

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes March 21, 2019**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Boardroom, 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.

### **PRESENTATION**

Pamela J. Shupp, Executive Vice President of the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance ("GRCA") and President of Greater Reading Economic Partnership ("GREP"), a division of GRCA, provided a quarterly update on economic development activity in Berks County, reporting so far 2019 has been a very busy time for economic development at the Chamber Alliance. Ms. Shupp reported GRCA continues to visit Berks County businesses and plans to leverage funds from *Engage*, a funding program offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development, to help bring new jobs and companies to Berks County and help existing businesses.

Ms. Shupp stated GRCA will visit 20 agri-businesses, 20 small businesses and 15 manufacturers this year, and is working with a new Pennsylvania initiative, Next Gen, that supports overall workforce development and economic development to businesses. Ms. Shupp reported the County is also on a short list for a plastics company that could bring in 100 advanced manufacturing jobs.

Ms. Shupp announced Meet Greater Reading, a new publication, will be out in the near future to assist new talent coming to Berks County.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of March 14, 2019 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Leinbach announced there were two Executive Sessions, March 14, 2019 dealing with personnel and March 20, 2019 dealing with personnel and litigation.

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Crystal Kowalski, Wyomissing, commented on Item 105.19, inquiring if the Vivitrol injections are elective or required.

Solicitor Sadler responded we are only in the grant application process, and nothing has been approved.

Commissioner Barnhardt added it would be voluntary and available to inmates currently on Vivitrol.

**Agenda Items**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the agenda as presented. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
  - 96.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2018 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$6,250 and 2019 Appropriations in the amount of \$90,400 per listing dated March 18, 2019.
  - 97.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated March 21, 2019 as follows:
    1. Authorize the utilization of a temporary agency for a Project Manager – Facilities and Operations, effective 3/22/2019. Rate not to exceed \$44.44/hour. Utilization of the temporary agency will cease when it is determined by the newly appointed Director of Facilities and Operations. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11030.
    2. Authorize the utilization of a temporary agency for an Office Support III – Facilities and Operations, effective 3/22/2019. Rate not to exceed \$24.00/hour. Utilization of the temporary agency will cease when it is determined by the newly appointed Director of Facilities and Operations. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11030.
  - 98.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a letter to the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation, Division of HAVA, requesting permission to dispose of equipment that was upgraded/purchased using HAVA dollars, and as a result of the directive from Governor Tom Wolf that all Pennsylvania counties must purchase new voting systems by the 2020 Spring Election.
  - 99.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Hazardous Material Emergency Response Preparedness Assessment Report Certifications for reporting year 2018.
  - 100.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Marisol L. Torres, Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Children & Youth Services Advisory Board for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2021.

- 101.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing Brian Gottschall, Director of Berks County Department of Emergency Services, to execute on behalf of Berks County, a Mutual Aid and Cooperation Agreement between Berks, Schuylkill, Montour, Northumberland, Columbia, Luzerne and Wyoming counties governing Berks County's participation in the East Central Pennsylvania Task Force, subject to final review and approval by the County Solicitor's Office.
- 102.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing Brian Gottschall, Director of Berks County Department of Emergency Services, to execute on behalf of Berks County, amended Grant Agreements for Fiscal Year 2016, 2017 and 2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program Agreements, subject to final review and approval by the County Solicitor's Office.
- 103.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Memorandum of Agreement between Berks, Columbia, Luzerne, Montour, Northumberland, Schuylkill, and Wyoming counties collectively, on behalf of the East Central Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force (ECTF) and Private Industry Council of the Central Corridor (PICCC, Inc.) that sets forth and formalizes the agreement of ECTF and PICCC for the provision of expected policies, procedures and services for the effective and efficient fiscal administration and operation of the ECTF.
- 104.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute Letter Amendment D to Agreement #057368 as drafted by the Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation which incorporates the costs related to bridge pilings and costs associated over winter time extension into the overall project encumbrance for the replacement of the Schaeffer Road Bridge, (Blandon Bridge - County Bridge #53A) in Maiden creek Township. As a result of this Amendment the costs reflected in Exhibit "AAAAA" and Paragraph 11 (b) will be increased from \$2,465,000 to \$2,796,660. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement and all previous amendments thereto, unless specifically revised by virtue of Amendment D, remain in full effect.
- 105.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Subgrant Application No. 30986 – Berks County Jail System Vivitrol Program, to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (“PCCD”). The Grant will be used by the Berks County Jail System (“Jail”) to provide Vivitrol to 228 inmates at the Jail three (3) days prior to release. Case management services will be provided to establish services and discharge plans. The Program is for a two

(2) year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021, and 100% funded by the State.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator per listing dated March 19, 2019. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are six contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion authorizing payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated March 19, 2019 for week ending March 20, 2019 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. County Controller Graffius was absent. The Controller's weekly report was presented by Commissioner Leinbach.

### **REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Mr. Patrizio was absent for his report. Mr. Seaman reported the meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. and there will be a discussion with the Sheriff and District Attorney regarding providing security services to schools; and several Facility project briefings from Doug Kenwood.

### **REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

None.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

#### **Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt reported he will be attending the CCAP Spring Conference in Harrisburg Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and there is a full schedule of workshops and meetings dealing with Election Reform, Human Services, Courts and Corrections and Behavioral Health Task Force. Commissioner Barnhardt reported he and Commissioner Leinbach will also be promoting Reading and Berks County, as Berks County is the site for this year's Annual CCAP Conference held the first weekend of August.

#### **Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott commented his last visit at the Heim he noticed mold on the outside of the facility, and reported as soon as weather permits the mold will be removed by pressure washing.

Commissioner Scott commented on the extremely positive news yesterday regarding the 3-1 vote by SEIU to approve a new tentative contract that would address the future of the Heim in a positive direction. Commissioner Scott remarked this is the kind of

compromise he envisioned last July when he suspended his support for the sale of the facility in favor of an effort to reach a compromise with the Unions. Commissioner Scott is extremely pleased and grateful to the members of SEIU, and is hopeful the second set of negotiations with UFCW is as successful.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach reported he also will be attending the CCAP Spring Conference and will participate in a variety of Board and committee meetings and workshops; highlighting one being a discussion of the reauthorization of 911, as the current law will sunset the end of June.

Commissioner Leinbach again encouraged everyone to download the new TestIT app created by NACo. Commissioner Leinbach stated the app is getting a lot of use throughout the country and the data obtained will be sent to the FCC to help improve better cell and broadband coverage.

Commissioner Leinbach thanked members of SEIU for their vote in supporting a new contract, it is a positive step.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS**

Berks County Clerk of Courts James Troutman commented on the use of Vivitrol and opioid/alcohol addiction.

Berks County Recorder of Deeds Fred Sheeler commented on the population comparison of the 17 counties that still have nursing homes.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk