

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes June 21, 2018

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 21, 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 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, Chief Administrative Officer Ronald R. Seaman and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

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

PRESENTATION

2018-2019 Berks County Dairy Princess Samantha Haag introduced the following members of the Berks County Dairy Court and Ambassadors who attended the meeting today to observe National Dairy Month and help kick-off the Annual Employee Ice Cream Social; Mikayla Davis, Berks County Alternate Dairy Princess, Berks County Li'l Miss Dairy Princess Julie Eisenhower, and Dairy Ambassadors Ayla Blatt, Mackenzie Blatt, Olivia Leshar, Anthony Hix, Kristin Johns, Natalie Grumbine and Stephanie Younker.

Ms. Haag commented her brother is a 7th generation farmer at her family's farm in Centerport, and she is the Wholesale and Office Manager at Way Har Farms, which is where the ice cream is made the employees will be enjoying today. Ms. Haag reported Pennsylvania is ranked second in the nation for dairy farms, with 6,500 dairy farms in the State, but many of those farms are facing hard times due to recent economic struggles and a decline in dairy prices and milk consumption.

Commissioner Leinbach announced there was an Executive Session held yesterday to discuss personnel, contract negotiations, litigation and real estate.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 14, 2018 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the Agenda with a modification to item 185.18, by adding, excluding allowable costs and expenses, after the not to exceed amount of \$275,000. Said motion to amend was seconded by Commissioner Scott, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

177.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2018 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$345,183 per listing dated June 18, 2018.

178.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated June 21, 2018 as follows:

1. Authorize the appointment of Merry Goodreau to PC010067 Business Development Specialist – Berks Heim Admissions, effective 7/5/2018. Rate of \$63,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$43,954; Midpoint \$58,605; Maximum \$73,257. Replacement for Anne Semmel who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 53000 – 33400.

179.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Valic Section Deferred Compensation Plan Agreement effective April 1, 2018 , updating the County's Plan document to add the Roth option.

180.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #18-11-KO, a contract for Guide Rail Improvement Projects as follows:

William Orr and Sons, Inc.

PO Box 407

Jonestown, PA 17038

Total Base Bid Amount: \$178,130.50

Total Add Alternate Component Amount: \$15,682.50

Total Bid Not to Exceed Amount: \$193,813.00

Base Bid Includes the following Bridge Project:

43D – Old Philadelphia Pike over an Unnamed Water Course in Douglas Township

Add Alternate Component Includes the following Bridge Project:

37A – Hartz Store Road over Allegheny Creek in Brecknock Township.

- 181.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing participation by the County of Berks in the PCoRP Prison Risk Management Review at no cost to the County.
 - 182.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Engineering Services Agreement between the County of Berks and Great Valley Consultants, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, to provide professional services and prepare a plan to subdivide a portion of the County property in the area of the Berks Heim Facility at a fixed fee of \$84,900.
 - 183.18 Adopt a resolution ratifying, confirming and approving the Board of Commissioners execution of a letter to Pennsylvania State Representative Gary Day in support of delaying consideration of Senate Bill 1005 until the fall of 2018.
 - 184.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christine M. Sadler, Berks County Solicitor, to execute the retainer letter with Eckert Seamans, Attorneys At Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to provide legal representation regarding labor and employment matters.
 - 185.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Consultant Service Agreement Master Contract between the County of Berks and CGL Companies, LLC, Alpharetta, Georgia for consulting services related to the Berks County Pennsylvania Criminal Justice Needs Assessment at a not to exceed amount of \$275,000. Final terms and conditions subject to review and approval by the County Solicitor.
 - 186.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Annual Community Assessment letter to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as required by Consolidated Plan Regulation 24 CFR 91.525 for Fiscal Year 2017.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator per listing dated June 19, 2018. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 13 contracts and referenced the departments.
 3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated June 19, 2018 for week ending June 20, 2018 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

Reports

1. County Treasurer A. Dennis Adams, CPA, was absent. Linda Weaver, Deputy Treasurer submitted the prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by County Controller Sandy Graffius.

REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Robert J. Patrizio reported the Budget Meeting starts at 2:00 p.m. and the Commissioners will receive an update from Berks County Children and Youth Services of proposed legislative regulations that could increase costs and staffing requirements in the department; a vacation policy modification presented by Human Resources, and a recommendation regarding the Environmental Defense Fund.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Ronald R. Seaman thanked the Board of Commissioners for giving him the opportunity to attend the Center for Excellence in Leadership training presented by CCAP last week. It was a very extensive session focusing on communication skills, media relations and problem solving.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**Commissioner Barnhardt**

Due to a prior commitment, Commissioner Barnhardt left the meeting after the vote on the Agenda items was complete.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott read excerpts from an article he found interesting from www.boston.com regarding the legalization of marijuana, including remarks and opinions made by Joseph Kennedy III, who is opposed to the legalization of marijuana and the unintended consequences of legalization.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach mentioned this evening at the Ag Center he is hosting a Town Hall titled *Redrawing Berks County in Pennsylvania*, dealing with redistricting in Berks County. Commissioner Leinbach mentioned there will be a panel discussion and then an opportunity for comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Berks County Recorder of Deeds Frederick Sheeler questioned if item 182.18, hiring a firm to prepare a plan to subdivide property at the Heim, is because of the possibility of selling the Heim. Commissioner Leinbach responded yes.

Mr. Sheeler also asked if there are any children separated from their parents at the boarder located at Residential Center in Bern Township. Commissioner Leinbach

answered there are no female heads of households, but there are some male heads of households with children.

Patrick Murray, Shillington, and a Correctional Officer at the Jail, attended the meeting to respond to Commissioner Scott's comments made last week concerning privatization of the Jail. Mr. Murray was disappointed to hear that privatization is still being discussed. Commissioner Scott responded by saying Mr. Murray shouldn't worry about privatization at this time because there aren't two votes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk