

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, July 31, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 31, 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 Vice Chair Kevin S. Barnhardt called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Leinbach participated via telephone. Also present were County Solicitor Alan S. Miller, Chief Operating Officer Carl E. Geffken and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Barnhardt opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and announced that the Board met in executive session on Monday, July 30, 2012 to discuss contract negotiations.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$54,032.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount \$111,983.00 per listing dated July 27, 2012. Chief Financial Officer Robert Patrizio commented that the majority of appropriations are additional funding for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program and is an increase over what was expected.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations dated July 31, 2012. Commissioner Barnhardt reviewed the one item listed today.

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 27, 2012.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing a recommendation to award and Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #12-8-KSJR, Food Provisions, three (3) contracts for a period of six (6) months for the Jail System as follows:

Benjamin Foods
1001 S. York Road
Hatboro, PA 19040
Line Items – 1, 7, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19
Estimated Six Month Expenditure \$ 35,465.64

Karetas Foods, Inc.
John Friedmann, President
1012 Tuckerton Court
Reading, PA 19605
Line Items – 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 18
Estimated Six Month Expenditure \$ 30,340.80

National Food Group, Inc
DBA CSV Sales, Inc.
46820 Magellan Dr., Suite A
Novi, MI 48377
Line item – 5
Estimated Six Month Expenditure \$ 4,865.00

- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing a recommendation to award and Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute, as a result of Invitation to Bid #12-6-JR, Inmate Clothing contracts for a period of one year for the participating members of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board (SPCCPB) members including Berks County as follows:

Bob Barker
134 N Main St
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526
Line Items – 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22,
23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 35
Estimated Annual Expenditure – Grand Total \$253,110.71
Estimated Annual Expenditure – Berks Portion - \$44,482.86

The Liberty Store
5 East Genesee Street
Auburn, NY 13021
Line Item – 3
Estimated Annual Expenditure – Grand Total \$ 7,148.40
Estimated Annual Expenditure – Berks Portion - \$0

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the Berks Portion is zero dollars because the County is part of the Purchasing Cooperative Board.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt reported he attended a meeting this morning with Carl Geffken, Clare Adams and Chris Stress and some members of the Pagoda Pacers, who is the group that holds the annual Mud Run at Antietam Park. Commissioner Barnhardt further commented Pagoda Pacers were told that they would not be allowed to hold the race this year due to damage to some of the trails. Commissioner Barnhardt reported that at the meeting the County was able to provide strong facts and educational information on the damage the run did to some of the trails, and commented it was a very good and positive meeting.

Commissioner Barnhardt further reported that the County has provided the group other avenues for their running events.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott commented on last year's budget in regard to the possible investment in equipment to raise produce at the Prison. Commissioner Scott remarked that given the outstanding efficiency of the American agricultural system, there is not a lot of opportunity to save money on prisoner food because the food is inexpensively purchased. Commissioner Scott commented that this spring he raised a number of tomato plants for the prisoners to grow at the Prison on a parcel of land, and instructed the inmates on how to build tomato cages. Commissioner Scott reported he was told the tomatoes are thriving and should soon be harvested and consumed at the Prison.

Commissioner Scott commented on the news regarding the convening of another crime summit in Reading. Commissioner Scott noted that anytime there is high profile loss of life or string of murders there seems to be a crime summit. Commissioner Scott commented it is a symbolic gesture and may include some additional police presence and funding, but very little will change until behaviors change.

Commissioner Barnhardt responded that fighting crime is a local issue and the crime summit will forge better communication and relationship with municipalities, which in some areas is lacking.

Commissioner Scott commented that a letter was sent to the member libraries of the Berks County Library System confirming what we thought they knew, but did not know regarding the recommendations of the Community Foundation and the Library Task Force Report. Commissioner Scott announced the letter stating the Board's position to the Task Force Report is available for the public viewing.

Commissioner Scott offered some interesting facts resulting from yesterday's executive session regarding labor negotiations and the county detectives. Commissioner Scott commented that the number of Berks County detectives and their functions compared to other similarly sized Counties is greater. Commissioner Scott further commented that Berks County detectives do more than other counties do to assist local municipalities. The budgetary impact of the cost on government in local municipalities is lower in Berks County because the County has assumed that responsibility where the burden is shifted from local municipality to the County. Commissioner Scott commented it is something the County will have to take a look at regarding law enforcement and the possibility for consolidation and regionalization.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach offered thanks and complimented Dale Derr, Director of the Berks County Veterans Affairs Office, along with his team, on the program yesterday for the grand opening of the Etchberger Veterans Center located at the BARTA Transportation Center. Commissioner Leinbach commented it was absolutely spectacular and was thrilled with the turnout of veterans.

Commissioner Leinbach stated his appreciation of Mr. Lindsay's comment on Channel 69 that as a senior citizen he was able to get on a bus outside his home, ride free, conduct business and get back home on the bus. Commissioner Leinbach further believes it is wonderful for Berks County to be able to honor Chief Master Sergeant Richard L. Etchberger by naming the new Veterans Affairs center after him.

Commissioner Barnhardt concurred with Commissioner Leinbach's sentiments and stated it is a home the veterans can be proud of.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk