

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, April 3, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. in the 13th floor Boardroom 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 Alan S. Miller, Chief Operations Officer Carl E. Geffken and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and announced that the Board met in executive session Monday, April 2, 2012 to discuss union negotiations.

II. PRESENTATION

Commissioner Leinbach announced that the month of April 2012 is observed as National County Government month. It is celebrated each April to recognize all that County Governments do across the United States. The focus this year is "Healthy Counties, Health Families". Commissioner Leinbach mentioned that some of the County departments that work in this field are Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities and Children and Youth Services.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$52,269.00 and 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$886,338.00 per listing dated March 30, 2012. Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer commented that the 2011 transfers relate to the Miller Environmental invoice for management of the Sewage Treatment Plant for the period July to December 2011, and the majority of the 2012 transfers are for better grant accounting. Mr. Patrizio commented that the 2012 appropriations are net to zero, and are where the funding sources are being changed for specific 2012 projects.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated April 3, 2012. Commissioners Leinbach commented on the 3 items listed and that all of these were reviewed and meet the criteria of hiring policy and budget.

Purchasing

- A. 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 30, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reviewed the 7 contracts listed today.

MH/DD

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the revised FY 10/11 Mental Retardation Income and Expenditure Report and revised FY 10/11 Mental Health Income Expenditure Report. The revisions are due to an increase in the Costs Eligible for DPW Participation in the amount of \$66,737.00, and the subsequent decrease to Balance of Funds and Total Fund Balance of \$66,737.00. Dr. Edward Michalik commented that this is a routine end of the year house cleaning report and will close the books for that year. Commissioner Leinbach announced that Wolfgang Hrabyk, Deputy Administrator of MH/DD, has been appointed by the Governor to the Board of the Hamburg Center and congratulated Mr. Hrabyk.

Emergency Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Subordination, Non-Disturbance and Attornment Agreement with Bruce Moll and National Penn Bank, Mortgagee, regarding the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project-Bally Site.

Court Administration

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and Robert J. Marrella and John M. Reshetar for office space used by MDJ Timothy Dougherty (23-2-02) and located at 401 Walnut Street, West Reading, Pennsylvania, for a five (5) year term commencing April 1, 2012 and ending March 31, 2017.

Parks Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Agreement for Signage Installation between the County of Berks and the City of Reading for purposes of allowing installation by the City of Reading of two (2) safety warning signs at Stonecliff Park, Reading, Pennsylvania.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the NACo Prescription Discount Card Program, Rider 1, Transaction Revenue Sharing Fee Agreement between NACo Caremark PCS Health, L.L.C., and the County of Berks for a five (5) year term ending December 31, 2016. Alan Miller, County Solicitor commented that this Agreement is acceptable, and believes that the

County will recoup some revenue that will help offset some of the membership fee to NACo. Commissioner Leinbach commented this version of the Program is only available this year (2012). Commissioner Leinbach further commented that since the inception of the program in 2007, Berks County citizens that utilized the program have saved over \$600,000 on prescriptions. Commissioner Scott addressed the Chair and inquired if the County has received solicitations for other Discount Cards that claim to have better discount benefits, and wondered if we have looked into them. Commissioner Leinbach commented that there are two other companies, Coast to Coast and Proact. Commissioner Leinbach further commented that these 2 organizations have pitched to NACo and the County, and explained what sets them apart from Caremark. Commissioner Leinbach commented that an extensive discussion was held on this topic at the National NACO conference, and NACo paid for a study, and it was determined that the programs are all very similar, but Caremark is one of the largest Prescription Discount Card Programs and has been around the longest.

- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing closure of the Berks County Youth Detention Center on or about sixty (60) days from April 3, 2012; further authorizing the Solicitor's Office and Human Resources Department to finalize the Closing Agreement between the County of Berks and AFSCME, District Council 13, Local 462; and authorizing execution of such agreement upon finalization.

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott offered suggestions on the advantages of establishing personal retirement accounts and in particular starting one for your children, and that the earlier you start the better off you will be.

Commissioner Leinbach

Citizen Comment from the Floor

Donna Morganti, Nevin Hallacher, Kim Bogan and Denise Eckert attended the meeting. Before their comments, Commissioner Leinbach advised the group that in the interest of time there was a policy adopted in 2008 and each individual will be allowed 5 minutes each to speak.

Donna Morganti commented that a few weeks ago she was in a spoke about a child supervising agency. Ms. Morganti further commented that Mary Buerer had done some research and Ms. Morganti believes that Ms. Mary was lied to about the information she received. Ms. Morganti also inquired on how to obtain Dependency transcripts. Commissioner Leinbach recommended Ms. Morganti must go through the Courts for the transcripts or to file a Right To Know request.

Nevin Hallacher commented on the JS case and the opinion of Judge Schmehl.

Kim Bogan commented on her seven children that are in foster care.

Denise Eckert commented on the removal of a child from her home.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk