

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes March 29, 2012**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 29, 2012, at 10:30 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 Mark C. Scott and Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller, Chief Operations Officer Carl E. Geffken 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 March 20, 2012 Commissioners' Workshop and March 22, 2012 Commissioners' meetings were approved as presented.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the items listed below. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, but recorded a NO vote to Item No. 1, the enactment of Ordinance No. 03-2012 as stated in his March 27, 2012 comments; and all voted unanimously to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda Items. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that he reluctantly supports the Ordinance, but does so with the assurance that a portion of fees collected be used for environmental purposes and the industry.

1. Enact Ordinance No. 03-2012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA, LEVYING AN IMPACT FEE ON UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELLS ESTABLISHED IN BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

2.
  - 100.12 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$20,000.00, 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$1,869,171.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount \$19,524.00 per listing dated March 23, 2012.
  - 101.12 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated March 27, 2012 as follows:
    1. Authorize the appointment of Denise Sticha to PC011281 Library System Administrator – Library Systems, effective

4/25/12. Rate of \$75,000/annually. Salary budgeted \$68,879/annually. Salary range Minimum \$49,509; Midpoint \$66,012; Maximum \$82,515. Replacement for Julia Rinehart who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 16050.

2. Authorize the transfer of Todd A. Mays, PC012530 Temporary Assistant District Attorney I to PC010141 Assistant District Attorney I – District Attorney, effective 3/21/12. Rate of \$44,000/annually. Salary budgeted \$47,508/annually. Salary range Minimum \$41,227; Midpoint \$54,969; Maximum \$68,711. Replacement for Douglas Rhoads who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11580.
  3. Authorize salary adjustments within the Budget Department as outlined in the attached document, effective 3/28/2012. Budget 10000 – 11400.
  4. Authorize salary increase for Anna Ferguson, PC011258 Law Clerk I - Court Administration, effective 4/4/12. Rate of \$39,914/annually. Current Rate \$38,081/annually. Salary Budgeted \$43,225/annually. The increase amount of \$1,833/annually is to provide compensation for the addition of video-arraignment duties. Change due to the recent separation of William Ahner who previously received the \$1,833 stipend for performing this function. Budget 10000 – 11600.
- 102.12 C. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Solicitor to advertise an ordinance concerning the approval by the County of Berks of a LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act) program for purposes of establishing tax exemptions from property tax for certain deteriorated industrial, commercial or other business properties in Bethel Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.
- 103.12 D. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution and submission of the Drawings in regard to the Acquisition of Right-of Way, as prepared by professional engineers Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc., pertaining to parcels of land affected by the Berne Station Bridge Replacement Project in Perry and Tilden Townships, Berks County, Pennsylvania, to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
- 104.12 E. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Application for Reimbursement for a County Recycling Coordinator to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of

Waste Management, for reimbursement of 50% of the salary, benefits and expenses paid to the Berks County Recycling Coordinator, to be in the estimated amount of \$45,000.00.

- 105.12 F. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Grant Agreement Signature Page for Phase 4-Antietam Lake Park at an estimated project cost of \$872,374.00. This is a 50/50 grant. The County will provide a match of \$436,187.00.
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 23, 2012.
4. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated March 27, 2012 for the week ending March 28, 2012.

### Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report. Mr. Long commented that he, his Solicitor Socrates Georgeadis and Stacy Phile, Tax Claim Bureau Manager, attended the Reading School Board Meeting this week. Mr. Long reported the School Board requested the County assist the School District in the collection of 1995 through 2005 delinquent School taxes, which total approximately \$2.2 million. Mr. Long commented that after a review by his office, he will inform the Commissioners of his findings and recommendations.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by Richard Miller, Manager of Auditing.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk