

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes January 18, 2018

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. in the Boardroom on the 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 First Assistant County Solicitor Chad Schnee, Chief Administrative Officer Ronald R. Seaman and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Presentation

Dr. Edward Michalik, Executive Director of the Berks County Area Agency on Aging, and Administrator of the Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Program, presented PowerPoint presentations on Berks County Senior Center Performance Based Funding and MH/DD public relations programs that bring awareness to mental health issues in Berks County.

Dr. Michalik stated every 3 or 5 years the County is required by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging to issue Requests for Proposals for Aging Services, and we are now in the process of issuing those proposals for performance based funding requiring senior centers to meet minimum standards for attendance and programs, and to promote self-sustainability and expand outreach to the community. Dr. Michalik commented Berks County will be the first county in Pennsylvania to implement a one-stop shop for seniors, reporting there are currently 4 vendors operating 9 senior centers in Berks County that are open 5 days a week. Dr. Michalik's PowerPoint showed the amount of funding Berks County receives to operate senior centers, and how the funds are utilized.

Regarding MH/DD public relations programs, Dr. Michalik reported that since 2016 Berks County MH/DD has been engaged in a public awareness campaigns to bring attention to the mental health/suicide epidemic occurring in Berks County, reporting in fiscal year 16/17, Berks County Crisis centers received almost 13,000 calls (12,953). Dr. Michalik talked about the two current programs and events, "Strike Out the Stigma" recently held at the Reading Phillies and Reading Royals, and the "ruOK" campaign established to draw attention to and provide contact information, local resources and raise awareness about suicide prevention in the community.

As the request of Commissioner Leinbach, Dr. Michalik talked briefly about the proposal by Acadia Healthcare to build and operate a mental health facility in Bern Township. Dr. Michalik advised there is a great need for such a facility because children require a higher level of mental health services and are currently forced to go out of the County for treatment, at a great expense in money and time to the family and costs to taxpayers.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 11, 2018 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Leinbach announced there was an Executive Session yesterday, January 17, 2018, to discuss personnel.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the Agenda as presented. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

17.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2017 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$9,910; 2017 Appropriations in the amount of \$4,185; 2018 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$25,694 and 2018 Appropriations in the amount of (\$3,665) per listing dated January 16, 2018.

18.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated January 18, 2018 as follows:

1. Authorize an additional stipend in the amount of \$70.50 per pay period for Michael Wieder, PC011257 Law Clerk I – Court Administration, effective 1/3/2018 through 1/31/2018. The stipend is for additional responsibilities for providing arraignment services during the transitional period. Budget 10000 – 11600.

19.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid # 17-43-KS, one, two year contract for Processing and Marketing of Recycling Material as follows:

Cogle's Recycling, Inc.**1000 South 4th Street****Hamburg, PA 19526**

Estimated Annual Revenue: \$6,300.00

Line #	Locations	Unit Price per Ton
1a	Commingled Materials	\$ 0.00
1b	Mixed Paper Materials	\$ (15.00)
1c	Cardboard Materials	\$ (85.00)

The County reserves the right to extend the contract for two additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both parties in accordance with the unit prices herein.

- 20.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute a letter requesting that the PA Department of Transportation manage the Glendale Bridge (County Bridge #43A) Replacement project in Douglass Township on the County's behalf. Following PennDOT's Publication 740 process, Chapter 3, Option A, Alternative 2, this letter begins a process by which PennDOT's Consultant Project Manager will manage the administrative and day-to-day duties on these projects in an effort to more efficiently streamline this process. The County will remain involved throughout the project development and will contribute approximately 5% of the costs for design, engineering, permitting, clearances and construction with the balance of funding for the project being funded using Federal transportation dollars allocated via the PennDOT RoadMAP program following the County's adoption of the \$5 Local Use Fee. Commissioner Leinbach emphasized this money is available because the County implemented the \$5.00 fee.
- 21.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Mortgage Satisfaction and Release of Lien documents of a mortgage between Greater Reading Mental Health Alliance and the County of Berks, through the HealthChoices Program for the property located at 1234 Penn Avenue Wyomissing, Pennsylvania.
- 22.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the early Intervention Income and Expenditure Report for FY 2016/2017 to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Service, Bureau of Financial Operations for the Berks Early Intervention Program.
- 23.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Hazardous Material Emergency Response Preparedness Assessment Report for calendar year 2017.
- 24.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Mitchell Darcourt, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, as Chairman of the Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2018.
- 25.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christine M. Sadler, Esq., Berks County Solicitor, to execute the Legal Services Agreement between Deasey, Mahoney & Valentini, Ltd., Media, Pennsylvania, and Berks County for construction services matters.

- 26.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christine M. Sadler, Esq., Berks County Solicitor, to execute the retainer letter with Masano Bradley, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania for construction services matters, subject to final review and approval by the County Solicitor.
- 27.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing the promotion of Jessica Weaknecht, Acting Director of Human Resources, to Director of Human Resources effective January 24, 2018. Rate of \$86,868/annually.
Commissioner Leinbach commented Jessica Weaknecht has worked in Human Resources for 11 years, and was a unanimous selection.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator per listing dated January 17, 2018.
Commissioner Leinbach reported there are three (3) contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated January 16, 2018 for week ending January 17, 2018 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

Reports

1. County Treasurer A. Dennis Adams, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by County Controller Sandy Graffius.

REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Commissioner Leinbach reported there is no Budget/Operations Meeting today.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mr. Seaman complimented Dr. Michalik and both his staffs for their great work on behalf of the seniors and those suffering from mental illness. Mr. Seaman congratulated Jessica Weaknecht who will be a tremendous asset to the County's team.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt offered congratulations to Jessica.

Commissioner Barnhardt welcomed Kevin Lerch, a new member to the RATS (Reading Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee), representing 1st Class Townships.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach reported he and Commissioner Barnhardt will be attending a CCAP Board meeting tomorrow in Gettysburg, and will be discussing a number of issues important to counties in Pennsylvania.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Maureen Huber and Claudia Radle, residents of Greenfields, Bern Township, asked to comment on the proposal by Acadia Healthcare to locate a mental health facility in Bern Township.

Ms. Huber agrees that we need a facility like this, but is concerned that the proposed location is not a good location because it is close to a day care center, residential neighborhood and Gring's Mill park.

Ms. Radle has attended several meetings and has repeatedly asked for security plans which she has not yet received. Ms. Radle will continue to be concerned about the location of the facility until she sees the security plans and feel safe.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk