

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 28, 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 Monday, February 27, 2012 to discuss union negotiations.

II. PRESENTATION

Michael Vind, Esquire, Financial Consultant of S&Lutions, LLC, and Peter T. Edelman, Esquire, of Stevens and Lee, presented information for enactment of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Series of General Obligation Bonds of the County in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$13,000,000.00 for certain projects of the County which include among other things, capital improvements to County facilities, the Emergency 911 System, refinancing of the General Obligation Bonds, 2nd Series of 2002.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$39,095.00, 2011 Appropriations in the amount of \$271,000.00, 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$318,666.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount \$5,175.00 per listing dated February 24, 2012. Kim Grinage, Deputy Director of Budget and Finance, commented that items 1, 4 & 5 are moving Facility dollars into Project numbers for tracking purposes. Ms. Grinage further commented that item 3 is regarding the Berks Heim consulting management firm CHR, which has implemented a new way of projecting bad debt expenses.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations per list dated February 28, 2012. Arnie Wetzel, Human Resources Director, commented the annual Compression Adjustments are listed this week and is needed to maintain adequate distance between management/supervisory staff and collective bargaining unit employees, which is maintained at least 6%. Mr. Wetzel further commented there are 17 employees on the list.

Purchasing

- A. 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 27, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach commented there are 7 contracts that deal with 7 different departments and gave a brief description of the content.

Facilities

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Addendum No. 1 to Engineering Services Agreement No. EA-129854 with D'Huy Engineering, Inc. of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania to provide additional engineering services for the County Services Building Envelope Project at a not to exceed cost of \$17,500.00.

Emergency Services

- A. **71.12** Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of any and all documents required to complete the purchase from Frosty Towers, Inc, of certain property consisting of 0.9182714 more or less, together with improvements situate in Centre Township, Berks County, and further authorizing the County Solicitor, or his designee, to execute any and all settlement/closing documents in connection with the purchase of said property; and further authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute any and all stormwater management and related development plans required for the County's proposed use of said property in regard to the Berks County Public Safety Radio Network Project.

Commissioner Leinbach commented this Agreement must be voted on today as settlement is scheduled tomorrow, February 29, 2012.

Commissioner Barnhardt motioned to approve Resolution No. 71.12, and was seconded by Commissioner Scott, and all voted unanimously to approve this Resolution.

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Change Order No. 004 to Contract No. 10-23185/CR with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$110,868.00-Project Implementation Changes and \$21,619.00-Years 1 through 10 Maintenance and Support Changes in regard to the Berks County 700 MHZ Digital Project 25 Public Safety Radio Network.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Subordination, Non-Disturbance and Attornment Agreement between NOVA Savings Bank, Gibraltar Estates, LLC and the County of Berks for property situate on Ridgewood Road a/k/a Ridgeway Road, partially located in Robeson Township and partially located in Cumru Township, Berks County in regard to the Berks County Public Safety Radio Network Project.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of an Access Agreement between the County of Berks, the Greater Reading Corporate Center, L.P. and Alan Shuman for the use by the County of 24 of the 27 parking spaces at the open air parking lot located at the corner of Reed and Washington Streets, Reading, Pennsylvania, for the period March 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 or until the repairs to the County Services Center garage are complete. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that this lot will provide handicap and visitor parking during the construction of the Parking Garage. Commissioner Leinbach commented that due to urgency and start of the Garage Restoration Project this Agreement must be authorized today. On motion of Kevin S. Barnhardt, seconded by Mark C. Scott, all voted unanimously to approve the Access Agreement as Resolution No. 72.12.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERSCommissioner BarnhardtCommissioner ScottCommissioner Leinbach

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Robert R. Kreitz, Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Area Agency on Aging for a two (2) year term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Commissioner Leinbach requested from the floor to add the appointment of Patricia C. Giles of Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Area Agency on Aging for a two (2) year terms expiring December 31, 2013 to the voting meeting Thursday.

Commissioner Leinbach commented on the prevailing wage issue and the challenge and tensions that occur on the various viewpoints of government. Commissioner Scott offered his comments of the prevailing wage issue and the State Ethics Commission law.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:04 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk