

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes November 3, 2016**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 3, 2016, 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.

### **Presentation**

Diane Price, Chair of the Berks County Armed Forces Advisory Committee, attended the meeting to thank the Commissioners for their support of this year the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Forces Day Parade held May 16, 2016, and presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Board, the Sheriff, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Commissioner Leinbach for their participation. Ms. Price advised the Commissioners that next week the Board will be receiving a letter requesting an increase in financial support for next year due to rising costs, and assuring the Commissioners the Committee has cut back on many expenses, including advertising.

Ms. Price announced this Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day and at 11:00 a.m. there will be a combined Veterans Council ceremony at the Reading City Park War Memorial, and reminded everyone the Veterans Appreciation Dinner Dance will be held at Wilson High School next Saturday.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of October 27, 2016 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

### **Agenda Items**

1. Commissioner Barnhardt motioned to approve the Agenda as presented, and voted No to Item 329.16, the appointment of Michelle Kircher to the Reading Regional Airport Authority.  
Commissioner Scott commented in that event he will not second any of the items on the Agenda.  
Commissioner Leinbach seconded the motion and also voted No to Item 329.16, the appointment of Michelle Kircher.  
Commissioner Scott remarked this calls for further discussion as this is an extraordinary move and is new territory, as typically Commissioners respect each other's appointments to Boards. Commissioner Scott noted for the record that Mr.

Kline, who Ms. Kircher would be replacing, and who Commissioner Scott respects for his business acumen, has missed all but 2 out of 10 meetings in the last year and according to the Municipal Authorities Act, can be removed if the individual misses three consecutive meetings, which is the case in this instance.

Commissioner Barnhardt commented Commissioner Scott fails to realize that it is customary for Berks County to have recommendations for appointments to boards, commissions and authorities, but it ultimately becomes the vote of the Board of Commissioners totally.

Commissioner Leinbach read the paragraph Commissioner Scott asked to be read from the October 28, 2016 letter sent to Mr. Kline, and commented until this matter of the lease is resolved by the Authority Board, he will not be approving any new members to this Authority.

Commissioner Leinbach then proceeded, stating that if there are no further comments, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Commissioner Leinbach and Commissioner Barnhardt voted "Yes" and Commissioner Scott voted "No" and the items listed below were approved:

- 321.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2016 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$550,127.00 and 2016 Appropriations in the amount of \$105,946.00 per listing dated October 31, 2016.
- 322.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated November 3, 2016 as follows:
1. Authorize the appointment of Erin Gardner to PC011983 Enterprise Support Technician – Information Systems, effective 11/16/2016. Rate of \$45,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$44,292; Midpoint \$59,057; Maximum \$73,821. Replacement for Kurt Vivaldi who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11170.
  2. Authorize the appointment of Joshua Rissmiller to PC013175 Enterprise Support Technician – Information Systems, effective 11/16/2016. Rate of \$45,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$44,292; Midpoint \$59,057; Maximum \$73,821. New position created by Salary Board on 12/17/2015. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11170.
- 323.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency State Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Hazardous Material Response Fund Grant Agreement in the amount of \$69,540.00. This is an annual recurring grant agreement used to manage, update and perform hazardous response reports, requirements and training.

- 324.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Marie Erlandson, Bechtelsville, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Children and Youth Services Advisory Board for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2019.
- 325.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Modesto Fiume, Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Children and Youth Services Advisory Board for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2019.
- 326.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Larry Sundberg, Shoemakersville, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Children and Youth Services Advisory Board for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2019.
- 327.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Eric Jenkins, Fleetwood, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Industrial Development Authority for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2021.
- 328.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Barry Schlouch, Blandon, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2020.
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 November 1, 2016. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 25 contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated November 1, 2016 for week ending November 2, 2016 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 William Consugar, Manager of Accounting & Financial Report.

### **REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Commissioner Leinbach reported there will not be a Budget or Operations Meeting this afternoon.

**REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Ronald R. Seaman encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote next Tuesday.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Barnhardt announced there will be an Election Board Meeting today at 11:00 a.m. where the Judges of Election, Majority Inspectors, Minority Inspectors, Machine Inspectors, Clerks and Interpreters will be appointed.

Commissioner Barnhardt thanked Liam Migdail-Smith for his column today about the many people working at the polls.

Commissioner Scott announced that today a majority of the Board will attend a luncheon to accept an award for its support of the Berks County Council on Chemical Abuse and its subcontractors who support and help those with addictive behaviors, while at the same time those agencies are confronted with a nationwide effort to legalize and decriminalize marijuana. Commissioner Scott read an article that appeared in the Wall Street Journal that spoke to this issue.

Commissioner Leinbach added to Commissioner Scott's comments that being familiar with the construction industry, he has grave concerns with where we are heading on this issue because OSHA has a zero tolerance for drug activity, and we need to think long and hard before we take any steps to legalize or decriminalize marijuana.

Commissioner Leinbach commented he enjoyed watching the World Series game last night.

Commissioner Leinbach remarked it is important to vote on Election Day, and it is also important to make sure you know who you are voting for; advising the public they can find all the information about the candidates by going to the Berks Election Services homepage.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no comments today.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk