Commissioners’ Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2019

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 17, 2019, 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 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.

PRESENTATION

Diane Price, Chair of the Berks County Armed Forces Advisory Committee, presented Certificates of Appreciation to the County of Berks, the County Commissioners, Sheriff’s Department and Sheriff Weaknecht, Ken Lebron, Director of Berks County Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Affairs Department for their support of this year’s 71st Annual Armed Forces Day Parade. Ms. Price noted this is the oldest Armed Forces Day Parade in the United States. Ms. Price reported next year’s Parade will be held May 16, 2020.

Commissioner Leinbach announced there was an Executive Session held October 12, 2019, dealing with litigation.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 10, 2019 Commissioners’ Board Meeting and the October 10, 2019 Budget/Operations Meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the Agenda as presented, with the exception of Item #3, because the Controller’s Voucher was delayed and hadn’t been received. Action will be taken when the report is received. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott. The motion carried with said exception.

326.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2019 Budget Transfers in the amount of $405,205 and 2019 Appropriations in the amount of $2,952,000 per listing dated October 15, 2019.
327.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Laura L. Feick, Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

328.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Glenn Knoblauch, Wernersville, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Planning Commission Board for a four (4) year term expiring December 1, 2023.


330.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Renee Dietrich, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, to the Reading Public Library Board of Trustees, for a five (5) term expiring December 31, 2024.

331.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of William C. Dorward, Kutztown, Pennsylvania, Business Agent for Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 19, to the Berks County Workforce Development Board for a replacement term beginning November 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

332.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Facility Credentialing and Recredentialing Application for United Healthcare for the Berks Heim Nursing and Rehabilitation.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator per listing dated October 15, 2019. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 4 contracts and referenced the departments.

3. Motion authorizing payments set forth on Controller’s Office vouchers payable listing dated October 15, 2019 for week ending October 16, 2019 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll. The Controller’s Office listing was delayed and will be voted on when it is received.

Reports

1. County Treasurer A. Dennis Adams, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer’s report.
2. The Controller’s weekly report was delayed and will be presented when received.

**REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Robert Patrizio reported there will not be a Budget/Operations Meeting this afternoon.

**REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Ronald R. Seaman reported the Parks Department will be sponsoring two events this weekend at Gring’s Mill; a Monster Mash from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Poe’s Unhappy Hour from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Seaman announced Berks Agricultural Resource Network will be holding its Bountiful Berks Banquet Friday, November 1, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Leesport Farmers Market.

At this time Controller Graffius presented the Controller’s Office voucher and the Controller’s weekly report.

Commissioner Barnhardt motioned to approve the Controllers’ Reports. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt reported he attended the 6th Annual Open House at the Center for Excellence in Local Government at Albright College Tuesday where awards were presented to Equus Capital Partners for the Smart Growth Alliance Award and David Bausher for the CELG Wall of Fame.

Commissioner Barnhardt announced there are only 19 days left until Election Day, November 5, 2019, and Election Services is in dire need of poll workers.

Commissioner Barnhardt noted there is a need for Republican workers in the City and Democrat workers for the County precincts.

**Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott commented he had some concerns with #4 on the Contract Agenda, the contract with Weidenhammer Systems Corporation to provide design and develop services to support information exchange between the County’s Children and Youth Services System and the Department Child Welfare Information Services.

Commissioner Scott spoke with Attorney Bradshaw in the Solicitor’s Office who made some modifications and adjustments. Commissioner Scott commented the addition of a Solicitor in the Solicitor’s Office dealing with contracts has been well worth the expense.

**Commissioner Leinbach**

Commissioner Leinbach announced Berks Community Television (“BCTV”) is currently holding Octoberfest and is a great outlet for local programming.

Commissioner Leinbach shared a great book he just read, A Higher Call.
ELECTED OFFICIALS’ COMMENTS

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Jane Palmer, Wyomissing, commented on the recent article in the newspaper regarding the family from England that was detained at the Berks County Residential Center.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk