children & Youth, Behavioral Health, Housing, MH/DP, and Drug & Alcohol. The focus will be on addressing issues such as food insecurity, employment, substance abuse, child well-being, and housing.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Mr. Khan reported that he and the commissioners held an Executive Session yesterday, July 14, 2020, to discuss on-going litigation. The Boards of Election from all counties across the Commonwealth were named in lawsuits in both state and federal courts, regarding mail-in voting. Bucks County has done better than most in following procedures and is leading the way to advocate for the best interests of the county.

The Department of Consumer Protection has been fielding increased calls regarding home improvement contractors. Please call the hotline or go on-line to access the host of resources available, ask questions, or file a complaint.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Referencing feedback received from the various subcommittees on the transition team, Commissioner Harvie advised that both the Economic Development Committee and the Government Efficiency Committee had recommended bringing the Workforce Development Board onboard as a county agency. He announced that the non-profit has now successfully been moved into county government, and he introduced its Director, Billie Barnes, who will be serving as Executive Director of the newly formed Bucks County Office of Workforce and Economic Development. Ms. Barnes provided some background on both herself and workforce development boards in general. She advised that they are tasked with helping both employers and job seekers in the county by providing services such as training, workshops, and job placement assistance.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about the negative impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on tourism in the county, including the many hospitality businesses such as hotels, motels, and bed & breakfasts. He advised that Bucks County’s tourism agency, Visit Bucks County, has put together a marketing plan, funded by CARES Act money, to promote micro-tourism to help the Bucks County economy recover from the pandemic. Commissioner Harvie then motioned to approve an allotment of \$3.8 million to Visit Bucks County for this tourism program. After inviting public comment and receiving none, the motion was seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo and approved with a vote of 3-0.

Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about the privilege of being able to vote and the importance of it being accessible to everyone. Referencing the lawsuits that are being filed, he emphasized that we all need to work together to make sure that all votes are counted and secure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Warren, former commissioner from Middletown Township, questioned the change of title from security guards to peace officers for 31 employees at the April 15<sup>th</sup> commissioners' meeting. Director of Security Chris Daley provided background on this transfer back to sworn peace officers which, he advised, more accurately reflects their training and reinstates many of their duties. He clarified that this change had no impact on money. Mr. Daley responded to additional questions from Mr. Warren regarding eligibility for Act 195.

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, August 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Approved: August 12, 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*