

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes February 6, 2014

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 6, 2014, 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 and Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller, Chief Operating Officer Carl E. Geffken and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 30, 2014 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. Enactment of Ordinance No. 02-2014:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 05-2011, ENACTED DECEMBER 8, 2011, ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMITS FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, AND OTHER TRACTORS, TRAILERS, AND TRACTOR-TRAILER COMBINATIONS UPON VARIOUS BRIDGES OWNED AND MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY: ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE SAME; AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF FINES AND FORFEITURES.

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, who voted Yes to all items with the exception of item 41.14 to which Commissioner Barnhardt voted No, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below with the exception item 41.14:

36.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2013 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$1,928.00, 2013 Appropriations in the amount of \$89,755.00 and 2014 Appropriations in the amount of \$35,800.00 per listing dated February 3, 2014.

37.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, to execute an Amendment to Letter of Credit to the PMA Insurance Group for the period January 14, 2014 to January 14,

2015, and further authorizes payment of the renewal fee for said Letter of Credit.

- 38.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated February 6, 2014 as follows:
1. Authorize transfer of James N. Moorman, PC011075 Facilities Manager/North Campus – Facilities & Operations to PC011076 Facilities Manager – Facilities & Operations, effective 2/12/14. Rate of \$66,358/annually. Salary budgeted \$54,259/annually. Salary range Minimum \$45,679; Midpoint \$60,905; Maximum \$76,131. Replacement for Kevin Heltzinger who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11030.
 2. Authorize the appointment of Michael J. Michaels to PC011075 Facilities Manager/North Campus – Facilities & Operations, effective 2/12/14. Rate of \$54,259/annually. Salary budgeted \$66,358/annually. Salary range Minimum \$45,679; Midpoint \$60,905; Maximum \$76,131. Replacement for James Moorman who transferred. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11030.
 3. Authorize the appointment of Lori Kramer to PC011135 Internal Auditor – Controller's Office, effective 2/26/14. Rate of \$47,500/annually. Salary budgeted \$45,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$38,641; Midpoint \$51,521; Maximum \$64,402. Ms. Kramer will be eligible for bridging of service for vacation accrual purposes; vacation accrual shall be based upon her most recent full-time years of County service. Replacement for Dean Hollenbacher who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11120.
- 39.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Certification Statement of County Children & Youth Social Service Programs for submission of Fiscal Year 2013/2014 2nd quarter.
- 40.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the First Amendment to Lease Agreement between Gibraltar Estate, LLC and the County of Berks for land located in Robeson for use as a tower site regarding the Berks County Emergency Radio Project.
- 41.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing the Berks County Board of Commissioners to encourage the Governor and General

Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to prohibit the collection of public sector employee union fees, membership dues and campaign contributions by government as a matter for collective bargaining with public sector employee unions, and further resolve that a copy of this resolution be posted on the County's website and submitted to the elected state senators and representatives of the County in the General Assembly, to the Governor of Pennsylvania, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that he thinks this will have a negative impact on the cordial relationship the County has been building with organized labor over the last few years and also considering the agreement of the unions to a wage freeze last year. Commissioner Barnhardt further commented this might be a little burdensome on employees who have their dues payroll deducted now and will have to write a check every month. Commissioner Scott commented he supports the resolution as he is philosophically aligned with its contents and it speaks for itself. Commissioner Scott commented he doesn't see this as a great hardship on employees, and eliminating the collection of politically oriented union dues establishes a consistent level playing field for all county employees. Commissioner Leinbach stated he commented on this issue a few weeks ago and stated that this lets people know there is an effort in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to actively support legislation both in the House and the State Senate to support this action. Commissioner Leinbach called for a motion to approve the Agenda, and with the exception of Commissioner Barnhardt who voted No, the motion carried.

2. Motion authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated February 4, 2014. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 5 contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated February 4, 2014 for week ending February 5, 2014 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.

REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Carl E. Geffken had nothing to add today, except to thank the Board of Commissioners for their consideration for the closure on Wednesday and thanked the employees and the 24/7 staff who were able to make it to work.
2. Robert J. Patrizio reported there will be a presentation by the Governor's Southeast Regional Office followed by a 2014 fiscal cash flow forecast and a final report for 2013.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt recognized the efforts made by the County and the thousands of first responders who worked all week to restore power resulting from the recent snow storms. Commissioner Barnhardt reported on an incident that occurred yesterday at the Community Reentry Center where a tree hit a power line on Hill Top Road and knocked out a fuse that provides power to the Center. Commissioner Barnhardt commended the staff that stayed on duty the entire time, including Deputy Wardens Brown and Quigley, County Maintenance Supervisor James Moorman, and all those involved including Brian Gottschall and Carl Geffken, for seeing that everything was under control and restored.

Commissioner Scott had no further comments.

Commissioner Leinbach commented he had posted quite a bit of information leading up to yesterday's closure, and complimented both his colleagues, Carl Geffken and Arnie Wetzel who spent time this week fundamentally changing the way we handle weather related events, stating it will be a simpler process going forward. Commissioner Leinbach commented there will be three variations to the County policy in the event of weather related events; 1) unscheduled leave; 2) delayed opening; 3) full closure. Commissioner Leinbach announced everyone should check the County's Home page for up to the minute information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk