

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes April 16, 2015

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 16, 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. Lisa A. Siciliano, Esquire, opened by congratulating Commissioner Leinbach on receiving the 2015 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence yesterday in Harrisburg.
Ms. Siciliano commented that as a member of the Law Day Committee of the Berks County Bar Association, she is here today to announce that on April 30, 2015 the Berks County Bar Association will be celebrating Law Day at a luncheon at the Crowne Plaza, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania. Ms. Siciliano commented that Law Day is an annual event conceived in 1957 to mark the commitment to the rule of law, and in 1961 the U.S. Congress designated May 1 as Law Day. Ms. Siciliano commented that as 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, the theme this year is "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law".
2. Frederick Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds, presented information on a recently completed joint project between the Recorder of Deeds Office and the Berks County Planning Commission. Mr. Sheeler reported that his office staff worked with members of the Berks County Planning Commission, Jamie Passon and Michelle Franklin, and scanned all subdivision files of the Planning Commission. Mr. Sheeler mentioned that the Recorder of Deeds computer system has the capability to store large amounts of data. Mr. Sheeler commented this is a good example of cooperation between County departments. Mr. Sheeler stated this process will cut down on physical storage space for paper and this information is now available on the Recorder of Deeds website.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 9, 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:
 - 104.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2014 Appropriations in the amount of \$160,744.00, 2015 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$27,622.00 and 2015 Appropriations in the amount of \$476,354.00 per listing dated April 13, 2015.
 - 105.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated April 16, 2015 as follows:
 1. Authorize the appointment of Megan Noll to PC013098 Tax Claim Manager – Tax Claim Department, effective 4/29/2015. Rate of \$39,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$36,114; Midpoint \$48,152; Maximum \$60,190. New position created by Salary Board on 1/5/2015. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11110.
 - 106.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities & Operations, to electronically provide the PA Department of Transportation with the County's concurrence in awarding the contract for construction on the Buttonwood Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project to J.D. Eckman, Inc., 4781 Lower Valley Road, Atglen, PA 19310 in the amount of \$11,733,672.05.
 - 107.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities & Operations, to execute Change Order No. 28 to the Gordon H. Bayer, Inc. AIA-147529-13 Agreement in the amount of \$64,495.00. This Change Order is to furnish supervision, general conditions, meeting attendance and equipment costs as required by the contract documents for an additional two hundred twenty-one (221) days through the revised completion date of August 31, 2015. This Change Order has been reviewed and endorsed by the Architect and Construction Manager, and is regarding the Jail Project.
 - 108.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute Change Order No. 01-30 to the Pyramid Network Services, LLC AIA Agreement in the amount of \$250,000.00. This Change Order is an administrative function, and ratifies and confirms Amendment No. 1 dated October 24, 2013 to the AIA Agreement which provided a lump sum additional compensation for costs relating to the extension of the Project schedule, and is regarding the Public Safety Radio Project.

2. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated April 14, 2015 for week ending April 15, 2015 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

Commissioner Leinbach reported there were no contracts submitted for execution this week.

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.

REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Carl E. Geffken reported that the 911 funding bill is now in committee.
2. Robert J. Patrizio reported that the Commissioners will receive an update on E-filing in the Prothonotary's Office and will receive select financial information.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt congratulated Commissioner Leinbach for receiving the Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence yesterday. Commissioner Barnhardt reminded the public regarding the need for poll workers on Election Day, and if interested, contact Debbie Olivieri, Director of Election Services. Commissioner Barnhardt mentioned he just found out late yesterday that Governor Wolfe will be at Deka/East Penn Manufacturing this afternoon at 2:00 for a tour of the facility, and he will be attending.

Commissioner Scott congratulated Commissioner Leinbach on his award.

Commissioner Leinbach commented that this week and last week there are two extremely historical anniversaries. Commissioner Leinbach commented last week was the 150th Anniversary of the end of the Civil War with the surrender at Appomattox, and April 14th was the 150th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln being shot, although it wasn't until April 15th President Lincoln died.

Commissioner Leinbach noted that April is celebrated as Child Abuse Awareness Month and it was a privilege of judging the Art Show this morning, which was put together cooperatively with the Goggleworks. Commissioner Leinbach mentioned the Best of Show Award went to Joe Szimhart for his piece titled "Trust". Commissioner Leinbach complimented the entire staff of Children & Youth Services, as that department is one of the most difficult County departments to work in.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk