

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2012**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. in the 13th floor Boardroom 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 County Solicitor Alan S. Miller and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and announced that the Board met in executive session on February 16, 2012 to discuss the DeTurks Bridge issue.

### **II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

#### **Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$496,734.00, 2011 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$85,591.00 and 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$13,500.00 per listing dated February 17, 2012. Kevin Barnhardt commented that item #5 is the transfer of funds from contingency to the Sheriff's Department for the purchase of a new K-9 dog.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing renewal of the Berks County Home-Berks Heim Commercial Insurance proposal effective March 1, 2012 to March 1, 2013. Mike Malinowski of EH&D, attended the meeting and commented that this is a renewal with the Pelican Program through CCAP. The premium is flat and will save the County approximately \$11,000.00 by removing the property coverage from the current policy. Mr. Malinowski commented that CNA/Hartford will be picking up the property coverage at basically the same rate.

#### **Human Resources**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated February 21, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reviewed the items listed on the HR agenda.

#### **Purchasing**

- A. Motion authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated February 17, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach commented on the contract items.

- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 1776 and the County of Berks d/b/a Berks Heim, effective January 1, 2011 and expiring December 31, 2015.

### **Emergency Management**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Municipal Improvements Agreement between the Township of Bern and the County of Berks pertaining to the construction and installation of a tower site regarding the Berks County Public Safety Radio Project.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement between the County of Berks and Bern Township pertaining to the construction and installation of a tower site regarding the Berks County Public Safety Radio Project.

### **III. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Commissioner Leinbach introduced Doug Hill, Executive Director of CCAP (County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania). Mr. Hill commented that every four years he visits all 67 Counties across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and meets with new Board members.. Mr. Hill explained to the Board and the public that CCAP is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that provides legislative, education, research, technology, insurance and other services on behalf of all the 67 counties in Pennsylvania. Mr. Hill further commented that the purpose of his visits is to make sure CCAP is providing the quality and level of services on the counties behalf. Mr. Hill commented he is very pleased with the relationship he has with the Berks County Board of Commissioners, and that Berks County is a very active participant in the Association.

### **IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

#### **Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt commented it was a busy news week for the County and thanked the local news media and the Reading Eagle for the positive story on Carl Geffken, the coverage of the Berks Municipal Partnership dinner held last Thursday, the coverage of Deturks Bridge, the Rail Road, and finally the Radio Tower Project in today's paper. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the coverage was very good and keeps the public informed.

#### **Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott commented that he is pleased the County hired Carl Geffken and welcomes Mr. Geffken.

Commissioner Leinbach

V. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

James Troutman, Clerk of Courts, questioned the increase per year of the UFCW contract. Commissioner Barnhardt commented it is 2.5% for five years and is for the support staff at the Berks Heim.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk