

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, March 6, 2012**

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

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 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 Vice Chair Kevin S. Barnhardt called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Chair Christian Y. Leinbach was attending the NACo conference in Washington, D.C. Also present were County Solicitor Alan S. Miller and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Barnhardt 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 Thursday, March 1, 2012 to discuss legal issues and Friday, March 2, 2012 for an interview for library director.

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

#### **Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$4,643,568.00, 2011 Appropriations in the amount of \$107,627.00, 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$310,830.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount \$1,146,515.00 per listing dated March 2, 2012. Commissioner Barnhardt commented on the Budget items listed for today. Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, commented that the sizable transfers for 2011 were cleanup and proper recording of grants; HealthChoices, and #12 was for appropriating fund balances for purchase orders that were approved 2011 and received in 2012. Commissioner Barnhardt asked Mr. Patrizio to comment on the current bond rating of the County. Mr. Patrizio commented that the current bond rating is AA+ and gave a brief update to the Commissioners of what has kept the County's rating so high.

#### **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 March 5, 2012. Commissioner Barnhardt reviewed the contracts listed for today.

#### **Emergency Management**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Access Easement Agreement between James W. Heeps and the County of Berks for property situate in Longswamp Township for a tower site in regard to the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project.

**Library System**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution by Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, of the Certification of Estimated Costs for Pennsylvania Public Library Local Effort Credit, Office of Commonwealth Libraries – State Aid Unit for calendar year 2011. Certification is required to be submitted annually in order to retain eligibility for state funding.

**III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS****Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt announced 2 important seminars that are open to the public. The first is scheduled Thursday, March 22, 2012 at Alvernia University and is titled Synthetic Drugs, Unstable and Dangerous: What You Need to Know, and the second is scheduled Friday, March 23, 2012 in the Berks County Services Center Auditorium, and will address synthetic drug use in the Berks County Community.

**Commissioner Scott****Commissioner Leinbach**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Douglas F. Didyoung, Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Municipal Authority for a five (5) year term to expire January 2, 2017.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Justin H. Istenes, Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Parks and Recreation Board for a four (4) year term to expire March 10, 2016.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Janine Galiano, Nevin Hallacher, Lori Barr and Donna Morganti attended the meeting to address the Board on BCCYS issues. Ms. Galiano spoke to the Commissioners about her experience involving Berks County Children and Youth Services and how the Agency handled the removal of her from her home and of her visitation rights with her children.

Mr. Hallacher spoke of his previous visit before the Board and updated the Commissioners on what has occurred since his last appearance before the Board. Ms. Barr commented on various hearings that Commissioner Leinbach has attended at their request. Ms. Barr provided the Board and Solicitor copies of a disc and documents relating to her allegations.

Ms. Morganti updated the Board on the status of a case she had previously brought before the Board of Commissioners.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk