

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes June 12, 2014

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 12, 2014, 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. Commissioner Leinbach announced an Executive Session was held June 5, 2013 dealing with legal issues and real estate matters.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 5, 2014 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 163.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated June 12, 2014 as follows:
 1. Authorize the appointment of Kurt Vivaldi to PC011983 PC Administrator – Information Systems, effective 6/25/2014. Rate of \$43,500/annually. Salary budgeted \$43,138/annually. Salary range Minimum \$40,860; Midpoint \$54,480; Maximum \$68,100. Replacement for Alexander Earnshaw who transferred. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11170.
 2. Authorize the transfer of Traci Rhoads from PC011926 Office Support IV M/C to PC012897 Administrative Assistant – Jail System, effective 6/18/2014. Rate of \$42,928/annually. Salary budgeted \$43,343/annually. Salary range Minimum \$31,713; Midpoint \$42,285; Maximum \$52,856. Replacement for Winter Stokes who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 12090.

3. Authorize the transfer of Maritza Colon from PC010139 Assistant Director to PC010214 Bilingual/HAVA Coordinator – Election Services, effective 6/18/2014. Rate of \$41,270/annually. Salary budgeted \$39,463/annually. Salary range Minimum \$34,825; Midpoint \$46,434; Maximum \$58,042. Replacement for Mariela Jurado who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11050.
 - 164.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Engineering Services Agreement No. EA-157072-14 between the County of Berks and McCormick Taylor, Inc., Exton, Pennsylvania to provide an in-depth inspection of the stone masonry at the Allegheny Aqueduct Historical Park in Robeson Township at the not to exceed amount of \$3,600.00. Commissioner Leinbach added the Aqueduct is next to the Beidler House property.
 - 165.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the Paging System Antenna Agreement between the County of Berks and Schuylkill Mobile Fone, Inc., Pottsville, Pennsylvania, for the installation and maintenance of a transmitter and antenna system on the Berks County Courthouse to enhance paging reliability for the County.
 - 166.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing the opening of bank account #218385811 with National Penn Bank for the purpose of receiving Berks County Prothonotary E-Filing funds and further authorizing Berks County Treasurer A. Dennis Adams to be an authorized signer for such account. Mr. Adams commented the project is now underway and on target, and this is an administrative formality.
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 June 10, 2014. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 2 contracts and referenced the departments.
 2. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated June 10, 2014 for week ending June 11, 2014 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.

REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Carl E. Geffken had no report today.
2. Commissioner Leinbach announced there would not be a Budget meeting this afternoon.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt reported that yesterday Barb Kane, Sime Bertolet, Chris Stress and himself took a tour of the Heister Mansion, the home of the former Warden, and is pleased to report both the original structure and addition are in good shape.

Commissioner Barnhardt commented the County will be moving forward and have an assessment done on the water damage, look at any type of historical issues that may need attention, and will format a long range plan to reuse the building.

Commissioner Scott was out of town.

Commissioner Leinbach welcomed new Reading Eagle Reporter Liam Migdail-Smith who is replacing Mary Young. Commissioner Leinbach commented that yesterday he along with Sandy Graffius and John Adams attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. Commissioner Leinbach mentioned there were 4 very impressive speakers naming Michael Rivera, Chris Kraras, Lionel Carter and Phyllis McCloughlin all local people who shared their personal stories. Sandy Graffius commented it was an amazing mix of community people.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk