

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes May 24, 2018

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Boardroom, 13th floor of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

Commissioner Vice Chair Kevin S. Barnhardt called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Leinbach was attending the Annual NACo Board Conference in Idaho. Also present were Assistant County Solicitor Paul Bradshaw, Chief Administrative Officer Ronald R. Seaman and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

Commissioner Barnhardt opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Legal Notice published May 3, 2018 in the Reading Eagle, a Public Hearing was held for approval of the Human Services Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 for Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities.

- 143.18 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Appendix A, Fiscal Year 2018-2019 County Human Services Plan Assurance of Compliance form.

Dr. Edward B. Michalik, Berks County Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Program Administrator Dr. Michalik reported this is the second and final public hearing, and provided a short PowerPoint presentation on how and where the funds are used and spent.

Dr. Michalik mentioned Berks County was the first of seven initial pilot counties to participate in the Block Grant program in 2012, and today there are 36 counties participating, with five more to join. Dr. Michalik commented the Block Grant program allow counties to take unspent money and use it the next year, allowing more people to be assisted and to provide more services.

Stanley J. Papademetriou, Executive Director of Council on Chemical Abuse, commented Human Service Block Grant funds have allowed the creation of important new initiatives and treatment programs, and the collaboration and cooperation between COCA and their partners. Mr. Papademetriou cited the Warm Handoff Program between the Reading Hospital and TASC ("Treatment Access & Services Center"), that now functions as a 24/7 operation, as a program that he believes is making a difference. Mr. Papademetriou reported over 1,028 people have been touched by this program, with a majority admitted to some sort of follow-up program.

Deputy Warden Stephanie Smith talked about the peer support program offered at the Jail that offers individual and group peer support services to help inmates cope with mental health issues.

Commissioner Barnhardt commented the presentation was very enlightening and insightful, and it is interesting to see what efforts are being made in Berks County.

Commissioner Scott was concerned about what he sees as an increasing presence of homelessness in Berks County, and asked if Dr. Michalik knew what might be the root cause. Dr. Michalik wasn't able to pinpoint the root cause, but thought maybe the trend of de-stigmatization of mental illness and the ability to talk about it more openly is a reason.

Molly Sanders, a Guardian Ad Litem representing children in Berks County Children & Youth Services, questioned what age would the Diversion Program start. Dr. Michalik explained the Diversion Program is for adults; the Early Intervention Program is for children as early as birth.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 17, 2018 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 144.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2018 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$2,331,946 and 2018 Appropriations in the amount of \$1,903,770 per listing dated May 21, 2018.
 - 145.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Kevin S. Barnhardt, Vice Chair, execution of the 2018-2019 Renewal Quotation to PCoRP (Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool, a program of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania), the Special Risk Accident Coverage for County and County-Related Entity Volunteers, and Excess Crime coverage with Travelers Insurance, as presented by Engle-Hambright & Davies, Inc. ("EH&D"). This includes the appropriate quarterly compensation agreement presented by EH&D, who charges a discounted fee in lieu of accepting carrier commissions.
Michael Malinowski, EH&D, reported beginning in January he meets with Mr. Patrizio to start the application process and to analyze the market place to determine what will be a most viable renewal option for the County. Mr. Malinowski commented the County's partnership with CCAP and their PCoRP program has been very successful, and this year the County's premium was

13% under budget and 7% under the expiring premium, and the County received the maximum risk management and loss control allowance, one of only a few counties to receive the full discount.

- 146.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated May 24, 2018 as follows:
1. Authorize the promotion of Jeffrey Weidner, PC012864 Telecommunicator to PC012434 Technical Services Manager – Department of Emergency Services, effective 5/30/2018. Rate of \$63,400/annually. Salary range Minimum \$58,280; Midpoint \$77,706; Maximum \$97,133. Replacement for Antonio Flores who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 51100 – 36010.
- 147.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Kevin S. Barnhardt, Vice Chair, execution of the Service Agreement with Aging Well, PA, LLC, allowing the Berks County Area Agency on Aging to perform level of care assessments on individuals located in Berks County.
- 148.18 Adopt a resolution approving the attached Fee Schedule, effective July 1, 2018, used by the Berks County Planning Commission for subdivision and land development reviews as authorized by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and Berks County Ordinance No. 01-2014.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator per listing dated May 22, 2018. Commissioner Barnhardt reported there are 16 contracts and referenced the departments.
 3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated May 22, 2018 for week ending May 23, 2018 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

Reports

1. County Treasurer A. Dennis Adams, CPA, was absent. Commissioner Barnhardt gave the prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. County Controller Sandy Graffius was absent. Deputy Controller Ronald Rutkowski presented the Controller's weekly report.

REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Robert J. Patrizio reported there will be a presentation by Brian Gottschall with a firm quote regarding the enhanced radio project.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt announced he and Lee Olsen will be hosting an event at Stokesay Castle next Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. celebrating the second anniversary of the Mt. Penn Preserve Partnership

Commissioner Scott

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk