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*Bucks County Regional Economic Development Conference & Business Showcase*

May 14, 2015 • PARX Casino, East, Lobby

**“State of the County Address”  
presented by the Bucks County Commissioners**

8:30 am – 9:00 am

REGISTRATION, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

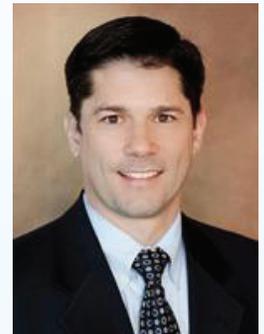
#### WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

- **Dan Bates**, President, Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce
- **Joe DiGirolamo**, Mayor of Bensalem
- **Ron Davis**, Chief Diversity Officer, PARX Casino
- **Peter Adamo**, Regional CEO, Lower Bucks Hospital

#### STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

##### **Robert G. Loughery, Commissioner Chairman**

Commissioner Robert G. Loughery was sworn in as a Bucks County Commissioner on February 3, 2011, after being appointed to the board by the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, and was elected to a full term in 2011. He was named vice chairman of the board on February 16, 2011, and unanimously named chairman of the board in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

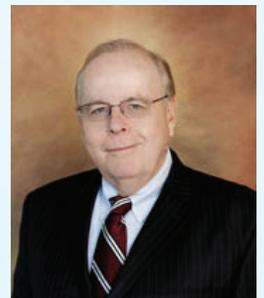


Under Commissioner Loughery’s leadership as chairman, working collaboratively and cooperatively with his fellow Commissioners, the County has achieved some important milestones and accomplishments. During this period, the county has reduced its workforce by nearly 10%, made strategic investments in technology to improve efficiencies for county employees, increased appropriations to rehabilitate County-owned bridges, produced budget surpluses for 2013 and projected for 2014 and recognized other important operational efficiencies and savings including outsourcing of some services, as well as accrued savings by refinancing existing debt obligations. Of particular interest has been the re-purposing of all county economic development programs and agencies under the new initiative ‘Bucks 2 Invest.’ Currently, the county is undergoing one of its largest capital projects in the construction of a new Justice Center and planning for the re-use of the existing county courthouse into an administration building, thereby reducing the county’s footprint and overhead expenses.

##### **Charles H. Martin, Commissioner Vice Chairman**

During a career in management and public affairs that spanned more than 30 years with PECO Energy, Commissioner Martin also was involved in civic and community affairs.

Following his retirement from PECO Energy, he was appointed to the



Board of Commissioners in 1995 and then elected to five four-year terms. During his 20-year tenure, Commissioner Martin has served as chairman of the board for ten years.

The present Board of Commissioners has taken an aggressive approach to the preservation of open space and natural areas of Bucks County and has, through a direct commissioner initiative, preserved over 15,000 acres of prime Bucks County open space since 1997. The present administration has made significant improvements to the emergency management system, including the enhancement of the 9-1-1 system, the construction of a new state-of-the-art emergency operations center, and taking a leadership role in the five-county anti-terrorism task force.

**Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW, Commissioner**

Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia was elected to the Bucks County Board of Commissioners in November 2007, and re-elected for a second term in 2011. A resident of Middletown Township, the Commissioner served her community on both the Neshaminy School Board and the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors. As a Supervisor, she worked to preserve land & historic structures, and developed innovative programs that were funded without taxes.

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia, a clinical social worker, presents an aggressive agenda for continually improving county services provided to children, families, and the elderly.



In her nearly eight years as County Commissioner, Ellis-Marseglia has taken a lead role in the commitment to dredge the Delaware River Basin so that redevelopment can occur, established a volunteer-based Code Blue plan, and created alternatives to out-of-county foster care. Recognizing the need for public discussion and sharing of information, Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia facilitated a state hearing on Bucks County foster care, called for public testimony on maintaining a local mental health crisis center, and hosted seminars on animal hoarding interventions and diversity awareness.

10:30 am – 11:00 am

**“DOING BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY”**

Hear from **Maureen McIlvaine, CPPO, CPPB,**  
Purchasing Director for the County of Bucks

(Immediately following the “State of the County” - optional)

