

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes March 8, 2018

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 8, 2018, 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 County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, Chief Administrative Officer Ronald R. Seaman and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

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

Commissioner Leinbach began the meeting by addressing the Board's decision to close County offices yesterday. Commissioner Leinbach stated the decision was made Tuesday around 10:15 p.m., after all Berks County schools had been closed and all the weather reports were saying the same thing about conditions from Wednesday early afternoon until 7:00 p.m. In addition, the Governor had declared a State of Emergency from Interstate 81 North and South and all interstates east of that, and closed all state offices. Commissioner Leinbach believes based on all that information, and without question, the Board made the right decision. Commissioner Scott added besides employees reporting to work, there are jurors and other visitors who are required to be here to consider.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of March 1, 2018 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:
 - 71.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2017 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$29,957; 2017 Appropriations in the amount of \$888; 2018 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$151,178 and 2018 Appropriations in the amount of \$1,172,068 per listing dated March 5, 2018.
 - 72.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated March 8, 2018 as follows:
 1. Authorize the appointment of Zanna Leiendecker to PC011262 Law Clerk I – Court Administration, effective

3/21/2018. Rate of \$41,080/annually. Salary range Minimum \$40,078; Midpoint \$53,438; Maximum \$66,797. Replacement for Nina Friel who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11600.

2. Authorize \$250 uniform/clothing allowance for Lieutenants and Sergeants – Jail System, per attached listing, effective for the pay of 4/3/2018. Budget 10000 – 12090.

- 73.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the Drawings Authorizing Acquisition of the Right-of-Way as prepared by professional engineers with Dawood Engineering, Inc. and Prime AE Group, Inc. pertaining to parcels of land affected by the County Line Road a/k/a Burkey's Bridge (#74B) Superstructure Replacement Project in Washington Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.
- 74.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Berks County Workforce Development Board ("BWDB") and the Lancaster County Workforce Development Board ("LWDB") to provide monitoring and contracting services to LWDB from March 20, 2018 until June 30, 2019.
- 75.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Addendum No. 1 to the Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and Ted Jay Snover and Jacquelyn Snover, Temple, Pennsylvania, for premises located at 427 Water Street, Temple, used by Magisterial District Court 23-1-06, for a term commencing March 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 at a monthly rental of \$4,780.00.
- 76.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the JAG ("Justice Assistance Grant") Local Jurisdiction Waiver that is required to submit with the Application for funding through the current PCCD ("Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency") to promote the implementation of reentry programs and practices.
- 77.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Professional Services Agreement between Tomahawk Strategic Solutions LLC, Nashville, Tennessee, and the County of Berks to provide training services for jail staff at a not to exceed amount of \$54,000.

- 78.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Ronald R. Seaman, Chief Administrative Officer, to execute the Employer Plan Increase Form for the Central Pennsylvania Teamsters Health and Welfare Fund covering employees of the Berks County Jail System.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator per listing dated March 6, 2018. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are five contracts and referenced the departments.
 3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated March 6, 2018 for week ending March 7, 2018 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.

REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Patrizio was not present at this time.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mr. Seaman reported at today's Budget/Operations Meeting there will be a presentation on a request by Brian Gottschall for a potential new pager purchase; a report on Jail maintenance and A/B unit renovations, and an update on the Berks Heim RFP.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Referencing information currently circulating on Facebook regarding hydroponics and aeroponics, Commissioner Barnhardt mentioned Penn State Berks will shortly be submitting a strategic plan to look at potential sites in the 18th Ward and south of Penn Street area to possibly bring the concept of *aeroponics farming* to Reading. Commissioner Barnhardt thought this effort would offer both educational and nutritional opportunities and possibly support the local food service industry. Commissioner Barnhardt mentioned another exciting event happening at the Franklin Street Station this weekend is a new sitcom about rail service is being filmed at the Station.

Commissioner Scott

Following up on Commissioner Barnhardt's comments on urban gardening, Commissioner Scott talked about the importance of bringing back home economics in high school. It made sense, and was valuable and practical.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach reported he spent last Friday through Tuesday in Washington, D.C. at the NACo Conference. Commissioner Leinbach reported he offered a resolution requesting support from NACo to battle the Spotted Lanternfly. The Public Lands Committee approved the resolution unanimously, NACo unanimously passed the resolution, and it will now become part of the negotiations with the federal government relative to the Farm Bill. Commissioner Leinbach also met with staff from Senator Toomey's and Senator Casey's offices to discuss the Spotted Lanternfly and mental health in county jails.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Adrienne Blank, Main Street Manager for Building a Better Boyertown, David Beane, an attorney representing the group, and Boyertown Mayor Marianne Derry, along with a large group of supporters, attended the Commissioners' Meeting to express their frustration with truck traffic through the Borough of Boyertown associated with the Rolling Hills Landfill, operated and owned by the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority.

Mr. Beane talked about the damage the large volume of truck traffic, congestion and noise associated with the Landfill is creating on the Borough. Mr. Beane stated they do not oppose expansion of the Landfill, but strongly believe that any permit approval of the Landfill must include steps to alleviate much of the truck traffic through the main streets of the Borough, and encouraged the County, as a stakeholder, to offer support for use of local rail infrastructure in transporting ash from the Landfill.

Ms. Blank submitted letters from local officials, business owners and citizens and a Petition with 1,100 signatures asking the County for help in relieving the burden imposed on the Borough. Ms. Blank also suggested use of the Colebrookdale Railroad in transporting trash.

Mayor Deery asked the Board not to agree to the expansion. She would like to see the Landfill shut down completely.

Commissioner Leinbach and Commissioner Barnhardt stated they would support the will and majority of the residents of the Borough, but asked for a firm position before they make a decision.

Commissioner Scott favored supporting those who would like the landfill shut down.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk