

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, September 18, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 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 Chair Christian Y. Leinbach called the meeting to order with Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt in attendance. Commissioner Scott did not attend the meeting. Also present were County Solicitor Alan S. Miller, Carl E. Geffken, Chief Operating Officer and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. PRESENTATION

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Berks, in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, conducted a public hearing with respect to the issuance by the Municipal Authority of the Township of South Heidelberg of tax-exempt obligations for the financing of a project by the Berks County Women In Crisis (BWIC) in accordance. Douglas P. Rauch, Esq., Solicitor for BWIC attended the meeting and explained for the Board that in 2010 BWIC decided to consolidate its facility into one building in the City and has raised approximately 2.6 million dollars for the project. Mr. Rauch commented that under the IRS code, the project must receive the approval from the highest ranking governmental body where the municipality is located, and that the financing does not encumber the County in any way. Mr. Rauch requested that the Board of Commissioners move to adopt this request today and close the public hearing.

Commissioner Barnhardt motioned to close the hearing and further motioned to approve **Resolution No. 297-12** approving the issuance by the Municipal Authority of the Township of South Heidelberg of tax-exempt obligations for the financing of a project by the Berks County Women In Crisis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 297-12.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$29,867.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount of \$141,340.00 per listing dated September 14, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach commented there is nothing out of the ordinary listed on today's Budget Agenda.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations per listing dated September 18, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reviewed the 4 items listed today.

Purchasing

- A. Motion authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated September 17, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reviewed the contracts listed on the Contract Agenda.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute a contract as a result of Invitation to Bid #12-14-JR, Painting, Bank Barn and Maintenance Building to Titan Industrial Services, 4054 North Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21222 in the amount of \$11,129.00.
- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #12-13-KS, a contract for the Window Replacement Project for the Agriculture Center to Pottsgrove Glass Company, 480 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473 in the total Base Bid amount of \$ 44,000.00.
- D. Adopt a resolution authorizing the recommendation to award and the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #12-17-KL, a contract for the Abatement & Demolition of the Old Berks Heim Building to Dore & Associates Contracting, Inc., 900 Harry S. Truman Pkwy., Bay City, MI 48706, in the Total Base Bid amount of \$896,200.00.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Settlement Agreement and Release between Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc., Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc., d/b/a Dauphin DataCom and the County of Berks in regard to claims relating to a complaint against Dauphin DataDom and docketed to Berks County Court No. 09-4370.
- B. Adopt a resolution recommending the award of a proposal by Michael D. Braucher, Braucher Farms, Mohrsville, Pennsylvania, to lease County owned farmland located at the County Welfare Tract, Bern Township.

Court Administration

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of letter to Bern Partners, L.P. exercising the County's intent to renew the Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and Bern Partners, L.P. for a one year period beginning January 1, 2013 for office space leased for MDJ Thomas Gauby (23-3-05).

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt announced that as a point of interest his office has reached out to three firms in the hospitality field to evaluate the hotel tax issue to see if there is a benefit to expand County-wide. Commissioner Barnhardt commented he wants to make sure it is evaluated thoroughly and that it is viable. Commissioner Barnhardt further commented he hopes to have the results at next Thursday's Commissioners' Meeting.

Commissioner Scott**Commissioner Leinbach**

Commissioner Leinbach thanked Commissioner Barnhardt for due diligence in compiling this information, and stated his position on the hotel tax issue is either everybody pays or nobody pays the tax. Commissioner Leinbach admitted that his comments from last week regarding the article in from the Blue Mountain Hiking Club were a bit arrogant, and commented everyone is entitled to their opinion. Commissioner Leinbach also shared a news story in the Pennsylvania County News that Jinx, the canine partner of deceased Deputy Sheriff Kyle Pagerly, is a finalist for the American Hero Dog Award. Commissioner Leinbach encouraged everyone to log on and vote for Jinx.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

James P. Troutman, Berks County Clerk of Courts, asked the Commissioners what is the Berks County Residential Center and the ICE Facility. Commissioner Barnhardt responded the Berks County Residential Center is the new name of the former Community Re-Entry Center, and gives the County flexibility to utilize the building for other purposes if the Federal government would vacate the facility.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk