BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 19, 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 Margie McKevitt, Acting Chief Operating Officer, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Marseglia invited those county row officers who were present to introduce themselves. They were: Brian Munroe, Clerk of Courts; Matthew Weintraub, District Attorney; Judi Reiss, Prothonotary; Robin Robinson, Recorder of Deeds; Linda Bobrin, Register of Wills; Perry Ferrara, Sheriff’s Chief Deputy; and Kristian Ballerini, Treasurer.

PRESENTATIONS

District Attorney Matt Weintraub presented information on “Walking While Black: L.O.V.E. is the Answer,” a film purchased by the District Attorney’s office which was recently shown in Bensalem and Quakertown. Mr. Weintraub advised that they were attended by community members and local police officers, and each viewing was followed by small group discussions. The next viewing is scheduled for March 4, 2020 from 5 to 7:30 pm at Delaware Valley University.

Kelly Gale, Assistant Director of Board of Elections, spoke about “Youth at the Booth,” a program for high school students to work at the polls on Election Day. The students are compensated to work either full or half-day shifts, must be at least 17 years old, and have parental permission. Commissioner Harvie said a few words in support of this program.

PROCLAMATION

The commissioners proclaimed March 2020 as “Hunger and Nutrition Awareness Month,” commending the Hunger and Nutrition Coalition of Bucks County for providing essential hunger and nutrition-related information and resources for more than a decade. The commissioners extended thanks to all residents who are dedicated to reducing hunger and increasing nutritional health within Bucks County. Accepting the proclamation were Heather Foor, Food Program Manager for the Bucks County Opportunity Council, and Maddie Burgess from the Bucks County Housing Group and co-chair of the Hunger Nutrition Coalition of Bucks County. Commissioner DiGirolamo commended the coalition on their work and shared his views in favor of SNAP, the federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Andy Warren, former commissioner from Middletown Township, had questions on agenda items 6a, 6i, and 9a, b, c & d. Mr. Warren also posed a question regarding the budget adjustments, which Commissioner Marseglia advised would be addressed later in the meeting. Commissioner Marseglia responded to Mr. Warren’s question on items 9a, b, c & d regarding the out-of-county travel for Information Technology. Kevin Spencer, Director of General Services, addressed the questions regarding the contract increase for high-density storage and the reconstruction of Bridge #138.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, the following Resolutions from the Consent Agenda were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners with the vote being 3-0:

1. AREA AGENCY ON AGING
   a. Metz Culinary Management, Inc. Dallas, PA
      Approve contract to provide congregate and home-delivered meals.
      4/1/20 – 3/31/21
      $694,720 **
      (County 9%)

2. BOARD OF ELECTIONS
   a. The Home Depot Atlanta, GA
      Approve purchase of tables and hand trucks for polling places.
      $34,682.80*
      (County 100%)
   b. Reliance Graphics, Inc. West Chester, PA
      Approve contract to provide printing of election materials for 2020 Primary Elections.
      $114,110*
      (County 100%)
3. CHILDREN & YOUTH
a. Bethanna
Southampton, PA
Approve amendment of contract to provide foster care and adoption services.
7/1/18 – 6/30/19

b. Bethany Christian Services
of the Greater Delaware Valley
Jenkintown, PA
Approve amendment of contract to provide foster care services.
7/1/18 – 6/30/20

c. Family Service Association
of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Approve contract to support shelter operations.
7/1/19 – 6/30/20

$253,360**
(County 20%)

d. Family Service Association
of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Approve contract to provide various support programs.
7/1/19 – 6/30/20

$236,500**
(County 20%)

e. Family Service Association
of Bucks County
Langhorne, PA
Approve contract to provide the Nurturing Parent program.
7/1/19 – 6/30/20

$135,500**
(County 5%)

f. Linda Pasqua-Blaisse, M.Ed.
Kintnersville, PA
Approve contract to provide foster parent evaluations and screening services.
1/1/20 – 12/31/20

$10,000**
(County 20%)

g. Valley Youth House Committee, Inc.
Bethlehem, PA
Approve contract to provide supportive housing services.
10/1/19 – 9/30/20

$61,855**
(County 15%)

4. CORRECTIONS
a. Anthony Lewis
Philadelphia, PA
Approve contract increase to provide drug and alcohol intervention services to inmates.
8/19/19 – 6/30/20

$4,940**
(County 0%)

b. Gregory Rearick
New Hope, PA
Approve termination of contract for drug and alcohol intervention services to inmates.
7/1/19 – 2/19/20

($7,800)

5. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
a. 


b. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Harrisburg, PA
Approve authorization for Commissioner Chair to act as sole signatory of the PEMA grant administration, and attested by Chief Clerk.

6. GENERAL SERVICES
a. Diversified Storage Solutions, Inc.
Norristown, PA
Approve contract increase to purchase high density storage for the Board of Elections as part of the Administration Building Renovation project.

$184,353.04**
(County 100%)

b. GOE International, LLC
Newtown, PA
Approve contract decrease for maintenance and repairs of the Neshaminy flood control dams.
12/1/16 – 11/30/19

($40,500)

c. INTEX Environmental Group, Inc.
Pipersville, PA
Approve contract increase for engineering services at the Hidden Valley Landfill.
5/1/19 – 4/30/20

$10,847.50**
(County 100%)

d. Isaac M. Jarrett Irrevocable Deed
of Trust
Ivyland, PA
Approve Temporary Construction Easement and Agreement of Sale for a Right-of-Way Acquisition for reconstruction of Bucks County Bridge #138, on Creek Road over Little Neshaminy Creek in Warwick Township, in lieu of condemnation. Also, authorize General Services Director of Operations to sign the Settlement Statement on behalf of the County. (TMP #51-013-007)

$2,834.70
(County 100%)

e. Kencor, Inc.
West Chester, PA
Approve contract increase for elevator maintenance and repair services.
2/1/19 – 1/31/22

$18,373**
(County 100%)
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<td>M&amp;M Lawn Care East Inc. Churchville, PA</td>
<td>Approve contract increase and extension for mowing and maintenance services. 4/15/20 – 4/14/21</td>
<td>$8,133*</td>
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<td>Michael Calvin, Inc. d/b/a Pinnacle Vending Group Bristol, PA</td>
<td>Approve contract increase to resolve unforeseen conditions during excavation of the sewer line.</td>
<td>$14,352.99</td>
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<td>Offix USA, LLC Allentown, PA</td>
<td>Approve contract increase to purchase workstation furniture for the Administration Building Renovation project.</td>
<td>$783,232*</td>
<td>(County 100%)</td>
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<td>i.</td>
<td>Taylor, Wiseman &amp; Taylor Blue Bell, PA</td>
<td>Approve contract increase for additional engineering services as required by PennDot for the replacement of Bridge #21 on Rickert Road in Hilltown Township. 2/12/01 - Completion</td>
<td>$25,200**</td>
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<td>a.</td>
<td>Aldie Counseling Center Doylestown, PA</td>
<td>Approve partial distribution of HOME funds.</td>
<td>$75,000</td>
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<td>a.</td>
<td>FSSolutions Chalfont, PA</td>
<td>Approve contract increase for drug and alcohol testing programs. 12/1/19 – 12/31/20</td>
<td>$3,300*</td>
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<td>Approve out-of-county travel expenses for 1 employee to attend ServiceNow Knowledge 2020 conference in Orlando, FL.</td>
<td>$3,088.87*</td>
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<td>a.</td>
<td>Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks Quakertown, PA</td>
<td>Approve contract to provide shelter and support to homeless population. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20</td>
<td>$15,000**</td>
<td>(County 3.9%)</td>
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<td>b.</td>
<td>CO-MANS, Inc. Penndel, PA</td>
<td>Approve contract increase to provide supported living and community residential services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20</td>
<td>$27,000**</td>
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<td>National Alliance on Mental Illness of PA, Bucks County Chapter Warrington, PA</td>
<td>Approve contract increase to provide community support program. 7/1/19 – 6/30/20</td>
<td>$22,800**</td>
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<td>a.</td>
<td>American Data Sauk City, WI</td>
<td>Approve contract increase and extension to provide annual maintenance agreement for electronic charting system. 1/1/20 – 12/31/20</td>
<td>$27,272.43**</td>
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<td>PLANNING COMMISSION</td>
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<td>a.</td>
<td>Newtown Borough</td>
<td>Approve contract to prepare update to the Newtown Borough Comprehensive Plan.</td>
<td>$13,800</td>
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<td>a.</td>
<td>Tameran Graphic Systems, Inc. Solon, OH</td>
<td>Approve contract extension to create security copies of microfilm to meet the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission requirements. 4/1/20 – 3/31/21</td>
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14. YOUTH CENTER a. County of Schuylkill Pottsville, PA

Approve contract to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
1/1/20 – 12/31/25

$350/day/resident (Revenue)

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

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry these Resolutions into effect.

Regular

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

Items 15a, b, & c – Children & Youth Director Marge McKeone responded to Commissioner Marseglia’s questions regarding the drug testing services. Ms. McKeone also performed a sample drug test on volunteer Diane Rosati, Executive Director of Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission.

Items 16a & b – Corrections Director Chris Pirolli provided an explanation for the requested increase to the electrical contract. Mr. Pirolli also presented information on the yoga program at the prison.

Item 17a – Emergency Health Services Director Jeryl DeGideo shared information about Bucks County’s bariatric program and the ambulances recently purchased.

Item 18a – General Services Project Manager Steve Brauns explained why window tinting was chosen for the rotunda windows.

Item 19a – Health Department Director Dr. David Damsker provided more detail regarding the updated rules for regulating all public pools in the County.

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

15. CHILDREN & YOUTH

a. Atlantic Diagnostic Laboratories Bensalem, PA

Approve contract to provide drug testing services.
1/1/20 – 12/31/20

$70,000** (County 20%)

b. The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania, Inc. Doylestown, PA

Approve contract to provide mobile drug testing services.
7/1/19 – 6/30/20

$31,900** (County 20%)

c. The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania Doylestown, PA

Approve contract to provide the Family Strengthening program.
7/1/19 – 6/30/20

$25,000** (County 20%)

16. CORRECTIONS

a. Debra Schad Erwinna, PA

Approve contract increase to provide yoga classes.
1/1/20 – 12/31/20

$2,552** (County 0%)

b. Wescott Electric Company Glen Riddle, PA

Approve increase to electrical contract for Women’s Correctional Facility expansion project.

$130,041** (County 100%)

17. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

a. Global Emergency Vehicles Levittown, PA

Approve purchase of two bariatric ambulances.

$147,500* (County 0%)

18. GENERAL SERVICES

a. Diversified Glass Films T/A Eastern Solar Glass LLC West Berlin, NJ

Approve contract to provide window tinting and frosting in Administration Building and Rotunda.

$235,000** (County 100%)

19. HEALTH


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

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry these Resolutions into effect.
Commissioner Marseglia, referencing Mr. Warren’s earlier questions, provided additional clarification on the following budget adjustments:

### 2019 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

**Agenda Description**

**February 19, 2020**

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget to cover additional expenditures**

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Adjustment #37  
Community Development Admin  
14,000  
Community Development Admin  
(14,000)

Adjustment #38  
Children & Youth  
351,000  
Children & Youth (Revenue)  
(351,000)

Adjustment #39  
Neshaminy Manor  
1,515,000  
Neshaminy Manor (Revenue)  
(1,515,000)

Adjustment #40  
Mental Health/Developmental Programs  
576,000  
Mental Health/Developmental Programs (Revenue)  
(531,000)  
General Fund  
(45,000)

Adjustment #41  
HazMat  
47,000  
HazMat (Revenue)  
(47,000)

Adjustment #42  
Emergency Communications  
118,000  
Emergency Communications (Revenue)  
(118,000)

Adjustment #43  
Domestic Relations  
250,000  
Main Courts  
69,000  
Court Reporters  
10,000  
Court Reporters (Revenue)  
(10,000)  
Adult Probation  
30,000  
Juvenile Probation  
182,000  
District Courts  
144,000  
Youth Center  
353,000  
Youth Center (Revenue)  
(353,000)  
Juvenile Placements  
(575,000)  
Juvenile Placements (Transfers)  
575,000  
General Fund (Transfers)  
(575,000)

Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance  
1,337,000

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, 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:

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<th>POSITION TITLE</th>
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<td>NM Registered Nurses</td>
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COMMISSIONERS LIST
February 19, 2020

APPOINTMENTS

Item numbers 1 through 51
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 Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointment was approved:

Airport Authority
Louise McKay
Reappointment

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

Local Emergency Planning Committee
Shannon Courtleigh
Reappointment
Zachary Dunkelburger
Reappointment

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

OTHER CIVICS

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

Pennsylvania Audubon Society 1
$500

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

BC Health Improvement Partnership
$1,000
BC Special Equestrians
$4,000

1 This item was later repealed at the March 5, 2020 meeting
Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following Other Civics contributions were approved:

Livengrin Foundation $1,500

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

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

Ms. McKevitt thanked the commissioners for their confidence in putting her in this interim position. She also thanked her co-workers and the row officers for their words of support. Thanks also to Lynn Bush for her guidance and support. Lynn will be helping from time to time during this transition.

Ms. McKevitt reported that county staff has been working with the transition team committees and she looks forward to seeing their report.

Ms. McKevitt spoke about the Consolidated Plan and said the process has already begun. They will be looking for public participation for that as well as for the Human Services block grant. Applications are being accepted for the CDBG program, the HOME program, and the ESG block grant program, and are due by March 18th. They are looking for some interesting and creative projects to recommend.

SOLICITOR COMMENTS

Solicitor Joe Khan announced that the board met in executive session yesterday to discuss the ongoing litigation in connection with the Taha judgment.

Mr. Khan announced that the Retirement Board approved today the filing of a class action lawsuit, known as a stockholder derivative suit, in which the Bucks County Retirement Fund is the plaintiff and is seeking damages in connection with a merger between CBS and Viacom. The County is also pursuing other areas, such as environmental, public health, and general fraud issues, where they can bring these kinds of suits to seek recovery of damages and to protect from future losses.

Mr. Khan said that he was happy to announce that Janet Simon, a long time paralegal in the Solicitor’s office, has been promoted to Chief Paralegal and Administrative/Open Records Officer.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner DiGirolamo reported on the Farmer’s Forum that the commissioners attended yesterday in Buckingham. Topics of discussion included the devastating effect that climate change and global warming was having on agriculture and the agricultural community. The commissioner noted how agriculture is important economically but also how it helps to improve the quality of life in Bucks County.

Referencing the “Walking While Black” video, Commissioner Harvie thanked District Attorney Weintraub for his work on this topic noting that he had seen the video in Bensalem. He said it is a very difficult topic and the film did an excellent job of remaining balanced. The commissioner advised that the school superintendents meet each month at the Intermediate Unit and suggested that it might be a way to get the word out for this as well as for Youth at the Booth.

Commissioner Harvie advised that the commissioners are sending a letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection stating their position on the East Rockhill Quarry and asking the two agencies to protect the residents of East Rockhill. The quarry is one of the few areas in the state where asbestos naturally occurs. The Department of Health stated recently that any kind of disturbance by mechanical means risks causing more asbestos to become airborne.

Commissioner Harvie spoke about a recent conference he attended on PFAS in Washington, D.C. Information was presented by the Centers for Disease Control and others regarding PFAS pollution. Pointing out that there are areas in Bucks County where this type of pollution is a problem, the commissioner advised that he would like to form a focus group on this issue. The group would stay on top of any information coming out, confirm its accuracy, and disseminate it to communities and residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, the meeting was adjourned.

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Room.
Approved: March 4, 2020

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

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Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia                      Robert J. Harvie, Jr.                     Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Chair                           Commissioner, Vice-Chair                Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Gail Humphrey, Chief Clerk