

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes August 3, 2017

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 3, 2017, 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 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.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 27, 2017 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:
 - 215.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2017 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$159,783 and 2017 Appropriations in the amount of \$567,615 per listing dated July 31, 2017.
 - 216.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing Ryan C. Hunter, Director of Facilities & Operations, to electronically execute Letter of Amendment 2 to the General Reimbursement Agreement for Federal Aid Projects (No. R15050006-2) between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the County of Berks for the Fisher's Mill Bridge Superstructure Replacement Project, County Bridge 34A, Amity Township. This amendment increases the total reimbursable project costs to \$2,089,565 to incorporate the anticipated costs for Construction into the overall funding for the Project. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement, which are not being modified by this Letter of Amendment, remain in full force and effect.
 - 217.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and East Central Pennsylvania Counter-Terrorism Task Force ("Task Force") for the U.S.

Department of Homeland Security – FFY 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program.

The Task Force is comprised of multiple Pennsylvania political subdivisions, i.e. counties, consisting of Berks, Columbia, Luzerne, Montour, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Wyoming counties, and provides coordination planning, training, preparedness and response activities on behalf of the political subdivisions.

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 August 1, 2017. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 5 contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated August 1, 2017 for week ending August 2, 2017 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 reported there will be a presentation by Kimball on the proposed new Jail design and options for renovations, and a discussion by Ron Seaman, CAO, regarding Assessment Board rules and responsibilities.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Ronald R. Seaman reported there will be a press release regarding Smart911 service now available in Berks County, which allows individuals to register any personal information about family, pets, and the home, that will aid emergency responders in responding to an incident. Mr. Seaman stated the link can be found on the Berks County DES website at www.co.berks.pa.us/ema.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt commented the *This is Reading* production that was held at the Franklin Street Station in Reading was a phenomenal show that depicted the past, present and future of Reading, and as a result of this event, numerous requests to use the building have been received.

Commissioner Scott responded to Commissioner Barnhardt's comments about the Franklin Street Station, that he recently listened to a Feedback show on WEEU where the topic was about bringing back the train to Reading, and how everyone would love to see train service restored. Commissioner Scott talked about the previous two surveys that were taken and provided a short summary the results.

Commissioner Scott provided brief comments on the Board of Commissioners' visit on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 to the Delaware County Prison managed by the GEO Group.

Commissioner Leinbach reported on Tuesday evening he participated in the Central Berks Regional Police Night Out in Lower Alsace Township and Mt. Penn.

Commissioner Leinbach commented it was a great turn out from the community, local police departments, the Pennsylvania State Police, and fire and emergency responders. Commissioner Leinbach mentioned staff from the Berks County Parks Department were there and represented the County well.

Commissioner Leinbach reported on Saturday, August 5, 2017 he and Commissioner Barnhardt will be attending the Annual CCAP Conference in Erie. Commissioner Leinbach hopes they hear a little more about where we are with the State budget, and hopes to do good work for all of Berks County.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Shannon Kozik, West Reading, attended the meeting and commented on the County's discussion on the possibility of privatizing the Jail, and read from a prepared statement of her reasons why the Board should keep focused on building only.

Rob Heisler, Akron, Lancaster County, and an eleven year Correctional Officer at the Jail, attended the meeting and provided his concerns with having a non-profit corporation run the Jail.

Angie Jakubowski, Schuylkill County, and Outreach Coordinator for Pennsylvania Adult & Teen Challenge in Rehrersburg, Berks County, attended the meeting to talk about the services her organization provides individuals with addiction problems and invited the Commissioners to visit her facility.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk