

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes February 12, 2015**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 12, 2015, 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 First Assistant County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, 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 February 5, 2015 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

### **Agenda Items**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
  - 48.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2014 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$197,994.00, 2014 Appropriations in the amount of \$28,128.00 and 2015 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$4,272.00 per listing dated February 9, 2015.
  - 49.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated February 12, 2015 as follows:
    1. Authorize the promotion of Stephanie Weaver from PC012501 Telecommunicator+6 to PC012456 Watch Officer – Department of Emergency Services, effective 2/18/2015. Rate of \$55,827/annually. Salary range Minimum \$39,213; Midpoint \$52,284; Maximum \$65,355. Replacement for Cynthia Geiger who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 51100 – 36010.
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 10, 2015. Commissioner Leinbach reported there were 12 contracts and referenced the departments.

3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated February 10, 2015 for week ending February 11, 2015 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

### **Reports**

1. County Treasurer A. Dennis Adams, CPA, did not attend the meeting, but submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report which was delivered by Commissioner Leinbach.
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 new to report as Chief Operating Office, but reported at today's Budget Meeting the Commissioners will receive a report on 911 funding and an update on the investment plans for the fund balance for the County.
2. Robert J. Patrizio joined the meeting later.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Barnhardt reported last Friday he a group from the Jail System and the Mental Health Department drove to Philadelphia to visit the Philadelphia Jail System to look at how they handle folks with severe mental health issues. Commissioner Barnhardt commented Berks County is looking to find a better way to handle inmates with severe mental health issues who might not always belong in the jail environment, and hope to bring some of those best practices back to Berks County. Commissioner Barnhardt reported that on Monday he and Commissioner Leinbach co-hosted an event at the Agriculture Center for Ag-Connect which is headed by Chester County Economic Development Council. Commissioner Barnhardt commented the goal is to fund and focus on the future of farming in Berks County by putting a package of programs together to sustain farming in the future.

Commissioner Scott had no additional comments.

Commissioner Leinbach commented this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. he will have an opportunity to kick off a nationwide conference call with NACo for a discussion on the impact of the Cadillac Tax on counties. Commissioner Leinbach reported yesterday he was in Harrisburg and participated in the annual CCAP priorities conference and the number one priority of CCAP is the sustainability of 911 funding and reform going forward. Commissioner Leinbach commented as a result of the tragic case last spring of Eileen DiNino who was committed to the Jail as a result of unpaid fines regarding truancy and died while incarcerated, recent legislation was introduced last fall by Representative Caltagirone and Representative Gillen and in that bill, prison would be taken out as an option for truancy. Commissioner Leinbach reported that Eileen's Bill

has been reintroduced by other members of the legislature, and it does not in its current form take prison out as an option for truancy. Commissioner Leinbach commented that if Eileen's Bill is allowed to go through with prison as an option for truancy it is nothing more than political window dressing and it should go back to its original form when first introduced by Representatives Caltagirone and Gillen.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk