

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, April 24, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 24, 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. Commissioner Leinbach announced that today is Primary Election Day.

II. PRESENTATION

Dale Derr, Director of Berks County Department of Veterans Affairs, announced that the Department of Veterans' Affairs is ready to roll out the Veterans Identification Card program. Mr. Derr commented that after the veteran takes his or her retirement or discharge from the military service to the Berks County Recorder of Deeds for filing, and as an incentive for filing the discharge papers, the Sheriff's Office will produce a photo ID card, which can be used as various businesses throughout Berks County. Mr. Derr also commented that Berks County is one of three Counties in eastern Pennsylvania to offer this program. Frederick Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds, commented that the Recorder of Deeds offices across the State have maintained the records of military discharges since the end of WWI. All discharged veterans are encouraged to immediately record their discharge documents. Commissioner Barnhardt questioned if this ID can be used for voter ID. Mr. Sheeler does not believe it technically meets the requirements because there is not an expiration date. Eric Weaknecht, Berks County Sheriff, explained the process the veteran must go through to obtain their photo ID. Commissioner Leinbach complimented all 3 departments on their implementation of this program.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$121,394.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount \$432,606.00 per listing dated April 20, 2012.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer jointly to determine the time of payment of the remainder of the ARC Payment in the amount of \$7,416,227.00 based upon the advice of the

Retirement Fund Investment Advisor, provided that such payments(s) shall be made in its/their entirety on or before December 31, 2012.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations per list dated April 24, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach commented on the two items being recommended.

Facilities

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Engineering Services Agreement No. 134081-12 between the County of Berks and Stackhouse Bensinger, Inc., Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, to provide design and engineering services for the Berks County Veterans Affairs Office in a not to exceed amount of \$3,950.00. Commissioner Leinbach clarified that these services are for curb cuts to comply with ADA requirements.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the AIA C132 Agreement between the County of Berks and Timothy Haahs & Associates, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, to provide construction management services for the Services Center Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project at a fixed fee of \$68,750.00.

Emergency Management

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Change Order No. 005 to Agreement No. 10-23185/CR with Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$84,485.00 for Project Implementation Changes and \$55,428.00 for Years 1 through 10 Maintenance and Support Changes in regard to the Berks County 700 MHz Project Public Safety Radio Network.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Access Easement Agreements in regard to the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project (in lieu of condemnation) as follows:
1. The Hamburg Municipal Authority
 2. Kris Alan Guitas
 3. Redevelopment Authority of Berks County
 4. Floyd Wetzel
 5. James Heeps
 6. Thomas J. Biehn and Cindy S. Biehn
 7. Clayton R. Ingram
 8. Richard Hoffman, Merris Ann Hoffman, Timothy Richard Hoffman, Cynthia Ann Aston, & Gregg W. Hoffman
 9. Timothy A. Moose and Jo Anne Moose
 10. The Borough of Kutztown
 11. The City of Reading
- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the revised Berks County Emergency Operations Plan dated April 26, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach

commented that the Plan was previously made available to the Board and COO for review.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Amendment to Water Supply Agreement between the County of Berks and Bern Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) for water services supplied by BTMA to Berks County North Campus facilities. Alan S. Miller, County Solicitor, commented this is an amendment to the original Agreement of January 2010 for water service to facilities at the North Campus.

BARTA

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$438,609.00 for the express purpose of matching Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority's (BARTA) State Assistance funding for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, which is a 5% increase over last year.

Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Edward B. Michalik, MH/DD Administrator, to accept the capitation rates offered by the Department of Public Welfare for the Health Choices Program in Berks County for the July 2012 through June 2013 Fiscal Year as outlined in Appendix 3 attached hereto.

Adult Probation

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute and submit an Intermediate Punishment Plan in accordance with Act 200-41 to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, pursuant to the 2012-2012 grant funding cycle.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the Subgrant No. DA-ST-23316 by and between the County of Berks (Adult Probation) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency with respect to funding in the amount of \$245,352.00 for "Phase II-Restrictive Intermediate Punishment (RIP)- Level 3 & 4" covering the period July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. Nancy Xavios, Chief Adult Probation Officer, commented this is a pass through grant to the Council on Chemical Abuse.
- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the Continuation of Subgrant No., 23358 by and between the County of Berks (Adult Probation) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) with respect to funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 for "Phase I –RIP Level 2 & 3 Offenders" covering the period July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. Nancy Xavios, Chief Adult Probation Officer, commented this grant started in 1993 and the County has always

been given a certain allocation. This year it is a competitive bid and a cap on the amount was put in place by the PCCD.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution approving the financing by the Berks County Municipal Authority of a project for the benefit of Phoebe Berks Health Care Center, Inc., which project consists, generally, of the refunding of certain outstanding debt of Phoebe Berks Health Care Center, Inc., declaring that it is desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the area served by Phoebe Berks Health Care Center, Inc. for the Authority to participate in the financing of the project; authorizing the approval of the project for federal internal revenue code purposes; and authorizing other necessary and appropriate action. Peter Edelman, Esq., of Stevens & Lee, bond counsel, introduced Scott Stevenson, President and CEO of Phoebe Berks, and commented this is the bond approval process by the Berks County Municipal Authority. These bonds are being refinanced because of today's low interest rates. Commissioner Leinbach commented that Phoebe Berks has an excellent reputation in Berks County.

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that today is Primary Election Day and it is very important for everyone to get out and vote. Commissioner Barnhardt further commented on some of the extensive and very important duties of the Election Services Department and commended the Election Services workers.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott echoed the comments of Commissioner Barnhardt regarding Primary Election Day and praised the Election Services for all the work they do.

Commissioner Scott also commented on the County's contribution to BARTA and that it seems to be increasing gradually every year. Commissioner Barnhardt responded that he believes the State is looking for the local match to equate to 20% of the cost.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach commented on the tremendous work Election Services does and spoke of the importance of the Primary Election.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:02 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk