

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes March 23, 2017**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 23, 2017, 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.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the March 13, 2017 Commissioners' Special Board Meeting and the March 16, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Leinbach announced there was an Executive Session yesterday, March 22, 2017 to discuss personnel.

### **Agenda Items**

1. Commissioner Leinbach recognized Peter Edelman, Esquire, bond counsel for Alvernia University ("University"), who is seeking the Board's approval of the issuance by the Municipal Authority of South Heidelberg Township of a tax exempt Revenue Note ("Note") in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, on behalf of the University. Mr. Edelman remarked the proceeds of the Note will be used to finance certain capital projects on the University's Campus, including a new stadium for the introduction of a Division III football program; a 100,000 square foot facility used for academics, wellness and community purposes and possibly a new dormitory. Mr. Edelman commented that in order to issue tax exempt debt, the authority needs the County's approval. Commissioner Leinbach stated that since this was added after the Agenda was published, he suggested amending the Agenda to include this item. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to amend the Agenda to include the approval of the Alvernia University Project. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve amending the Agenda. Commissioner Scott motioned to approve by resolution this Project as it is beneficial to the community. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt and all voted unanimously to approve the Project.  
  
101.17 Adopt a resolution of the Board of Commissioners approving the financing of a Project for Alvernia University by the Township of South Heidelberg, Berks County for among other things,

refunding of certain outstanding indebtedness of the University; the financing, refinancing and reimbursement of certain capital projects relating to the facilities, buildings and equipment of the University, including the design, acquisition, construction and installation of a Recreation, wellness and Health Sciences Complex and renovation and capital improvements to the University's Physical Education Center and design, acquisition, construction of a stadium for commencement of Division III football at the University, and it is further authorized and direct the Chair, or any other member of the Board to act on its behalf. The approval herein shall not in any way pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor shall the County be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on any obligations issued by the Authority.

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
  - 98.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2016 Appropriations in the amount of \$11,516; 2017 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$7,038 and 2017 Appropriations in the amount of \$(13,899) per listing dated March 20, 2017.
  - 99.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Court Interpreter Services Grant: Application for Language Access Reimbursable Costs for 2016 to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts ("AOPC") in the amount of \$359,827.73. Included in this reimbursement are costs related to on site interpretation (over ten different languages), deaf and hard of hearing services and telephonic interpretation at both the Common Pleas and Magisterial District Judge levels.
  - 100.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the License Agreement between the County of Berks and University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education for the University's Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center ("University") for use of the Berks County Children & Youth Services Training Room, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Services Center for classes conducted by the University to enhance the knowledge of BCCYS staff and staff from neighboring counties for a term ending June 30, 2017 at a \$40.00 per day use fee.
3. 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 21, 2017. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 6 contracts and referenced the departments.

4. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated March 21, 2017 for week ending March 22, 2017 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**

Robert J. Patrizio was not present at this time.

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

Ronald R. Seaman had nothing further to add.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Barnhardt announced tomorrow morning at 8:30 at the Gateway Building there will be a continuation of the ReadingBridges.net Committee meeting, to provide updates on the imminent reopening of the Buttonwood Street Bridge as well as the eventual lane restrictions on Penn Street Bridge.

Commissioner Barnhardt announced Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 10 a.m. until noon and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Reading City Hall there will be a presentation of some of the findings on the Mt. Penn Preserve survey.

Commissioner Barnhardt acknowledged the great efforts of the lady Boyertown Bears basketball team and the Reading High Red Knights basketball team in their quests for State basketball titles. Commissioner Barnhardt wished both teams the best of luck, and believes it will bring some real positive reinforcement to the City of Reading.

Commissioner Barnhardt reported he along with Commissioner Leinbach will be heading to CCAP ("County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania") on Sunday where the Behavioral Health Task Force committee will to continue to instruct and educate through training seminars other county commissioners and stakeholders on the Behavioral Health Task Force in hopes of continuing to move folks out of the criminal justice system to other treatment facilities.

Commissioner Scott had no additional comments.

Commissioner Leinbach reported that he will be heading to CCAP on Saturday; emphasizing participation in CCAP is a good opportunity to strengthen the voice and input of Berks County by being involved in the State Association. Commissioner Leinbach complimented Commissioner Barnhardt and Commissioner Hartwick of Dauphin County, co-chairs of the Behavioral Health Task Force, as their information on

this issue has been shared nationally with NACo members, and is hopeful there will soon be significant improvements in the system.

Commissioner Leinbach recognized Mary Buerer, his Executive Assistant, who was in the audience with some members of her family who are visiting from North Carolina. Mary introduced her daughter Amy, along with Amy's children Kenny, IV, Ava and Aubrey.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Berks County Controller Sandy Graffius thanked the Reading Eagle for publishing the website information regarding escheat records for 2014/2015. Ms. Graffius again urged anyone whose name appears on the list to call her office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk