

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, May 1, 2012**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 1, 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 Mark C. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Barnhardt was out of town and did not attend the meeting. Also present were County Solicitor Alan S. Miller, Chief Operating 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 April 27, 2012 to discuss personnel issues.

### **II. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Commissioner Leinbach presented and read a Proclamation to representatives of Walk-Bike-Berks observing May as Walk-Bike to Work month. Commissioner Leinbach commented on a recent law passed requiring a 4-foot cushion when passing cyclists on the road. Appearing on behalf of Walk-Bike-Berks was Emily Weidner and Michele Barrett. Ms. Barrett commented further on the new 4-foot cushion law. Ms. Barrett asked the community to be patient and cooperate with bike riders.
2. Mary Ann Zerkowski, President of Berks County Association of School Retirees (BCASR), presented a symbolic check in the amount of \$5,034,044 symbolizing about 236,000 volunteer hours performed by public school retirees. Ms. Zerkowski commented on the numerous community services BCASR provides. The Association has approximately 1400 members representing all levels of educational personnel who worked for the 18 Berks County School Districts. Mr. Tom Schmoyer, a past president of the Association, commented that BCASR supports the Keystone Soldiers and Berks Enduring Freedom. Mr. Schmoyer discussed the "sock hat" program BCASR is currently involved in, which sends hats to the soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.
3. Jane Meeks, Executive Director of the Berks County Solid Waste Authority, updated the Commissioners on the Authority's 2012 Spring Collection events. Ms. Meeks reported there was approximately 451,000 pounds of material collected, which marked a 62% increase over 2011. Ms. Meeks thanked Berks County residents for making this collection very successful.

**III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:****Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Appropriations in the amount of \$391,344.00 and 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$1,137,790.00 per listing dated April 27, 2012. Robert Patrizio commented on the one 2012 transfer, which changes the account code structure for Employment and Training to accommodate their State reporting system through the County's Oracle system.

**Purchasing**

- A. Motion authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per the revised listing dated April 30, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reviewed the 12 contracts.

**Emergency Management**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the First Amendment to Tower and Ground Space (Sub)Lease between Horvath Towers II, LLC, and the County of Berks which amends the drawing and specification set forth in Exhibit B of the Lease Agreement dated December 22, 2011 in regard to the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project-Alsace/Horvath Site.

**Facilities**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Supplemental General Reimbursement Agreement for Federal Aid Projects (No. 057008-A) between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the County of Berks for the Buttonwood Street Bridge Project in the City of Reading and the Borough of West Reading. This supplement authorizes revisions to certain Commonwealth contract clauses and provides the terms and guidelines that govern reimbursement for additional design services.

**Berks County Industrial Development Authority**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County of Berks' consent and reaffirmation of its obligations concerning a Conveyance, Easement and Maintenance Agreement between the Berks County Industrial Development Authority, owner of certain property in Bethel Township ("Berks Park 78) and Martha A. Klahr. Michael Setley, Esq., BCIDA Solicitor, commented this both a simple and arcane procedure to join in conveying 4 parcels of the Berks Park 78 property that run through the Industrial Park and Authority property. Conveying the four parcels to the adjoining landowners will further encourage industrial development.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS****Commissioner Barnhardt****Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott reported he attended a CCAP meeting yesterday. Commissioner Scott commented he is on the Deferred Compensation Committee, which is specifically looking at supplemental retirement options that are provided through sponsorship of CCAP. Commissioner Scott mentioned that several hundred employees participate in the deferred compensation program, and that it is a wise thing to do. Commissioner Scott further commented that it provides supplemental income and is similar to a 401K.

**Commissioner Leinbach**

Commissioner Leinbach commented that yesterday marked the completion of 8 years of service in the U.S. Airforce for his son Matthew, and was his last day in the Airforce. Matthew will be signing up for a National Guard Unit and completing his schooling. Commissioner Leinbach is very proud of him.

**V. Comments from the Floor**

Berks County Recorder of Deeds Frederick Sheeler updated the Commissioners on the Veterans ID Card Program. Mr. Sheeler commented that last Wednesday through Friday, each day his office recorded more discharges than they have recorded daily since WWII. Mr. Sheeler further announced that Berks County will be hosting the Pennsylvania Recorder of Deeds Conference this year, and at the conclusion of the conference, the Association will be holding a benefit Swing Dance for the Keystone Wounded Warriors at the Sunnybrook Ballroom.

Donna Morganti attended the meeting and addressed the Board on certain regulations she claims CYS is violating.

Lori Barr attended the meeting and commented on a paper she found posted on a board on the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor of Berks County Children and Youth Services. Ms. Barr proceeded on reading the contents of the paper. Solicitor Alan Miller asked for a copy of the paper and will look into the matter.

Janine Galiano attended the meeting and commented she is a survivor of CYS and the reason she is involved in CYS is because of the things Lori Barr read about in the paper she just presented to the Commissioners.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk