BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 2, 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 James O’Malley, Deputy Director of Public Information, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

PROCLAMATION

The Commissioners proclaimed September 2020 as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month,” congratulating the Council of Southeast Pennsylvania and PRO-ACT for their collaboration in honoring Recovery Month. Jennifer King, Executive Director of the Council of Southeast Pennsylvania and PRO-ACT, accepted the proclamation and encouraged everyone to join them on Saturday, September 12th for the virtual Recovery Walk as well as for PRO-ACT’s Virtual Village every Wednesday at 6 pm.

COMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners presented Letters of Commendation to Hilltown Police Officers Matthew Reiss and Kristian Hanus in recognition of their brave and selfless rescue of a frightened horse from a recent barn fire. After a video of the rescue was shown, District Attorney Matt Weintraub thanked the officers and spoke about this example of service over self.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Andy Warren, former Commissioner from Middletown Township, questioned several items on the agenda related to COVID-19:

Item 2a – Chief Clerk Gail Humphrey responded to Mr. Warren’s question and spoke about this contract to provide assistance managing the high volume of phone calls coming into the Board of Elections.

Item 5a – Commissioner Marseglia confirmed the need for this equipment to meet the increasing demand for remote court hearings.

Items 7a & 7b – Commissioner Marseglia spoke about both of these items in response to Mr. Warren’s question.

Items 7b & 7c – General Services Director Kevin Spencer provided additional details about both of these items.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Minutes from the August 12, 2020 regular meeting
B. Resolutions

1. AREA AGENCY ON AGING
   a. Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Center
      Warminster, PA
      Approve contract increase to support senior center services.
      7/1/19 – 6/30/20
      $6,022** (County 0%)
   b. Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Center
      Warminster, PA
      Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.
      3/1/20 – 12/30/20
      $34,529** (County 0%)
   c. Bensalem Senior Citizens
      Association
      Bensalem, PA
      Approve contract increase to support senior center services.
      7/1/19 – 6/30/20
      $10,104** (County 0%)
   d. Bensalem Senior Citizens
      Association
      Bensalem, PA
      Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.
      3/1/20 – 12/30/20
      $46,273** (County 0%)
e. Best Buy Health Inc., d/b/a Critical Signal Technologies
   Novi, MI
   Approve contract to provide personal emergency response systems and medication dispensing and monitoring.
   7/1/20 – 6/30/21
   $10,000**
   (County 0%)

f. Bristol Borough Area Active Adult Center
   Bristol, PA
   Approve contract increase to support senior center services.
   7/1/19 – 6/30/20
   $8,570**
   (County 0%)

g. Bristol Borough Area Active Adult Center
   Bristol, PA
   Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.
   3/1/20 – 12/30/20
   $20,150**
   (County 0%)
h. Bristol Township Senior Citizens Center
   Bristol, PA
   Approve contract increase to support senior center services.
   7/1/19 – 6/30/20
   $10,320**
   (County 0%)
i. Bristol Township Senior Citizens Center
   Bristol, PA
   Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.
   3/1/20 – 12/30/20
   $78,110**
   (County 0%)

j. Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior Citizens
   Trevose, PA
   Approve contract increase to support senior center services.
   7/1/19 – 6/30/20
   $27,901**
   (County 0%)
k. Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior Citizens
   Trevose, PA
   Approve CARES funding 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
   $162,070**
   (County 0%)

l. Council Rock Senior Citizens Association
   Richboro, PA
   Approve contract increase to support senior center services.
   7/1/19 – 6/30/20
   $1,474**
   (County 0%)
m. Council Rock Senior Citizens Association
   Richboro, PA
   Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.
   3/1/20 – 12/30/20
   $9,477**
   (County 0%)
n. Eastern Upper Bucks Seniors, Inc.
   Ottsville, PA
   Approve contract increase to support senior center services.
   7/1/19 – 6/30/20
   $1,600**
   (County 0%)
o. Eastern Upper Bucks Seniors, Inc.
   Ottsville, PA
   Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.
   3/1/20 – 12/30/20
   $19,180**
   (County 0%)
p. Falls Township Senior Citizens, Inc.
   Fairless Hills, PA
   Approve contract increase to support senior center services.
   7/1/19 – 6/30/20
   $10,076**
   (County 0%)
q. Falls Township Senior Citizens, Inc.
   Fairless Hills, PA
   Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.
   3/1/20 – 12/30/20
   $90,467**
   (County 0%)
r. Middletown Senior Citizens Association
   Levittown, PA
   Approve contract increase to support senior center services.
   7/1/19 – 6/30/20
   $7,048**
   (County 0%)
s. Middletown Senior Citizens Association
   Levittown, PA
   Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.
   3/1/20 – 12/30/20
   $45,685**
   (County 0%)
t. Morrisville Senior Servicenter
   Morrisville, PA
   Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.
   3/1/20 – 12/30/20
   $48,380**
   (County 0%)
u. Scott Kuhn
   Perkasie, PA
   Approve contract to provide consultant services for development of an updated Project Meds presentation.
   7/1/20 – 6/30/21
   $5,000**
   (County 0%)
| 2. BOARD OF ELECTIONS | a. Cerida Investment Corp. d/b/a AnswerNet Willow Grove, PA | Approve contract for Call Center to answer questions concerning ballots and election due to COVID-19 pandemic. 9/2/20 – 11/3/20 | $40,200* (County 0%) |
| | b. Kutco Printing a Division of Single Point Sourcing LLC Harrisburg, PA | Approve contract to provide printing and mailing of election forms. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor) 9/1/20 – 11/30/21 | $726,688.08 + postage* (County 100%) |
| 3. CHILDREN & YOUTH | a. Adelphi Village Inc Latrobe, PA | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20 | $20,907** (County 0%) |
| | b. Bethany Children’s Home Womelsdorf, PA | Approve contract for residential, independent living, and shelter services. 7/1/19 – 6/30/21 | $515,000** (County 13%) |
| | c. Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley Jenkintown, PA | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20 | $9,740** (County 0%) |
| | d. George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania Grove City, PA | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20 | $4,048** (County 0%) |
| | e. Maternity Care Coalition Philadelphia, PA | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20 | $21,415** (County 0%) |
| | f. The Salvation Army Levittown, PA | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20 | $15,250** (County 0%) |
| | g. Valley Youth House Committee, Inc. Bethlehem, PA | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. 3/1/20 – 12/30/20 | $10,874** (County 0%) |
| 4. COMMISSIONERS | a. | Approve extension of Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) program for Mill Run Property in Bristol Borough. TMPs 04-024-073 & 04-024-036 | |
| 5. COURTS | a. ePlus Technology, Inc. Atlanta, GA | Approve contract to replace A/V network infrastructure in courtrooms due to COVID-19 pandemic. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor) 9/2/20 – 12/30/20 | $134,110.70 (County 0%) |
| | b. Julieanne Bateman, Esquire Philadelphia, PA | Terminate contract to represent parties in dependency cases when there is a conflict of interest with Legal Aid. 1/1/20 – 8/31/20 | ($7,469.28) |
| | c. Curtin & Heefner, LLP Doylestown, PA | Approve contract to represent parties in dependency cases when there is a conflict of interest with Legal Aid. 9/1/20 – 12/31/20 | $7,469.28* (County 100%) |
| | d. Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Harrisburg, PA | Approve and authorize acceptance of grant for the Intermediate Punishment Program. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21 | $216,000 (Revenue) |
| 6. DISTRICT ATTORNEY | a. National Medical Services, Inc. Horsham, PA | Approve contract to operate the Bucks County Forensic Crime Lab in Warminster. 9/1/20 – 8/31/25 | $4,800,320** (County 100%) |
| | b. Pennsylvania Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority Mechanicsburg, PA | Approve grant application and award to support the prosecution and investigation of insurance fraud. 7/1/20 – 6/30/21 | $314,483 (Revenue) |
c. Richard J. Mangan  
New Hope, PA  
Approve contract increase to provide consulting services.  
1/1/20 – 12/31/20  
$3,000**  
(County 100%)

7. GENERAL SERVICES
a. Armour & Sons Electric, Inc.  
Langhorne, PA  
Approve contract to purchase replacement generator at Neshaminy Manor due to COVID-19 pandemic.  
$1,863,766  
(County 0%)
b. Dewberry Architects Inc.  
Fairfax, VA  
Approve contract increase to provide architectural and construction administration services for the 5th floor fit out of the Justice Center due to COVID-19 pandemic.  
$338,000**  
(County 0%)
c. Diversified Storage Solutions Inc.  
Norristown, PA  
Approve contract to purchase high density storage for the Health Department renovation due to COVID-19 pandemic.  
$95,284.65**  
(County 0%)
d. IEH Auto Parts LLC  
d/b/a Auto Plus Auto Parts  
Kennesaw, GA  
Approve contract increase and extension to provide auto supplies for county fleet maintenance.  
7/1/20 – 9/30/20  
$10,000**  
(County 100%)
e. James D. Morrisey, Inc.  
Philadelphia, PA  
Approve contract for paving projects at seven Bucks County locations.  
$1,287,248.95**  
(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.  
$105,838.29**  
(County 5%)
g. Township of Middletown  
Langhorne, PA  
Approve contract to facilitate conversion of park lands in Core Creek Park for transportation improvements. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)  

8. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
a. Borough of Penndel  
Approve contract increase and extension for 2019 CDBG funding for code deficiencies in lighting at Memorial Park.  
9/1/20 – 11/30/20  
$13,475**  
(County 0%)
b. Penn Foundation  
Sellersville, PA  
Approve contract to fund operational costs related to the transitional housing program through the Village of Hope.  
7/1/20 – 6/30/21  
$35,000**  
(County 100%)

9. HUMAN RESOURCES
a.  
Approve employment agreement regarding vacation time for Michael J. Gallagher  
$1,780.80  
(County 100%)
b. Bucks County Rangers Benevolent Association  
Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement.  
1/1/21 – 12/31/24

10. HUMAN SERVICES
a. Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.  
Doylestown, PA  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/20  
$17,426.59**  
(County 0%)
b. Bucks County Transport, Inc.  
Holicong, PA  
Approve contract to provide transportation services.  
7/1/20 – 6/30/21  
$2,404,796**  
(County 0%)
c. Gaudenzia, Inc.  
Norristown, PA  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/20  
$36,000**  
(County 0%)
d. Good Friends, Inc.  
Morrisville, PA  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/20  
$8,696.56**  
(County 0%)

e. Livengrin Foundation  
Bensalem, PA  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/20  
$35,680**  
(County 0%)

f. Pennsylvania Department of Human Services – Division of Medical Assistance Transportation  
Harrisburg, PA  
Approve Participation Grant Agreement to provide transportation services.  
7/1/20 – 6/30/21  
$2,404,796  
(Revenue)

11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  

a. Keymark Inc.  
Liberty, SC  
Approve contract to provide configuration of multiple software projects to provide remote access due to COVID-19 pandemic.  
7/1/19 – 6/30/20  
$773,439**  
(County 0%)

12. MH/DP  

a. A Day With My Friends, LLC  
Langhorne, PA  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/20  
$3,289.37**  
(County 0%)

b. Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks  
Quakertown, PA  
Approve contract to provide shelter and support to homeless population.  
7/1/20 – 6/30/21  
$15,000**  
(County 3.9%)

c. Associated Production Services, Inc.  
Doylestown, PA  
Approve contract amendment to provide community participation support and vocational rehabilitation services.  
7/1/19 – 6/30/20  
$157,328**  
(County 3.9%)

d. Associated Production Services, Inc.  
Doylestown, PA  
Approve contract to provide community participation support and vocational rehabilitation services.  
7/1/20 – 6/30/21  
$157,328**  
(County 3.9%)

e. BARC Developmental Services, Inc.  
Holicong, PA  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/2  
$25,000**  
(County 0%)

f. BelMed Ambulance, Inc.  
Warrington, PA  
Approve contract to provide ambulance services.  
7/1/20 – 6/30/21  
$51,000**  
(County 3.9%)

g. Brooke Glen Behavioral Hospital  
Fort Washington, PA  
Approve contract to provide inpatient services.  
7/1/20 – 6/30/21  
$145,000**  
(County 3.9%)

h. Child & Family Focus, Inc.  
Audubon, PA  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/20  
$12,530.93**  
(County 0%)

i. CO-MANS, Inc.  
Langhorne, PA  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/20  
$18,413**  
(County 0%)

j. Community Options, Inc.  
Princeton, NJ  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/20  
$18,651.12**  
(County 0%)

k. Comprehensive Learning Center  
Warminster, PA  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/20  
$5,000**  
(County 0%)

l. Delta Community Supports, Inc.  
Blue Bell, PA  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/20  
$532,503**  
(County 0%)

m. Employment Technology, Inc.  
Doylestown, PA  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/20  
$1,634**  
(County 0%)

n. Family Services Association of Bucks County  
Langhorne, PA  
Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses.  
3/1/20 – 12/30/20  
$98,864.17**  
(County 0%)

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| o. | Horizon House, Inc. | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $100,333** | (County 0%) |
| p. | Indian Creek Foundation, Inc. | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $64,144** | (County 0%) |
| q. | Lenape Valley Foundation | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $464,662** | (County 0%) |
| r. | LifePath, Inc. | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $168,864** | (County 0%) |
| s. | Meracy of Bucks County | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $2,250** | (County 0%) |
| t. | Montgomery County Emergency Services, Inc. |Approve contract to provide inpatient services. | $80,000** | (County 3.9%) |
| u. | Pediatric Therapeutics, Inc. | Approve contract to provide early intervention services. | $855,407** | (County 10%) |
| v. | Penndel Mental Health Center, Inc. | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $462,942** | (County 0%) |
| w. | Penn Foundation, Inc. | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $347,114** | (County 0%) |
| x. | Salisbury Behavioral Health, Inc. | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $26,185** | (County 0%) |
| y. | The Salvation Army, Inc. | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $5,747.68** | (County 0%) |
| z. | Shared Support South, Inc. | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $396,654.50** | (County 0%) |
| aa. | T.E.C., Inc., d/b/a Family and Friends | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $75,280.96** | (County 0%) |
| bb. | Voice & Vision, Inc. | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $8,460** | (County 0%) |
| cc. | Woods Services, Inc. | Approve CARES funding to use for COVID-19 related expenses. | $629,838** | (County 0%) |

13. **NESHAMINY MANOR**
   a. Pelican Insurance – PA Liability Insurance for County Affiliated Nursing Homes | Approve updated Business Associate Agreement. |

14. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
   a. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission | Approve contract to assist with Bucks County Pedestrian Improvements Study. | $80,000 | (Revenue) |
   b. Michael Baker International | Approve contract increase to add construction inspection assistance for the Newtown Rail Trail in Upper Southampton Township. | $22,298.20** | (County 100%) |
15. PROTHONOTARY a. Paperless Solutions, Inc. Bensalem, PA
Revise August 12, 2020 agenda description to “Approve contract increase for expansion to workflow system for no-fault divorces.”

16. SHERIFF a. CODY Computer Services, Inc. d/b/a CODY Systems Pottstown, PA
Approve contract to provide a unified public records management system due to COVID-19 pandemic. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
$597,157 (County 100%)

17. VOTING MACHINES a. Fares Farhat General Construction Services Halifax, PA
Approve termination of contract to provide hauling of voting machines for the 2020 & 2021 elections. 5/2/20 – 9/2/20
($39,290.40)

18. WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT a. Amend list of “other program recipients” (approved on 7/1/20, agenda item 17(b)) receiving first round of Bucks Back to Work Small Business grant funds.
$25,000**/recipient (County 0%)

REGULAR AGENDA


b. Intercultural Works, LLC Dublin, PA
Approve contract to provide professional development workshop covering diversity, equity, inclusion, and team training. 9/1/20 – 12/31/20
$1,000 (County 100%)

c. The New Americans Advisory Commission Doylestown, PA
Establish the New Americans Advisory Commission and adopt bylaws.

20. GENERAL SERVICES a. African American Museum of Bucks County Langhorne, PA
Approve rental of county property located at 827 Langhorne-Newtown Road in Langhorne. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor) 10/1/20 – 9/30/30
$1/year (Revenue)

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

Item 19a – Upon Motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, this Resolution was approved.

Item 19b – Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt provided additional information regarding this contract to provide staff training on diversity and inclusion. Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, this Resolution was approved.

Item 19c – Commissioner Harvie explained the formation of this new advisory board to help assist new immigrants in the county and he thanked his assistant Stephen Seufert and Mr. Khan for their work on this project. Commissioner Harvie then made a motion to establish the New Americans Advisory Commission and adopt the bylaws. This was seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo and passed with a vote of 3-0.

Item 20a – Commissioner Marseglia spoke about this new location for the African American Museum and said she is very excited about the project. Commissioner DiGirolamo added his support, saying that the old farmhouse is a perfect fit for the museum. Commissioner Harvie, noting his background in American history, touched on the history of African Americans in the county. Linda Salley, president of the African American Museum of Bucks County, thanked the commissioners for all their work and support on this project. She shared a story which highlighted her excitement about Boone farm being the new location for the museum. Project and Diversity Officer Bernard Griggs shared information about the work being done to upgrade and convert the building to meet the requirements for the museum. Upon Motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, this Resolution was approved.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, this Budget Adjustment was approved.
2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Agenda Description
September 2, 2020

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

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Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance -

PERSONNEL

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

COMMISSIONERS LIST
September 2, 2020

- Recommended by the Department of Human Resources
- 4th comparison of 5th

**APPOINTMENTS**

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**ADJUST OPERATING BUDGET**

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

- Personnel Actions:
  - Item numbers 1 through 43
  - Item numbers 1 through 57

**2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**Agenda Description**

**September 2, 2020**
BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Harvie introduced Dr. Umar Farooq, chair of the newly formed New Americans Advisory Commission. Dr. Farooq thanked the commissioners for their confidence in him and said he was honored and humbled to accept the position. Dr. Farooq shared some information about himself and the mission of the commission. Commissioner Harvie said a few words about the makeup of the commission and their efforts to find representatives from the diverse immigrant communities that live here in Bucks County.

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

New Americans Advisory Commission (4 year term)
- Dr. Umar Farooq, chair new appointment term expires 1/2/24
- Eugene Potakh new appointment term expires 1/2/24
- Patrice Tisdale, Esq. new appointment term expires 1/2/24
- Duke Wu new appointment term expires 1/2/24
- Lois Heist new appointment term expires 1/2/24
- Razin Karu new appointment term expires 1/2/24
- Stephen Seufert (Commissioner’s representative) new appointment term expires 1/2/24

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

SEPTA Board (5 year term)
- John Cordisco new appointment term expires 1/2/25

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

Drug & Alcohol Commission (3 year term)
- Samantha Barrios reappointment term expires 8/1/23

Juvenile Detention Center Board of Managers (3 year term)
- Steven M. Jones reappointment term expires 7/5/23

Mental Health/Developmental Programs Advisory Board (3 year term)
- Dr. Sarah Arva Grosik reappointment term expires 8/1/23
- Robert Frank reappointment term expires 8/1/23

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

Parks & Recreation Board (5 year term)
- Thomas Marino new appointment term expires 1/2/25
- Kristin Winters new appointment term expires 1/2/25

CORRECTION

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY SEPARATION

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Estimated Date **Never Started*** Agreement ****Rental Statement
Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following Other Civics contribution was approved:

SCORE $2,800

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

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

The commissioners just approved contracts for CARES funding totaling in excess of $5 million. The next focus will be on locally sourced food for the nursing home and correctional facilities.

A correction from last meeting – Children & Youth has moved onto the 3rd floor of the Administration Building, not the 4th floor as indicated at the last meeting. Welcome to Human Resources who moved into the building yesterday on the 2nd floor. Consumer Protection will soon be joining them on the 2nd floor.

Coming soon will be an update to the county comprehensive plan, which is done every ten years. Issues like transportation and housing will be considered to plan for the next ten years. This year, a market research statistical analysis of county residents will be conducted to obtain resident feedback.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Joe Khan reported that the timeline for collection of census data has been reduced from eighty-one to fifty-two days. This will make it even more difficult to obtain counts for the hard-to-reach populations, such as immigrants, non-English speakers, and ethnic and racial minorities. Mr. Khan advised that a group of West Coast plaintiffs brought a federal lawsuit last week in an effort to get the former timeline reinstated to allow for a more accurate census. He announced that Bucks County led a coalition of three southeastern Pennsylvania counties to sign on to an amicus brief filed yesterday by the Santa Clara County Attorney’s Office. This brief, which cites Bucks County’s Health Department’s reliance on census data to conduct contact tracing, provides additional analysis to assist the federal court in resolving this case.

Mr. Khan introduced the Hon. Jordan B. Yeager, advising that the county has recently hired its first full-time Assistant County Solicitors. Mr. Khan welcomed Assistant County Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick and her family, and shared some of her personal and professional background. Judge Yeager then administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Fitzpatrick. Mr. Khan then welcomed Assistant County Solicitor Austin Soldano and his family, sharing his background before Mr. Soldano also took his Oath of Office. Judge Yeager acknowledged President Judge Wallace Bateman and Court Administrator Stephen Heckman, who were present for the ceremony, and addressed the two new Assistant County Solicitors as well as the guests in attendance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Referencing the 2020 Census, Commissioner Harvie reported that Bucks County still has the highest response rate in the Commonwealth. He advised that census workers will be knocking on doors, especially for those who have already responded. The commissioner stressed the importance of making sure everyone is represented properly so the county receives its fair share of state and federal funds for things like roads, schools, and senior centers.

Commissioner Harvie announced the launch of the 2nd round of Bucks Back to Work small business grants. A webinar for businesses will be held on September 9th at 3 pm, and applications go live on September 14th. The commissioner advised that they have adapted the application process based on feedback received after the 1st round. Businesses that were not selected in the 1st round are eligible to apply again. The grant program is open to all businesses with up to $2 million in annual gross revenue and less than 49 employees.

Advising that today is the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, Commissioner Harvie spoke about the worst war in human history and asked that everyone remember the sacrifices made by the greatest generation.

Commissioner DiGirolamo spoke about National Drug and Alcohol Recovery Month, stressing the need for proper treatment, and said to also remember all those who did not recover. Speaking about the opioid epidemic, the commissioner said that the drug companies and distributors need to be held accountable.

Commissioner Marseglia advised that this has been one of her favorite meetings, honoring police officers, and celebrating Bucks County history and diversity.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding the opioid epidemic, Dr. Farooq, a Bensalem resident, shared his perspective based on his experience in his practice, and in his dealings with nursing homes and hospitals.
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, September 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Room.

Approved: September 16, 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