

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes May 2, 2013

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 2, 2013, 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, and announced the Board met in Executive Session Wednesday, May 1, 2013 to discuss litigation involving the radio towers.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 25, 2013 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the Agenda as presented. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 123.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2013 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$90,072.00 and 2013 Appropriations in the amount of \$233,630.00 per listing dated April 29, 2013.
 - 124.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated May 2, 2013 as follows:
 1. Authorize the utilization of a temporary agency for the Sheriff's Department, effective 5/6/13. Rate not to exceed \$32.04/hr. Utilization of the temporary agency will cease when the Fiscal Officer position is filled. This request was reviewed and has met the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11510.
 2. Authorize the appointment of Brian S. Kulp to PC0012921 Temporary Assistant District Attorney I – District Attorney, effective 5/8/13. Rate of \$44,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$41,227; Midpoint \$54,969; Maximum \$68,711. Temporary assignment will cease when the Supervising Attorney

position is filled. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11580.

- 125.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Engineering Services Agreement with McCormick Taylor, Inc., Exton, Pennsylvania, to provide engineering design and construction consultation services for the repair of Kutz Mill Bridge, Greenwich Township at a not to exceed amount of \$37,161.45.
 - 126.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the State Fiscal Year 2013-2014 HMRF (Hazardous Materials Response Fund) Grant Authorization. This is the annual Grant request and will allow the Berks County Special Operations Group to maintain and upgrade its response capability, and additionally, allow for continued operation and improvement of the Berks County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).
 - 127.13 Adopt a resolution ratifying and confirming the execution of the Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and the Mohnton Fish and Game Protective Association for land located in Cumru Township in regard to the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project.
 - 128.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Stipulation of Settlement with the Longswamp Township Zoning Hearing Board and the Longswamp Township Board of Supervisors which finalizes the Zoning and Conditional Use proceedings with respect to the County's proposed radio site in the Township.
 - 129.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Tower and Ground Space (Sub) Lease Agreement between Sunoco Pipeline L.P. (SPLP) and the County of Berks for the Wayne Township, Schuylkill County tower site in regard to the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project.
2. Motion authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated April 29, 2013. Commissioner Leinbach stated there were 8 contracts listed and referenced the departments.
 3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated April 30, 2013 for the week ending May 1, 2013.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.

2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by County Controller Sandy Graffius. Ms. Graffius announced that her First Deputy Ronald Rutkowski, was in Virginia last week to receive his Manager of Accounts Payable Certificate.

REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Carl E. Geffken had no comments today.
2. Robert J. Patrizio reported there is no Budget Meeting today.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt reported that he and Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities and Operations, will be attending a meeting with Ontelaunee Township officials to further discuss Wiley's Bridge and offer alternate ideas for the Township Supervisors to review. Commissioner Barnhardt announced the County was successful in acquiring a small parcel of land at the Antietam Lake Park more commonly known as the "Toe of Dam" and is considered to be wetlands. Commissioner Barnhardt commented the land is being donated by John Evans who had acquired the property from Mrs. Grebe. Commissioner Barnhardt stated that Mr. Evans also has some photographs of the Park and Dam from the 1920s and will be donating them to the County.

Commissioner Scott commented that with respect to the Wiley's Bridge renovations, the options were thoroughly discussed at the publicly advertised Budget Meeting held last week.

Commissioner Leinbach commented on a bus trip to Washington, D.C., he attended Saturday with a group called Homefront Guys and Gals, who put together a tour of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the WWII Memorial for World War II veterans. Commissioner Leinbach commented it was an amazing day and shared some of the highlights of the day. Commissioner Leinbach announced that this past Tuesday, at the invitation of the Bradford County Board of Commissioners, he, his Executive Assistant Mary Buerer, Carl Geffken, his Executive Assistant Karen Barsoum and Dan Gregg, Conservation District Director, traveled to Bradford County to see firsthand the impact of the Marcellus Shale project. Commissioner Leinbach commented that overall he was very impressed with how Bradford County has handled the industry. Commissioner Leinbach reported they observed the drilling and fracking process. Commissioner Leinbach further commented that because of the process used, a majority of the wells are not very visible. Commissioner Leinbach also commented that the Bradford County Conservation District stated they have no concerns over the fracking process, and that fracking is one of the most regulated industries around.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk