

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes October 17, 2013

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 17, 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.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 10, 2013 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the Agenda as published and amended, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

304.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2013 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$36,348,734.00 and 2013 Appropriations in the amount of \$105,608.00 per listing dated October 15, 2013. Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Budget Transfer amount has been modified and the new amount for approval is \$35,962,702.00. Mr. Patrizio commented the majority of the transfers (\$35,500,000.00) is due to the State changing the category for Healthchoices which created new account strings.

305.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated October 17, 2013 as follows:

1. Authorize the promotion of Jacob Pyne, PC011986 PC Administrator to PC011414 Network Administrator (SAN) – Information Systems, effective 10/23/13. Rate of \$47,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$45,783; Midpoint \$61,045; Maximum \$76,306. Replacement for James Peters who separated. This request was reviewed and meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11170.

- 306.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Engineering Services Agreement between the County of Berks and McCormick Taylor, Inc., Exton, Pennsylvania, to provide engineering design, construction consultation and construction inspection services for the demolition of Wiley's Bridge (County Bridge 59A), Ontelaunee Township, at a not to exceed fee of \$116,602.02.
- 307.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities and Operations, to execution Change Order No. 1 to the AIA Agreement with Watkins/Synergetics Architects, Ltd., Fleetwood, Pennsylvania, for the Services Center Vestibule Renovations Project in the amount of \$12,000.00 for a lump sum fee adjustment to account for professional services (architectural and engineering) associated with the design of additional security and infrastructure items prior to the release of the project for competitive bidding.
- 308.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Conveyances Operations and Maintenance Agreement between Morgantown Enterprises, L.P. the County of Berks and Honey Brook Township for the PA Turnpike tower site regarding the Berks County Public Safety Radio System Project.
- 309.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Bethel Township Developer's Improvement and Maintenance Agreement between Douglas N. Donley & Annette M. Donley and the County of Berks and the Board of Supervisors of Bethel Township for the Hill Road tower site, Bethel Township, regarding the Berks County Public Safety Radio System Project.
- 310.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement between the County of Berks, Douglas N. Donley and Annette M. Donley and the Township of Bethel for the Hill Road tower site, Bethel Township, regarding the Berks County Public Safety Radio System Project.
- 311.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the First Amendment of Lease Agreement between Douglas N. Donley and Annette M. Donley and the County of Berks which defines a new effective date and new payment terms for a parcel of land leased by the County of Berks for the Hill Road tower site regarding the Berks County Public Safety Radio System Project.
- 312.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the Certificate of Approval for the issuance by the Berks County Redevelopment Authority of tax exempt obligations regarding the renovation of a building

located at 44 East Avenue, Strausstown, Pennsylvania for use by the Strausstown Volunteer Fire Company and Community Campus. This approval is given by the County of Berks as the host community of the Authority and solely for the purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended. The County assumes no obligation whatsoever with respect to payment of the Bonds.

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 October 15, 2013. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 6 contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated October 15, 2013 for week ending October 16, 2013 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
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 reported that the Parks and Recreation Department will be presented an award from Schuylkill Highlands Partnership for the Gring's Mill Riparian Buffs Project at the Schuylkill Highlands Partnership Meeting at Steel River Playhouse in Pottstown on November 8, 2013. Commissioner Barnhardt reported that Alvernia University students volunteered for this project.
2. Robert J. Patrizio reported that at the Budget Meeting today there will be a follow-up to the Courts request for the continuation of a County funded expansion of Treatment Court, a request by the Adult Probation Office for additional staff and a Truancy Coordinator position, and a proposed fee increase request by Berks County Planning Commission for plans that are reviewed by the Planning Commission.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt commented on the earlier approval of the McCormick Taylor Agreement for the demolition of Wiley's Bridge in Ontelaunee Township, that this is going to be a long endeavor because the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, although they can't stop demolition of the Bridge, will impart their influence on the demolition process. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the Board is sympathetic towards historical preservation, but doesn't agree to any kind of

restoration or replacement of the bridge, but the County will continue to explore options to keep part of the historic wipple portion of the Bridge. Commissioner Barnhardt reported McCormick Taylor will provide information on possible options.

Commissioner Scott announced that based on information from SEI, the County's Pension consultant, the County Pension fund has reached an all time high of \$387 million as of October 11, 2013, which is good news for the taxpayers of Berks County.

Commissioner Leinbach followed up on the discussion last week regarding the Cadillac tax and reported that CCAP (County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania) is now surveying all 67 Counties and making it clear to a handful of counties that very few counties have started to see where they fit in as far as the threshold of the Cadillac tax. Commissioner Leinbach commented that as result of numerous phone calls and feedback from his twitter and face book accounts, he has requested the Human Resources Department, the Chief Operating Officer and Budget to come up with a better understanding of why the Berks County plan is a Cadillac plan, and specifically what connection does it have to being self-funded. Commissioner Leinbach stated that the County is doing what it can at this point to aggressively look for solutions so that taxpayers will not have to pay additional taxes. Commissioner Leinbach stated the objective is to bring the plan under the threshold of the Cadillac tax.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk