

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes April 12, 2012

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 12, 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 First Assistant County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, 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 April 3, 2012 Commissioners' Workshop and April 5, 2012 Commissioners' Board Meetings were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

1. Enact Ordinance No. 04-2012

LERTA ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM PROPERTY TAX FOR CERTAIN DETERIORATED INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, OR OTHER BUSINESS PROPERTY; DEFINING ELIGIBLE DETERIORATED AREAS, SETTING AN EXEMPTION SCHEDULE; AND PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING AN EXEMPTION.

Commissioner Leinbach commented this concerns the Bethel Park 78 property.

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

- 115.12 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated April 10, 2012 as follows:
 1. Authorize the appointment of Karen Barsoum to PC011066 Executive Assistant – Commissioners, effective 4/25/2012. Rate of \$44,000/annually. Salary budgeted \$38,096/annually. Salary range Minimum \$31,713; Midpoint \$42,285; Maximum \$52,856. Replacement for Nellie Cruz who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11010.
- 116.12 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute an agreement between the County of Berks and Berks

Connections/Pretrial Services for \$11,934.00 as part of the PCCD Sub grant No. 23350 for a term beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

- 117.12 C. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Easement Agreement with the Borough of Kutztown, regarding the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project-Kutztown Tower Site.
 - 118.12 D. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an Agreement between the County of Berks, Adult Probation Department, and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole for the Supervision Fund I.D. No.: 06-12/17-CP Grant for the period July 1, 2102 through June 30, 2017, which will return to the County the pecuniary amount of funds equal to the County supervision fees received by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Revenue from the County.
 - 119.12 E. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an Agreement between the County of Berks, Adult Probation Department, and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole for Grant-In-Aid Funds I.D. No.: 06-12/17-CP for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017. Said funds provide additional probation staff for pre-sentence investigations and for improved probation supervision and programs.
 - 120.12 F. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the revised Grant-In-Aid reports from FY 2005 through FY 2011 for Improved Adult Probation Service to the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.
2. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated April 10, 2012 for the week ending April 11, 2012.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA did not attend the meeting, but submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report which was read by Commissioner Chair Leinbach.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by County Controller Sandy Graffius.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that he received a letter from Jennifer Smilko of the Library Board thanking the Prison staff and inmates for the help the Prison provided for the recent move of the Book Bonanza from the old Berks Heim to the Vanity Fair Outlet.

Commissioner Scott asked the Board to consider alternates to the protracted meetings due to the frequent number of members of the public that attend the meetings. The Commissioners held a discussion on some alternatives or other outlets where these groups could air their concerns with County departments. No formal decision was reached.

Commissioner Leinbach commented that Henry Bohn, a long-standing member of the Berks County Conservation District, who had not been well but still continued to come to meetings, passed away this week. Commissioner Leinbach commented that Mr. Bohn won the Chairman's Choice award this year for his years of service to the Conservation District, and was the number one ticket seller for the Annual Dinner.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk