

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 21, 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 Ann Russavage-Faust, Public Defender, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Marseglia invited those county row officers who were present to introduce themselves. They were: Meredith Buck, Coroner; Matthew Weintraub, District Attorney; and Judi Reiss, Prothonotary.

PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION

The Commissioners proclaimed October 25 - 31, 2020 as “Lead Poisoning Prevention Week” in support of the Department of Housing and Community Development and its efforts to protect children and families by eliminating the threat of lead poisoning in Bucks County. Katelyn Marseglia, from Housing and Community Development, accepted the proclamation and shared some information about the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program. Contact HCD@buckscounty.org for more information.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Bucks County Solicitor Joe Khan read an email from Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, concerning agenda items 10c, 10e, and 10h. General Services Director Kevin Spencer addressed Mr. Warren’s questions, which related to the purchase of county vehicles, and two of the Electri-Tech items.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes from the October 7, 2020 regular meeting
- B. Resolutions

1. AREA AGENCY ON AGING	a. Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Center Warminster, PA	Approve amendment of CARES funding agreement to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	
	b. Bensalem Senior Citizens Association Bensalem, PA	Approve amendment and increase of CARES funding agreement to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$2,600** (County 0%)
	c. Bristol Borough Area Active Adult Center Bristol, PA	Approve amendment of CARES funding agreement to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	
	d. Bristol Township Senior Citizens Center Bristol, PA	Approve amendment and increase of CARES funding agreement to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$2,600** (County 0%)
	e. Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior Citizens Trevose, PA	Approve amendment of CARES funding agreement to use for COVID-19 related expenses at Central Bucks Senior Center, Neshaminy Activity Center, Pennridge Community Center, and the Upper Bucks Senior Center. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	
	f. Council Rock Senior Citizens Association Richboro, PA	Approve amendment of CARES funding agreement to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	

	g.	Eastern Upper Bucks Seniors, Inc. Ottsville, PA	Approve amendment of CARES funding agreement to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20		
	h.	Falls Township Senior Citizens, Inc. Fairless Hills, PA	Approve amendment of CARES funding agreement to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20		
	i.	Middletown Senior Citizens Association Levittown, PA	Approve amendment of CARES funding agreement to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20		
	j.	Morrisville Senior Servicerter Morrisville, PA	Approve amendment of CARES funding agreement to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20		
2.	BH/DP	a.	Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to fund Housing Locator activities, to support housing sustainability for those with mental health issues. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$75,000** (County 3.9%)
		b.	Children’s Therapy Services, LLC Coopersburg, PA	Approve contract to provide early intervention services for children up to age three. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$318,000** (County 10%)
		c.	Community Options, Inc. Princeton, NJ	Approve contract to provide supported employment and residential services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$59,178** (County 3.9%)
		d.	National Alliance on Mental Illness of PA, Bucks County Chapter Warrington, PA	Approve contract to provide community-based services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$177,400** (County 3%)
		e.	The Salvation Army Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide residential services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$238,601** (County 3.9%)
		f.	Sunshine Therapy Club, Inc. Havertown, PA	Approve contract to provide early intervention services for children up to age three. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$288,700** (County 10%)
		g.	Sunshine Therapy Club, Inc. Havertown, PA	Approve contract for CARES funding to purchase supplies needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$10,220** (County 0%)
		h.	Voice & Vision, Inc. Warminster, PA	Approve contract for consumer satisfaction team and peer support services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$400,334** (County 2%)
3.	CHILDREN & YOUTH	a.	A Woman’s Place Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide shelter services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$11,016** (County 20%)
		b.	Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley Jenkintown, PA	Approve contract to provide foster care services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/22	\$170,000** (County 14%)
		c.	Child & Family Focus Audubon, PA	Approve contract to provide High Fidelity Wrap Around services. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$520,000** (County 5%)
		d.	Info-Matrix Corporation Camp Hill, PA	Approve contract to provide information technology services for Automated Children and Youth System Database. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$523,636.36** (County 34%)

4.	CORONER	a. CM3 Building Solutions Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract for repairs and replacement of HVAC system, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor)	\$41,087* (County 0%)
5.	CORRECTIONS	a. Helen Leatherman Sellersville, PA	Approve contract increase to provide drug and alcohol intervention services to inmates. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$34,320** (County 0%)
		b. Paul Kolakowski Churchville, PA	Approve termination of contract to teach adult basic education through computer assisted teaching methods. 1/1/20 – 10/21/20	(\$48,379.71)
6.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a. Heritage Business Center Doylestown, PA	Approve agreement for employee services. NTP – 2025	\$366,000 (County 0%)
7.	DOMESTIC RELATIONS	a. Bucks County Guardian Ad Litem	Approve contract to provide backup IV-D legal services. 10/12/20 – 3/1/21	
8.	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	a. City of Philadelphia	Approve Memorandum of Understanding to establish a regional Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network (ESINet).	
		b. MCM Consulting Group, Inc. State College, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide consulting services for Computer Aided Dispatch system.	\$5,187.50** (County 100%)
9.	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	a. BHMedwear Brooklyn, NY	Approve contract to purchase PPE supplies needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 9/1/20 – 9/30/20	\$59,473* (County 0%)
		b. Cintas Conshohocken, PA	Approve contract to purchase PPE supplies needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 9/1/20 – 9/30/20	\$517,371.60* (County 0%)
		c. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Harrisburg, PA	Approve Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement to reimburse salaries and benefits for approved staff. 10/1/19 – 9/30/20	\$147,334 (Revenue)
10.	GENERAL SERVICES	a. Bergey's Tire & Auto Franconia, PA	Approve contract to purchase auto supplies for county fleet maintenance. 1/1/20 – 12/31/20	31,500** (County 100%)
		b. Diversified Storage Solutions Inc. Norristown, PA	Approve contract decrease for high density storage for the Administration Building Renovation project.	(\$19,024.45)
		c. Electri-Tech Inc. Folsom, NJ	Approve contract decrease for electrical work for Administration Building renovation project.	(\$8,998.42)
		d. Electri-Tech Inc. Folsom, NJ	Approve contract increase for electrical work to accommodate the new mail sorting machine for Board of Elections, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic.	\$94,043.90 (County 0%)
		e. Electri-Tech Inc. Folsom, NJ	Approve contract increase for electrical work needed for Administration Building renovation project.	\$41,775.99 (County 100%)
		f. STV Incorporated Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase for additional engineering services required by PennDOT for the replacement of Bridge #30 on Clay Ridge Road over Beaver Creek in Tinicum Township.	\$111,305.96** (County 5%)
		g. Warminster Atrium Condo Association c/o B.C. Property Management, Inc. Doylestown, PA	Approve final condo association fees for county property located at 600 Louis Drive in Warminster.	\$8,647.86 (County 100%)

	h.	Whitmoyer Ford, Inc. Mount Joy, PA	Approve purchase of two 2020 Ford Transit 350 cargo vans for General Services.	\$82,124** (County 100%)
11. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a.	Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks Quakertown, PA	Approve contract increase to purchase additional Code Blue supplies needed due to COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$8,833.04 (County 0%)
	b.	Bucks County Community College Newtown, PA	Approve contract amendment to provide training opportunities for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	
	c.	Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for 2020 CDBG funding for roof replacement at 721 Veterans Highway facility. 10/1/20 – 9/30/21	\$100,000** (County 0%)
	d.	Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) Jamison, PA	Approve contract increase 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	\$134,935.46 (County 0%)
	e.	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Philadelphia, PA	Approve 2019 Continuum of Care grant agreement for development and implementation of the Strategic Plan to End Homelessness. 7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$52,814 (Revenue)
12. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	a.	Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) Annville, PA	Approve Memorandum of Understanding to provide cyber security assessment. 5 years from date of execution	
	b.	Pennsylvania Department of State Harrisburg, PA	Approve agreement to provide an Albert Network Security sensor.	
13. NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	Albireo Energy Newark, DE	Approve contract to provide cooling tower upgrades.	\$21,477 (County 0%)
	b.	Continental Flooring Company Scottsdale, AZ	Approve contract increase for purchase and installation of vinyl flooring at Neshaminy Manor.	\$1,200* (County 0%)
	c.	Contract Pharmacy Services, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract increase to provide pharmacy services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/22	\$435,140.79** (County 0%)
	d.	Medline Industries, Inc. Northfield, IL	Approve contract to purchase isolation gowns.	\$22,625.28* (County 0%)
14. PLANNING COMMISSION	a.	EBA Engineering, Inc. Laurel, MD	Approve contract to upgrade the county’s Geographic Information System (GIS), to enable COVID-19 applications. 10/21/20 – 12/30/20	\$20,000** (County 0%)
15. POLICE TRAINING	a.	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Bureau of Highway Safety Harrisburg, PA	Approve grant to provide comprehensive plan of community traffic safety. 10/1/20 – 9/30/22	\$226,840.88 (Revenue)

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

REGULAR AGENDA

16. GENERAL SERVICES	a.	Pennonni Associates, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract to provide engineering and construction administration services for the proposed Humphrey’s Park Education Center, needed due to COVID-19 pandemic.	\$59,750 (County 0%)
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	b.	Vanguard Modular Building Systems, LLC Exton, PA	Approve contract for pre-manufactured modular building to serve as Humphrey's Park Education Center, needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor)	\$333,764* (County 0%)
17. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	a.	Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for Emergency Solutions Grant funds to provide homeless assistance and support as a result of COVID-19. 7/8/20 – 1/8/22	\$360,000 (County 0%)
	b.	Credit Counseling Center Richboro, PA	Approve contract to provide foreclosure prevention counseling and emergency mortgage assistance for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$133,653 (County 0%)
	c.	Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract to provide training on housing rights for consumers as related to COVID-19 housing issues. 7/1/20 – 12/30/20	\$20,000** (County 0%)
	d.	Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency – Home4Good Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract for Home4Good funding for Housing & Community Development administration and Continuum of Care project activities. 10/21/20 – 10/20/21	\$52,500 (Revenue)
	e.	YWCA Bucks County Trevose, PA	Approve contract for Emergency Solutions Grant funds to provide homeless assistance and support as a result of COVID-19. 7/8/20 – 1/8/22	\$580,000 (County 0%)
18. LAW DEPARTMENT	a.	Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC Philadelphia, PA	Approve counsel retention agreement to evaluate and litigate potential affirmative claims on behalf of the County on a contingent basis.	30% of recovery** + expenses (County 0%)
	b.	Curtin & Heefner, LLP Yardley, PA	Approve fee agreement to represent the County's interests in Island View Crossing II, LP bankruptcy proceedings.	\$250/hour** + expenses (County 100%)
19. WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	a.	Bucks County Economic Development Corporation Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to review and administer the County's process for the 3 rd round of Bucks Back to Work Grant Program, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor) 10/21/20 – 12/30/20	\$100,000 (County 0%)
	b.	Bucks County Industrial Development Authority Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to review and administer the County's process for the 3 rd round of Bucks Back to Work Grant Program, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor) 10/21/20 – 12/30/20	\$100,000 (County 0%)
	c.	Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks Bristol, PA	Approve contract to review and administer the County's process for the 3 rd round of Bucks Back to Work Grant Program, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor) 10/21/20 – 12/30/20	\$100,000 (County 0%)
	d.	Visit Bucks County Bensalem, PA	Approve contract to review and administer the County's process for the 3 rd round of Bucks Back to Work Grant Program, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Subject to final approval by County Solicitor) 10/21/20 – 12/30/20	\$100,000 (County 0%)

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** Unit Cost/Not to Exceed

Items 16a & b – Project and Diversity Officer Bernard Griggs provided additional information about this new education center, intended to serve the Bristol & Levittown communities by providing internet, computers, and community-based educational programs.

Items 17a, b, c, d & e – Jeff Fields, Director of Housing & Community Development, shared information on these agreements to provide assistance with eviction prevention, housing location services, education and training, and foreclosure counseling, among other things. Mr. Fields responded to questions from Commissioners DiGirolamo and Marseglia and urged people to visit the “highlights” section on the main page of the county website for more information.

Items 18a & b – Mr. Khan shared some additional background on Cohen Milstein’s affirmative litigation practice and the county’s hopes to pro-actively obtain recovery at no out-of-pocket cost. He also explained why the county is changing representation in the Island View matter, in which the Pepper Hamilton and Begley Carlin law firms represented the county despite the absence of a public vote as required by law. Mr. Khan explained the current administration’s commitment to transparency and Commissioner Harvie thanked Mr. Khan for working through a very complicated situation that was left behind by the previous administration.

Items 19a, b, c & d – Chief Operating Officer Margie McKeVitt provided an update on the Bucks Back to Work grant program. She also presented information on the partnership with these economic development organizations to administer the next round of grants.

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

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 October 21, 2020								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources Item numbers 1 through 50								
APPOINTMENTS								
REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
1	4323	Samara L. Charles	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses	06	40.0	10/27/2020	30.38 PH
2	4324	Patricia Chiarella	Registered Nurse - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	60	14.0	10/27/2020	37.74 PH
3	N/A	Rebecca Esola	Contract Coordinator - PD	Law Department	00	25.0	10/13/2020	24.00 PH
4	4476	James J. Goodwin	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	10/26/2020	18.40 PH
5	4494	Elizabeth Hurlock-Bruck	Administrative Assistant PW- County Property Director - PD	General Services	00	17.5	10/8/2020	24.00 PH
6	4504	Amanda L. Johnson	HR Office Coordinator	Human Resources	00	40.0	10/22/2020	17.50 PH
7	4324	Charlett Loveless	Registered Nurse - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	60	14.0	10/27/2020	37.74 PH
8	4476	Glenn A. McKenney	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	10/26/2020	18.40 PH
9	4425	Carolyn A. Paulosky	Finance Manager	NM Business Office	00	40.0	10/27/2020	85,000.00 PA
10	4476	Ryan M. Peters	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	10/26/2020	18.40 PH
11	4494	Dawn Regan	Administrative Assistant PW- County Property Director - PD	General Services	00	17.5	10/16/2020	24.00 PH
12	4328	Charles Robert	Food Service Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	03	24.0	10/24/2020	13.27 PH
13	4476	Daniel E. Roberts	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	10/26/2020	18.40 PH
14	4325	Ana Rosa	LP N	NM Licensed Practical Nurses	33	40.0	10/27/2020	27.91 PH
15	4331	Charma L. Rutherford	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	03	24.0	10/27/2020	20.37 PH
16	4472	Kristin Shovlin	Administrative Assistant	Workforce & Economic Development	00	40.0	10/22/2020	23.08 PH
17	4476	Megan Skinner	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	10/26/2020	18.40 PH
18	4476	Alyssa N. Vache	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	00	30.0	10/26/2020	18.40 PH
REHIRE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
19	4328 Separation Date: 01/09/2019	Edwin G. Seenivasagan Selvaraj	Food Services Attendant - PD	NM Dietary Services	03	12.0	10/24/2020	13.27 PH
20	N/A Separation Date: 10/01/2020	Kim M. Thomas	PHN III - PD	Health Department	06	20.0	10/5/2020	39.02 PH
PER DIEM TO PERMANENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
21	N/A	Nolan Dunn	Dispatcher Trainee - PD TO Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	00 TO 03	30.0 TO 40.0	10/10/2020	18.40 PH TO 27.26 PH
22	N/A	Anthony K. Felix	Dispatcher Trainee - PD TO Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	00 TO 03	30.0 TO 40.0	10/4/2020	18.40 PH TO 27.26 PH
23	N/A	Christopher E. Hunter	Dispatcher Trainee - PD TO Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	00 TO 03	30.0 TO 40.0	10/11/2020	18.40 PH TO 27.26 PH
24	N/A	Alyssa M. Taylor	Dispatcher Trainee - PD TO Dispatcher I	911 Emergency Response	00 TO 03	30.0 TO 40.0	10/7/2020	18.40 PH TO 27.26 PH
POSITION CHANGE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
25	4413	Alain Nana	Unit Manager TO Assistant Director of Nursing	NM Administration	86 TO 00	40.0	10/24/2020	38.96 PH TO 99,212.00 PA
SALARY ADJUSTMENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
26	N/A	Frederick C. Blunt	Superintendent of Training TO Superintendent of Professional Development	911 Emergency Response	00	40.0	10/24/2020	82,947.00 PA TO 89,000.00 PA
27	N/A	Diane S. Bochenek	Budget Analyst	Finance	00	37.5	10/26/2020	32.76 PH TO 33.74 PH
28	N/A	Amy E. Iden	Fiscal Administrator - PD	Finance	00	30.0	10/26/2020	27.85 PH TO 28.04 PH
29	N/A	Sherry A. Labs	Tax Administrator - PD	Finance	00	20.0	10/26/2020	27.78 PH TO 28.04 PH
30	N/A	Russell G. Rice III	Deputy Finance Director	Finance	00	40.0	10/26/2020	100,555.00 PA TO 102,566.00 PA
31	N/A	Jeannette C. Weaver	Budget Analyst	Finance	00	37.5	10/26/2020	31.48 PH TO 32.74 PH

TITLE CHANGE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
32	N/A	Julianne Flannery	Quality Management Specialist TO Managed Care QM Specialist	Behaviorial Health Services	00	40.0	10/24/2020	34.87 PH
33	N/A	Monica H. Gaffin	Manager Adult Services & Program Development TO Manager, Adult Managed Care Services & Development Programs	Behaviorial Health Services	00	40.0	10/24/2020	88,230.00 PA
34	N/A	Andrew R. Kulczytzky	Deputy Director of Behavioral Health TO Deputy Director of Managed Care Operations	Behaviorial Health Services	00	40.0	10/24/2020	88,189.00 PA
35	N/A	Susanne L. Ohama	Clinical & Quality Manager TO Managed Care Clinical & Quality Manager	Behaviorial Health Services	00	40.0	10/24/2020	85,182.00 PA
36	N/A	Nicole B. Ross	Program Specialist TO Managed Care Behavioral Health Specialist	Behaviorial Health Services	00	40.0	10/24/2020	32.70 PH
37	N/A	Monica Stefanik	Manager Children's Service TO Children's Services Manager	Behaviorial Health Services	00	40.0	10/24/2020	80,451.00 PA
SEPARATION								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT			EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
38	Debra B. Ansbach	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses			11/2/2020	36.47 PH	
39	Wayne J. Degan	Peace Officer	Security			10/16/2020	23.45 PH	
40	Laureen G. Gallagher	Finance Manager - PD	NM Business Office			9/23/2020	49.31 PH	
41	Elizabeth Hurlock-Bruck	Administrative Assistant PW-County Property Director - PD	General Services			10/8/2020	24.00 PH	
42	Robert H. Keough	Senior Planner	Planning Administrative			11/2/2020	43.38 PH	
43	Dominic W. Marsaglia	Custodian-NMH	General Services			10/5/2020	23.27 PH	
44	Immacula A. Michel	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants			10/9/2020	21.20 PH	
45	Wyett D. Muth	Corrections Officer	Main Jail			10/25/2020	22.58 PH	
46	Wendy M. Napoli	Food Service Supervisor	NM Dietary Services			11/6/2020	32.34 PH	
47	Melissa A. Prempeh	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants			9/15/2020**	20.37 PH	
48	Inna Sigal	Registered Nurse	NM Registered Nurses			10/22/2020	36.47 PH	
49	Ella L. Wittwer	Clerk Typist III	Children and Youth			12/4/2020	28.32 PH	
*Estimated Date **Never Started ***Agreement ****Reinstatement								
CORRECTION								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	
50	4399	Robert G. Burkhardt	Resident Ranger	Park Rangers	51	40.0	10/10/2020 TO 10/12/2020	23.44 PH

OTHER CIVICS

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

Bucks County NAACP

\$1,200

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Upon request of Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt, Eric Nagy, Director of Policy and Projects, provided an overview of the website rebuild that was approved at the last commissioners’ meeting. Mr. Nagy advised that, due to the pandemic, the project is being expedited with a focus on limiting the need for in-person transactions. Noting that it was a multi-department effort, Mr. Nagy gave a shout-out to the members of the website task force, including John Regula and Mike Gallagher from IT, Larry King and Jim O’Malley from Public Information, and Evan Stone, Juliet Kelchner, Andrew Heimark, and Kelly Jerrom from the Planning Commission. Mr. Nagy, responding to a question from Commissioner Harvie, explaining the process for determining the most sought-after information to place on the home page.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Khan provided updates on the resolution of some matters before the U.S. Supreme Court involving the county and President Trump. First, Mr. Khan advised although the lower courts granted the request by Bucks and other counties to stop the President from prematurely ending the census count, the Supreme Court overturned that result. Second, the Court denied a request to stay the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s decision to allow mail-in ballots to be received three days after Election Day. The underlying litigation continues.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvie provided an update on the upcoming General Election, addressing some of the confusion regarding mail-in ballots and voting. The Commissioner noted that the election portal on the website has accurate information and he advised that the mail-in process is working well so far. He emphasized that people need to make sure they are using the secrecy envelope and are filling out the required information on the outer envelope.

Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about the excitement regarding this election and he said it is a perfect example of democracy at work. He also expressed his disappointment that the state legislature was not able to reach an agreement allowing for the ballots to start being opened earlier.

Commissioner Harvie pointed out that the term “early voting” is misleading and, explaining the process, he clarified that Pennsylvania does not have early voting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

District Attorney Matt Weintraub commended the Commissioners and Mr. Griggs for listening to the people and putting the community center where it is most needed.

The District Attorney reminded everyone that there is a Drug Take-Back event being held this Saturday and he noted that Bucks County leads the state in the amount collected.

Mr. Weintraub spoke about preparations under way for security at the polling places on Election Day. He assured a safe experience for everyone, free from any kind of intimidation.

Mr. Khan read an email received from Courtney Shaya of Northampton (carried over from “Agenda Items” until Ms. Shaya provided her municipality) asking when sample ballots will be published on the county website. Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey said she would take care of that today and Commissioner Harvie added that sample ballots had been provided to both the Bucks County Republican Committee and the Bucks County Democratic Committee.

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, November 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Room.

Approved: November 4, 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*