

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, June 19, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 19, 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 Kevin S. Barnhardt and Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were County Solicitor Alan S. Miller, Carl E. Geffken, Chief Operating Officer and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

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

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$7,605,044.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount \$222,413.00 per listing dated June 14, 2012. Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, commented that the majority of transfers is related to Liquid Fuels and a better understanding of the Liquid Fuel program, and putting in place more refined accounting system.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated June 19, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reviewed the five recommendations.

Purchasing

- A. 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 14, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reviewed the seven contracts listed for approval. Commissioner Leinbach further commented on the last item, Amendment #2 to the Agreement with Berks Connections/Pretrial Services, which also relates to an item listed under Solicitor's Office, and is a result of a study of County functions that benefit from tax exempt bonds. The lease will be replaced by the Service Agreement. Mr. Patrizio commented this has no net financial impact to the County or BCPS.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Termination of Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and Berks Connections/Pretrial Services effective June 30, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reiterated the reason for this termination is to legally comply with tax exempt bond law and will be replaced by a Service Agreement.

Facilities

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities & Operations, to execute Change Order No. 1 dated June 13, 2012 to the Vision Mechanical, Inc. Contract No. AIA-132806-12 in the additional amount of \$36,356.00 for labor and materials to remove and replace various piping throughout the Parking Garage as part of the Services Center Parking Garage Restoration Project. Commissioner Leinbach commented this is specifically dealing with the piping, which is completely clogged with sediment. Commissioner Leinbach further commented that we can find no record of cleaning ever being done, and now the pipes cannot be cleaned and must be completely replaced. Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities and Operations commented there are other additions and credits to this Change Order, but this service is the largest portion. Commissioner Barnhardt questioned Mr. Hunter on the progress of the Parking Garage Project. Mr. Hunter commented Phase 1, the entry ramp and sally ports, is complete and is slightly under budget by approximately \$9,000.00.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Consulting Agreement between the County of Berks and D'Huy Engineering, Inc., of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania to provide consulting, construction management and engineering services for the Services Center Building Envelope Project in accordance with RFP #11-16-KL for Professional Consulting Services. D'Huy shall be compensated 6.5% of the Cost of the Work for the performance of Basic Services set forth in the RFP, and shall be paid upon the completion of each phase of Basic Services. Commissioner Scott questioned how the 6.5% was arrived at, and is it a customary rate for their services. Ryan Hunter responded that this was their fee proposal for their construction administration and oversight for the bidding phase.

District Attorney

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the National Forensic Science Improvement Action (Federal 16.742 NFSIA) Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the amount of \$78,000.00. This Grant is for the Berks County Forensic Services Efficiency Project and will increase efficiency and decrease the backlog by automating the documentation of cases and is 100% federally funded.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt clarified an article that appeared in the newspaper today regarding the TIF approval by Governor Mifflin School District last evening. Commissioner Barnhardt commented it is a project in concept for the Mohnton exit on the bridges over 222 south. Commissioner Barnhardt further commented the overpass bridges were built just enough to handle the normal flow of traffic. Cumru has suffered a lot of commercial loss as a result of the project and is now working with a developer to try and develop the out parcels on the eastern portion of 222 South. Commissioner Barnhardt also commented that part of the TIF requirement is to widen the bridge to handle more vehicular traffic, and no additional developmental can occur until the expansion. Commissioner Barnhardt proceeded to detail the finer points of the TIF request and how it will affect the taxpayers in the Governor Mifflin School District area.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott provided follow-up comments on Commissioner Barnhardt's TIF comments. In the past some TIF project have provided a private benefit, and sited Cabela's as an example. Commissioner Scott further commented that since the Cabela's TIF there has been a mindset among the Commissioners to only provide incremental financing of public improvements as opposed to private improvements.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach commented that the TIF is not tax forgiveness. The developer will still pay the tax, but the tax pays for public improvements, in this case the bridges and ramps. Commissioner Leinbach sited the improvements in Exeter Township as a TIF project, and without the TIF the shopping center and road improvements would not have been occurred.

Commissioner Leinbach announced that on Saturday, June 23, 2012, the Borough of Bally will be celebrating its 100 Year Anniversary and the Borough of Topton will be celebrating its 125 Year Anniversary.

Commissioner Leinbach asked Frederick Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds, how the event sponsored by the State Association of Recorder of Deeds went. Mr. Sheeler commented it was a huge success, and that 49 of the 67 County's attended. Mr. Sheeler further commented the highlight for the visitors was a trip to the Pagoda.

Comments from the Floor

Janine Galyiano attended the meeting and read a prepared statement regarding her ongoing custody issues. Ms. Galyiano presented the statement to the Board.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:04 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk