

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes August 1, 2013

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 1, 2013 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.

Presentation

David L. Kline, Chief Advertising and Sales Officer for Reading Eagle Company, attended the meeting and presented each Commissioner with the Farmland Preservation Unity Award, and a Certificate of Recognition from State Senator Judith Schwank recognizing the County's efforts and commitment to farmland preservation in Berks County.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 25, 2013 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 225.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2013 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$7,000.00 and 2013 Appropriations in the amount of **(\$8,347,158.00)** per listing dated July 29, 2013. Chief Financial Officer Robert Patrizio commented that the negative appropriation is due to taking spending authority off the books relating to the CCIS Program (Child Care Info Services) which is due to changes in the administration of the grant funds.
 - 226.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated August 1, 2013 as follows:
 1. Authorize the promotion of Nathan Repko, PC012574 Treatment Counselor to PC012909 Sergeant/Booking Division–Jail System, effective 8/14/13. Rate of \$56,534/

annually. Salary range Minimum \$42,570; Midpoint \$56,760; Maximum \$70,950. New position created by Salary Board on 3/21/13. This request was reviewed and meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000–12090.

2. Authorize the appointment of Donna Lynn Hey to PC012943 Training/HRIS Specialist – Human Resources, effective 8/7/13. Rate of \$47,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$36,686; Midpoint \$48,915; Maximum \$61,143. New position created by Salary Board on 5/16/13. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11410.

- 227.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities and Operations, to execute Change Order No. 6 to the Contract with Quandel Construction Group, Inc. (AIA-132427-12) for the Old Berks Heim Abatement & Demolition Project in the amount of \$46,750.00. This Change Order reflects a fee adjustment to account for additional hours in Construction Phase services in addition to reconciling the monthly rate to offset the discount offered when the project was anticipated to run concurrently with the Jail Infrastructure & Security Project.
- 228.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Engineering Services Agreement between the County of Berks and SSM Group, Inc. to provide engineering services to mark-out the underground electric lines for Gring's Mill Recreation Area at the not to exceed amount of \$6,000.00. Commissioner Leinbach commented by way of further explanation that there are electric lines that were put in place over many years and Chris Stress, Director of Parks and Recreation, found out through various means that there are lines located where we did not know there were lines, and it is imperative to know exactly where the lines are located.
- 229.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the letter of intent of the County of Berks to exercise its option to renew the Lease Agreement with Bern Partners, L.P. for a one (1) year period beginning January 1, 2014 for office space occupied by Magisterial District Judge Thomas Gauby, Sr.
- 230.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Municipal & Residual Waste Transporter Authorization Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection which is needed for the District Attorney to transport the pharmaceuticals being collected in their medication drop-boxes to the York County Incinerator for destruction.

- 231.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Kevin Rudy, Mohnton, Pennsylvania to the Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board for a term ending February 1, 2014. This appointment is to fill the unexpired term of Francis Drexler.
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 29, 2013. Commissioner Leinbach commented there are 4 contracts and referenced the departments.
2. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated July 30, 2013 for week ending July 31, 2013 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA did not attend the meeting but submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report which was read by Commissioner Leinbach.
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. Robert J. Patrizio reported that at today's Budget Meeting the Commissioners will be discussing the Colebrookdale Railroad and an update on E-Filing.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt reported that last Friday he had the opportunity to tour the Youth Recreational Facility where the County has an arrangement with Berkshire Baseball, who operates and manages the facility. Commissioner Barnhardt commented Berkshire Baseball is already looking at additional upgrades to the facility which were not contemplated when the Agreement was originally signed, and will now be incorporated as an amendment to the Agreement. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that this morning he and Commissioner Leinbach attended the 16th Anniversary Celebration of Crime Alert Berks County. Commissioner Barnhardt reported that Berks Crime Alert provides a great service to the community and has apprehended and helped prosecute well over 500 people. Commissioner Barnhardt further commented that last week BCTV was not able to film the Meeting and reported on the farm tour he and Katie Daley attended and thanked the farm owners who participated and acted as their tour guides.

Commissioner Scott followed up on the discussion of farmland preservation theme by recognizing other parties who have had a major role in the County's achievements in Agriculture Land Preservation Program, which is nationally recognized, by mentioning

past County Commissioners who supported funding the Program, and the farmers who don't get paid the full fair market value of their property.

Commissioner Leinbach commented on the 16th Anniversary of Crime Alert Berks County, and stated one of the events focused on the fact that businesses that give to the community most often get back from the community. Commissioner Leinbach mentioned a few of the businesses that have supported Crime Alert and gave examples of how the businesses realize that investment in the community. Commissioner Leinbach commented that he will be sending a letter to the Berks County District Attorney, Berks County Sheriff and Chief Neidert of the Berks County Emergency Response Team on what he considers a serious situation developing involving no-knock search or arrest warrants. Commissioner Leinbach cited three instances where innocent people were either killed or seriously injured. Commissioner Leinbach stated he has great respect for police officers but is very concerned we're putting innocent people at risk.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk