

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes September 27, 2012

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 27, 2012, 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. Commissioner Leinbach announced that the Board met in Executive Session Monday, September 24, 2012 dealing with union negotiations and personnel issues. Commissioner Leinbach advised today begins the first Thursday the Board will be meeting once a week.

Presentation

George J. Vogel, Jr., Executive Director of Berks County Council on Chemical Abuse, introduced Drew Eisenhower, who on behalf of Berks County Council on Chemical Abuse, announced September as National Recovery Month. Mr. Eisenhower thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to put a face on recovery, and for their financial support. Mr. Eisenhower announced that September will mark 35 years of recovery for himself. Also speaking were several individuals from the YMCA Housing Program, Berks County Counseling Center and Easy Does It, Inc. who have been through the recovery program and shared their stories on recovery.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 18, 2012 Commissioners' Workshop and September 20, 2012 Commissioners' Board Meetings were approved as presented. Commissioner Leinbach commented and read a letter that was received this morning stating that Berks County has been awarded one of the 20 block grant awards for social services.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to adopt the Consent Agenda Items as presented, as well as the Contract/Agreements and Controller's Office voucher. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 307.12 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$339,836.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount of \$195,341.00 per listing dated September 21, 2012. Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, commented that item #10 is a

combination of transfers and appropriations dealing with the new CYS case management system. Mr. Patrizio also commented that items #1, 2, 3 & 4 are for the grinder at the Jail; item #5 is for the fall arrest anchors for the Services Center Envelope Project, and item #9 is for the coroner and archives rental allocation.

308.12 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations per listing dated September 27, 2012 as follows:

1. Authorize the promotion of Barbara Kane, PC010017 Account Clerk II –Jail to PC10216 Business Manager – Jail; effective 10/3/12. Rate of \$45,000/annually. Salary budgeted \$49,510/annually. Salary range Minimum \$39,407; Midpoint \$52,543; Maximum \$65,679. Replacement for Anne O'Neil who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 - 12090.

309.12 Adopt a resolution authorizing a recommendation to award and the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #12-11-MB, contracts for the ICE Interior Fit Out Project as identified herein:

Purcell Construction

560 5th Street, P.O. Box 188
Denver, PA 17517

General Construction Base Bid: \$269,900.00

Alternate GC-2: \$1,448.00 (Add)

Alternate GC-5: (\$14,600.00) Deduct

Alternate GC-6: (\$6,500.00) Deduct

Alternate GC-7: (\$5,300.00) Deduct

Alternate GC-9: (\$2,900.00) Deduct

Alternate GC-11: (\$5,100.00) Deduct

Alternate GC-12: (\$8,100.00) Deduct

General Construction Total : \$228,848.00

JBM Mechanical, Inc.

3273 Gun Club Road
Nazareth, PA 18064

Plumbing Construction Base Bid: \$106,000.00

Blanksi Energy Management, Inc.

1835 Pear Street
Reading, PA 19601

Mechanical Construction Base Bid: \$156,825.00

H.B. Frazer Company – Pennsylvania

3 Morgan Drive
Reading, PA 19608

Electrical Construction Base Bid: \$388,000.00

Alternate GC-12: (\$2,800.00) Deduct

Electrical Construction Total: \$385,200.00

Commissioner Leinbach stated he was contacted yesterday by another company asking why we don't require professionals and vendors to be from Berks County. Commissioner Leinbach pointed out it is not uncommon that Berks County companies do win these contracts, and this Board makes sure that local companies are incorporated in the bid process. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the majority of this money is being reimbursed by the Federal government.

- 310.12 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute a letter to TranSystems, 1717 Arch Street, Suite 700, Philadelphia, PA 19103 granting an extension of time for completion of the Preliminary Design phase of the Buttonwood Street Bridge rehabilitation project until December 31, 2012. This extension is to allow for additional time with which to address some pending preliminary engineering design items (Design Field Review approval, Environmental Clearance, traffic impact studies) prior to the start of final design. This extension has been reviewed and endorsed by the County's contracted bridge engineer.
- 311.12 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute a Municipal Request for Consultant Services in order to authorize the generation of a third-party engineering agreement for Construction Inspection and Testing services pertaining to the Berne Station Bridge replacement project. This engineering agreement will be between the County of Berks and McTish, Kunkel & Associates, 3500 Winchester Road, Suite 300, Allentown, PA 18104 pursuant to PennDOT's concurrence letter dated July 12, 2012.
- 312.12 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Supplemental General Reimbursement Agreement for Federal Aid Projects (No. 050350-E) between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the County of Berks for the Berne Station Bridge Project in Perry and Tilden Townships. This supplement provides the terms and guidelines that govern reimbursement for funding for the Final Design, utility relocation, right-of-way acquisition, construction and construction inspection costs. Commissioner Leinbach asked Ryan Hunter when the bridge will be completed. Mr. Hunter commented it should be completed this December.
- 313.12 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Engineering Services Agreement No. EA-137772-12 between the County of Berks and

N.E. Fisher & Associates of Boyertown, Pennsylvania, to provide engineering and construction management services to complete a thorough evaluation of the Berks Heim HVAC systems at a not to exceed amount of \$4,500.00. Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities, commented this contract resulted from the 2012 Life Safety Inspection. In an unrelated matter, Commissioner Leinbach asked Ryan Hunter to update the Board on the Zettlemoyer Bridge in Greenwich Township. Mr. Hunter commented that Zettlemoyer Bridge is a steel truss bridge with about 60 vehicles passing over it daily. It was last inspected in 2011 and there was some deterioration, but not requiring repair at that time. Mr. Hunter commented that after the last inspection this year the deterioration of the beam has now become an urgent priority and PennDOT ordered the closure of the Bridge yesterday. Mr. Hunter further commented that proper detour signs will be posted by Greenwich Township immediately.

- 314.12 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the 2012-2013 Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) Grant Agreement and Assurance of Compliance with the Department of Public Welfare for administration of funds in accordance with MATP Instructions and Requirements, Title 55, Pennsylvania Code. Commissioner Leinbach commented this deals with BARTA, and was a contentious issue earlier this year as it was one of the areas that was going to be drastically cut. BARTA, along with a number of other municipal transportation companies, responded that they would not provide service at all. The legislators changed their position and the funding is now reinstated.
- 315.12 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Certification Statement of County Children & Youth Social Service Programs to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare for FY 2009/2012 Revision #2. There were four supplemental IV-E invoices with a net total of 43,774.88. This is part of the quarterly invoice to Office of Children & Youth Families (OCYF) to receive reimbursement for expenditures.
- 316.12 Adopt a resolution ratifying, confirming and approving the execution by Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, of Amendment of Solicitation /Modification of Contract No. P00008 to the Contract between the County of Berks and ICE/Detention Management/Immigration and Customs Enforcement to provide additional funding for the Family Residential Shelter. Alan S. Miller, County Solicitor, commented this amendment puts in place the federal funding stream for the renovation of the project.

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 September 24, 2012.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated September 25, 2012 for the week ending September 26, 2012.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that yesterday, he and his Executive Assistant, Katie Daley, and Kim Fies of the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Office, toured some of the farms located in Jefferson Township which are enrolled in the Ag Land Program. Commissioner Barnhardt further commented that the move of the Coroner to the Airport facility is almost complete and the Archives Department is awaiting the arrival of the racking system so that their move can be completed. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that only leaves the ICE Program, which should be out of the old Berks Heim by mid-November, then the contract to demolish the old nursing home will commence. Commissioner Barnhardt further commented they also looped around Camp Joy, where the County is using inmate labor to demolish most of the out buildings. The facility will hopefully be used by the Council on Chemical Abuse as a facility for a residential treatment program through MH/DD funding.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott commented that years ago the Commissioners were considering refurbishing the Camp Joy facility and had a study to determine usage and costs. Commissioner Scott commented the Board used a business-like approach and decided that the money would not be spent repairing the pool, and the funds would be better spent elsewhere. Commissioner Scott further commented on the award by the County of the block grant program, and that it is quite an accomplishment. Commissioner Scott stated it will permit more flexible use of state funding and more importantly allow for more efficient and effective use of the funds to provide important services to needy people. Commissioner Scott credited George Kovarie and Ed Michalik for their hard work in this matter, and the Board for their support of the effort at the State level to more rationally use state funding.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach mentioned that this Sunday will be observed at Gold Star Mother's Day. Commissioner Leinbach commented that Betty Zimmerman, the local leader of Gold Star Mothers, has asked everyone to fly the Flag in honor of the armed forces killed in action.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by Ronald Rutkowski, 1st Deputy Controller/Project Manager.

Comments from the Floor

Frederick Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds, thanked the Commissioners for their commitment to the Berks Heim. His father had been a patient at the facility, and commented how great the employees, the nurses and aides were. Mr. Sheeler praised the Commissioners for turning the Heim around under the management of CHR.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk