

Budget/Operations Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2019

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 25, 2019, at 2:05 P.M. in the Commissioners' Boardroom, 13th floor of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

Commissioner Chair Christian Y. Leinbach called the meeting to order with Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt in attendance. Commissioner Scott was absent. Also present were County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, Chief Administrative Officer Ronald R. Seaman, Chief Financial Officer Robert Patrizio, Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

The following items were listed for discussion:

1. 5 Year Forecast Updated. Bob Patrizio reported the updated 5 Year Forecast includes the addition of 18 new Correctional Officers positions created at the June 27th Salary Board, with 6 more to be added January 1, 2020 and July 1, 2020. Commissioner Leinbach commented that he agreed to these positions provided there are no new posts created.

2. Berks County Pretrial Services ("BCPS") new fund request for 2020. Peggy Kershner and Nicolle Schnovel, Co-Directors of BCPS, attended the meeting to request additional funding a minimum of \$288,501 to a maximum of \$392,069 to support the R3 Program, Rebuilding, Reentrants and Reading. Ms. Kershner reported BCPS receive a Grant from U.S. Department of Labor to develop the program and noted this is highly successful program and has had a profound impact on the community. The additional funding is essential in continuing the program, without it the program will be in jeopardy. The Board supported moving the request for additional funds forward as recommended by Bob Patrizio and funding the minimum requirement of \$288,501 with the balance of \$103,568 to be paid from contingency budget only if their Workforce Development Grant is not renewed on June 1, 2020.

Commissioner Barnhardt mentioned there was not a need for an Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk