

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes June 2, 2016

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 2, 2016, 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 County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

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

Presentations

Ms. Auria Bradley, Reading Area Community College's ("RACC"), Director of Literacy Programs, presented information on the literacy programs offered at RACC as part of RACC's quarterly update. Ms. Bradley reported that RACC offers full service literacy programs within the community including locations at Atonement Lutheran Church in West Reading, St. Mark's at 10th & Windsor Streets and the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks. Ms. Bradley commented RACC has also entered into a partnership with the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks, and with their help, 53 adult students obtained their Commonwealth High School Equivalency certificates. Ms. Bradley commented RACC continues to reach out and partner with local workforce organizations.

Commissioner Barnhardt pointed out that Dollar General, a major sponsor from the private sector, recently moved into the Bethel Park Complex.

Commissioner Leinbach reiterated the importance and value of RACC, which is more than just a community college.

Mike Malinowski, Vice President and Branch Manager of EH&D Insurance, who handles the County's insurance policies, presented a brief update on the County's insurance renewal. Mr. Malinowski stated he has been working with the County since November 1 and a decision was made to go through another year with the PCoRP program. Mr. Malinowski was happy to report the County's rate came in 2% under the expiring premium and 11% under budget, and because the terms and conditions are very good for the County, and some of the programs have also been expanded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 26, 2016 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Leinbach announced Executive Sessions were held May 31, 2016 and June 1, 2016 dealing with litigation and personnel.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 154.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2016 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$349,402.00 and 2016 Appropriations in the amount of \$575,994.00 per listing dated May 31, 2016.
 - 155.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Amendment No. 1 to Berks County Reentry Planning Project Grant 25955 to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. This Amendment is a no cost extension and is required due to the fact that final approval of the Plan and final packaging may not be complete by the filing deadline of June 30th. The Amendment allows ample time to properly complete the Report and Plan.
 - 156.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Temporary Easement for Construction between Jason Burdette, owner of property affected by construction and improvements to Anthony's Bridge Road, Washington Township, Berks County, and the County of Berks in regard to the Anthony's Mill Bridge Demolition project.
 - 157.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement #EA-152129-13 between the County of Berks and SSM Group, Inc., Reading, Pennsylvania to provide additional engineering services for the completion of design services during bidding and services during construction for the replacement of a select section of sanitary and storm water lines at the North Campus at a not to exceed amount of \$3,000.00.
 - 158.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Application for Municipal Recycling Program Performance Grant to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Management for Calendar Year 2015.
 - 159.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a "County Commissioners' Statement." This document is an attachment to the County's quadrennial required hazardous materials team recertification application, the submittal of which is dictated by Pennsylvania's Hazardous Materials Planning and Response Act.
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 May 31, 2016. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 6 contracts and referenced the departments.

3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated May 31, 2016 for week ending June 1, 2016 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

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.

REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Robert J. Patrizio reported there is an Operations Meeting this afternoon where there will be a discussion with the Prothonotary on the PFM report; a follow-up meeting of the ITB and RFP process and a request from Children and Youth Services Administrator Krista McIlhaney.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt had no additional comments.

Commissioner Scott shared an article he read in Barron's regarding pension funds and the difficulty in finding the best investment opportunities to acquire a high rate of return. Commissioner Scott is concerned how any increase in contribution by the County to the fund could become a burden on the tax base.

Commissioner Leinbach commented how this has been a very interesting week as there has been three significant events surrounding Veterans, starting with the observance of Memorial Day; Wednesday evening was the inaugural fundraiser for the new Veterans Museum in Mohnton led by State Representative Mark Gillen, and will end with WWII Weekend which will start Friday in downtown Reading with a parade and reenactment between American and German soldiers and will proceed to the Reading Regional Airport with reenactment events all weekend long.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

County Controller Sandy Graffius reported she and Dennis Adams met this week with representatives from BB&T, who merged with National Penn, to discuss the changes to routing numbers for electronic funds for pensioners and employees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk