

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes July 30, 2015**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 30, 2015, 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 First Assistant County Solicitor, 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.

### **PRESENTATION**

Joel Jakubowski, Director of Community Outreach/Counselor, Rehrersburg-Lancaster Teen Challenge and George Vogel, Executive Director of Council on Chemical Abuse attended the meeting today to present information regarding the September 12, 2015 event at the Reading Hospital School of Health Services entitled *Many Communities...One Message!* addressing how addiction, especially opioids, has damaging effects on all communities. Mr. Vogel commented Commissioner Leinbach had contacted several people in the area in the field of addiction to take the message on dealing with addiction into the community and reach as many people as possible. Mr. Vogel commented the event is designed to enlighten the public on understanding drug addiction and how to help.

Mr. Jakubowski commented the overall message of this event is to bring together a collective voice of the community, a collective understanding of addiction and a collective education of the problem and empower the family on how to deal with this issue. Commissioner Leinbach encouraged people from community to find out how they can respond.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of July 23, 2015 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:
  - 198.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2015 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$14,986.00 and 2015 Appropriations in the amount of \$7,332.00 per listing dated July 27, 2015.

- 199.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated July 30, 2015 as follows:
1. Authorize the appointment of Mary Leonardo to PC011638 RN Supervisor – Berks Heim Nursing Department, effective 8/5/2015. Rate of \$66,506/annually. Salary range Minimum \$49,406; Midpoint \$65,875; Maximum \$82,343. Replacement for Ruth Somers who transferred. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 53000 – 33090.
  2. Authorize the utilization of a temporary agency for the Fiscal Officer position – MH/DD, effective 7/31/2015. Rate not to exceed \$35.50/hr. Utilization of the temporary agency will cease when a candidate is hired to fill the Fiscal Officer position. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 30000 – 25040.
  3. Authorize the utilization of a temporary agency for the Internal Auditor position – Controller's Office, effective 7/31/2015. Rate not to exceed \$29.95/hr. Utilization of the temporary agency will cease when a candidate is hired to fill the Internal Auditor position. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11120.
- 200.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Engineering Services Agreement between the County of Berks and Timothy Haahs & Associates, Inc., Blue Bell, Pennsylvania to provide engineering and construction management services for the limited restoration of the Berks County Services Center Parking Garage at a not to exceed amount of \$16,000.00.
- 201.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing tax forgiveness, including penalty and interest, of 2015 County taxes for 90 George Street (66-5308-12-86-8182), Reading, Pennsylvania, owned by Easter Seals of Eastern Pennsylvania; and further authorizes a refund of a portion of the 2015 County taxes paid by Easter Seals of Eastern Pennsylvania in the amount \$2,709.28.
- 202.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the Eight County Pilot for PubDef-UCM – Commitment Form with CCAP (County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania) to provide developmental services for the Public Defender Unified Case Management System.

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 July 28, 2015. 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 July 28, 2015 for week ending July 29, 2015 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 nothing to report today.
2. Robert J. Patrizio reported the Commissioners will receive and report on the Human Services Model and discuss renewal of the Earthrise Lease Agreement.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Barnhardt commented on the State Department of Corrections and County Officials Liaison Meeting he attended on July 24, 2015 in Dauphin County.

Commissioner Barnhardt remarked that as a result of that meeting, Department of Corrections Secretary John Wetzel, CCAP Deputy Director Brinda Penyak, Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick, and Commissioner Barnhardt will meet to discuss working on a comprehensive report on how to deal with the mental health population in jails and prisons.

Commissioner Barnhardt also reported on the most recent Berks County Blighted Property Review Committee meeting. Commissioner Barnhardt stated there are two properties in Cumru Township that are considered blighted. The Committee will try to resolve the issues with the owners of the properties and if they are unable to do so, the Committee will take ownership of the properties and try to sell them.

Commissioner Barnhardt attended the Berks County Water and Sewer Association's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on July 29, 2015. The conference is hosted by the Berks County Water and Sewer Association and Albright College's Center for Excellence in Local Government. Commissioner Barnhardt congratulated John Kramer, the retired Executive Director of the Center, who received an award for his dedication and leadership during his time there. He also remarked on the positive way municipalities can work together which is evidenced by the amount of people from various municipalities who attend the workshops and conferences put on by these two organizations.

Commissioner Leinbach also congratulated John Kramer and complimented his leadership which resulted in the founding of the Berks Municipal Partnership and a number of other cooperative efforts that the Center initiated.

Commissioner Leinbach informed the audience that there are two bills up for a vote tomorrow in the U.S. Senate. The first is for a 3 month extension of MAP 21 which is the federal transportation funding. The funding runs out tomorrow and this bill will extend the funding through October. The second vote is for a 6 year federal transportation bill. It is expected to pass the Senate tomorrow and should pass the House once House members are back in session. It will then move for signature by President Obama and he is expected to sign the bill. This is very important because the original MAP 21 bill was only a 2 year bill.

Commissioner Leinbach was the emcee for the opening of the new ADA trail at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary on Sunday July 26, 2015. This trail will allow people with disabilities to access the South lookout point at Hawk Mountain. There were about 400 attendees and Commissioner Leinbach shared the reactions of some of the attendees who have never been able to get to the lookout before Sunday.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk