

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes August 2, 2018**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 2, 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 Mark C. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt was absent. Also present were First Assistant County Solicitor J. Chadwick Schnee, 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.

Commissioner Leinbach announced there was an Executive Session held yesterday, August 1, 2018, to discuss personnel, labor negotiations and litigation.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of July 26, 2018 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None.

### **Agenda Items**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

217.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2018 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$44,288 and 2018 Appropriations in the amount of \$32,040 per listing dated July 30, 2018.

218.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute, a forty (40) month contract as a result of ITB# 18-15-KL to be utilized by the County of Berks Department of Emergency Services and 37 emergency response agencies (referred to as End User(s)/End User Agency) as follows:

**Radio Maintenance Inc.**

1840 Kutztown Road

Reading, PA 19604

Line Items 1 thru 15 -

**Estimated Total Expenditure – \$452,616.62 (cont'd)**

This includes estimated costs for potential future purchases and services (Line Items 13, 14 & 15)

- 219.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute Amendment No. 2 to the License Agreement between the County of Berks and the University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education for the University's Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center, Pittsburgh ("University") for use of the Berks County Children & Youth Services Training Room ("BCCYS"), 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Services Center, and extending the term of the Lease for an additional one (1) year term expiring June 30, 2019, for classes conducted by the University to enhance the knowledge of BCCYS staff and staff from neighboring counties.
- 220.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Amendment to Services Agreement #SRA-185329-16 between the County of Berks and the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks ("Authority"). Said Amendment reflects the elimination of the payment of gross rent by the Authority, and to replace it with the payment of an administrative fee by the Authority in the amount of \$5,445 per year with annual adjustments.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator per listing dated July 31, 2018. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 12 contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated July 31, 2018 for week ending August 1, 2018 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.

### **REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Robert J. Patrizio was absent.

**REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Ronald R. Seaman reported at the Budget/Operations Meeting there will be a discussion on the policy for vacation time.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS****Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott provided a brief summation of Mayor Wally Scott's first two and half years in office, mentioning he has accomplished a great deal to restore the basic necessities of the City of Reading. Commissioner Scott said the audits the Mayor had performed have uncovered a litany of issues that has attracted the eye of the FBI, and commended the Mayor and his staff for doing the right thing. Commissioner Scott mentioned the millions the Mayor has saved in getting rid of the project labor agreement for the sewer plant, and praised the hiring of Glenn Steckman as City Manager. Commissioner Scott commented the City is also about to exit Act 47 status, and believes the City should revisit and change the City Charter system, especially the residency issue. Commissioner Scott stated Mayor Scott is his own man, but will still listen to anybody.

**Commissioner Leinbach**

Commissioner Leinbach gave a final announcement regarding the Reading Rad Sport Event this weekend; and they still can use a few volunteers. Commissioner Leinbach reported he will be attending the annual CCAP Conference in Gettysburg this Sunday through Wednesday, and will be attending many important sessions dealing with issues affecting counties. Commissioner Leinbach will hear State Department Deputy Secretary Torres speak about the new mandate signed by the Governor for voting systems and modernization all counties must have in place and operational by the 2020 Presidential Election; a fee issue regarding Recorder of Deeds offices, and will attend speeches by Candidate for Governor Scott Wagner, Senator U.S. Casey, Lou Barletta and Governor Wolf. Commissioner Leinbach will also attend a session on county nursing homes.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Jess Royer, Sinking Spring, asked if union negotiations with Berks Heim unions doesn't go well, what will be the timeline for the sale of the Heim.

First Assistant Solicitor Schnee responded since we are in the middle of negotiations and we have been advised by legal counsel to not discuss the sale, the only thing he can say is everything is on hold until mid-September.

Claudia Strauss, Berkshire Heights, had questions about what parcels of land are being considered for sale, and what is the size of the actual Berks Heim parcel.

Not knowing the exact size, Mr. Schnee responded he would provide the parcel size to Ms. Strauss after the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk