

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes April 2, 2015**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 2, 2015, 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 Solicitor Alan Miller, Chief Operating 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.

### **Presentations**

1. Commissioner Leinbach, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, presented a power point presentation to kick-off National County Government Month, which is celebrated across the State and the country and this year the focus is on "Counties Moving America Forward: The Keys are Transportation and Infrastructure", and is done in cooperation with the National Association of Counties and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. The presentation reported the schedule of events taking place during the month of April, who will be attending special events and public forums as well as some of the current issues Berks County is dealing with regarding infrastructure and transportation. The power point also included a You Tube video explaining some of the key issues County governments deal with as a result of legislation passed by the Federal and State governments. Commissioner Leinbach commented the power point presentation which includes the You Tube video is posted on the County home page.
  
2. Jane Meeks, Executive Director of the Berks County Solid Waste Authority (Authority), presented a power point presentation of the Authority's 2015 Annual Report. Ms. Meeks stated the Authority is charged with the development and implementation of the Solid Waste Plan and is required by law to review and amend the Solid Waste Plan every ten years. Ms. Meeks commented the Authority assists local municipalities with waste disposal and recycling, and provides a variety of specialty waste and recycling programs to the public at no cost. Ms. Meeks reported a highlight in 2014 was the approval of the Berks County Solid Waste Plan and secures adequate disposal for Berks County for the next ten years. Ms. Meeks commented that this presentation will be posted on the Authority's webpage.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 26, 2015 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:
  - 90.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2015 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$88,173.00 and 2015 Appropriations in the amount of \$580,894.00 per listing dated March 30, 2015.
  - 91.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Adult Probation Office's 2015-16 Intermediate Punishment Program through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) in the amount of \$518,205.00.
  - 92.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Juvenile Probation Victim/Witness Unit grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) in the amount of \$124,710.00 for July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016.
  - 93.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the Direct Registration Transaction Request Form to Computershare Trust Company in order to process receipt of two shares of stock as part of a bankruptcy settlement.
  - 94.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Temporary Construction Easement between the Borough of Wyomissing and the County of Berks for performance of work by the County on the Wyomissing Bridge over Wyomissing Boulevard.
  - 95.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities & Operations, to execute the General Reimbursement Agreement for Federal Aid Projects (No. R15050004) between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the County of Berks for the Hartz Mill Bridge Superstructure Replacement, County Bridge 38A, Caernarvon Township.

- 96.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities & Operations to execute the General Reimbursement Agreement for Federal Aid Projects (No. R15050003) between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the County of Berks for the Peach Street Bridge Replacement Project, County Bridge 10B, Kutztown Borough.
- 97.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities & Operations to execute the General Reimbursement Agreement for Federal Aid Projects (No. R15050005) between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the County of Berks for the County Line Road a/k/a Burkey's Bridge Replacement Project, County Bridge 74B, Washington Township.
- 98.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities & Operations to execute the General Reimbursement Agreement for Federal Aid Projects (No. R15050006) between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the County of Berks for the Fishers Mill Bridge Superstructure Replacement, County Bridge 34A, Amity Township.
- 99.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Edmond Doherty, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Office of Aging Advisory Council for a two (2) year term expiring March 31, 2017.
- 100.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing approval of the wire transfer in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Environmental Defense Fund to the Berks County Redevelopment Fund for the purchase of a 2.362 acre parcel of real estate known as the Boyertown Rail Yard, Boyertown, Berks County, Pennsylvania.
2. 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 31, 2015. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 10 contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated March 31, 2015 for week ending April 1, 2015 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 Deputy Controller Sandy Graffius.

### **REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

1. Carl E. Geffken reported next Tuesday will kick off review of the Security Assessment Report prepared by Burns McDonald, and the month of April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mr. Geffken reminded everyone the Commissioners' Meeting next week will be held at the Department of Emergency Services, Multi-Purpose Room at the Direct Link Facility.
2. Commissioner Leinbach reported there is no Budget Meeting this afternoon.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Barnhardt reported the Buttonwood Street Bridge Project is moving forward with pending closure of the Bridge occurring near the end of July. Commissioner Barnhardt commented the Reading Bridges group has created a new group called the Media Group and will consist of the newspapers, radio stations and television stations to help the group notify and inform the public of the work taking place over the next two years.

Commissioner Barnhardt recognized and congratulated Carl Geffken on his three year anniversary with the County of Berks commenting Carl has done an outstanding job for the County.

Commissioner Scott reported he had lunch at the Twin Turrets Inn in Boyertown recently and met with residents of the area, and some of the conversation focused on the success story of the Colebrookdale Spur Rail Line the County purchased in 2008. Commissioner Scott commented that Resolution 100-15 authorizing the transfer of \$250,000.00 from the County's Environmental Defense Fund to the Redevelopment Authority of Berks County is the last of the real estate that is essential to the operation of the Rail Line.

Commissioner Scott commented on the positive economic effect the Rail Line has created with the increase of tourists coming to the area and spending time shopping local businesses.

Commissioner Scott commented on a recent article in the Wall Street Journal which reported the only new bank to open in the United States since 2010 since the onerous Frank Dodd Law was passed and enacted was a bank in Lancaster County called the Bird-In-Hand Bank. Commissioner Scott again reminded the audience that at this time of year, when people are filling out tax forms to consider opening up an IRA for their children or grandchildren, but recommends seeking financial advice before doing so.

Commissioner Leinbach also commented on the transfer of the \$250,000.00 to the Redevelopment Authority adding the Authority will be maintaining ownership of that rail line and will not be moving it to the Trust.

Commissioner Leinbach commented on Saturday he participated in the annual Leon Kirkoff Agricultural Scholarship Fund Auction which raised just under \$2,600.00, to which he had contributed a few items.

Commissioner Leinbach congratulated Carl Geffken on his anniversary commenting Carl is an excellent addition to the team. Commissioner Leinbach wished Commissioner Barnhardt Happy Birthday, who is celebrating his birthday this coming Sunday.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk