

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes November 6, 2014

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 6, 2014, 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 Assistant County Solicitor Heidi B. Masano, 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 congratulated all those who ran for election this past Tuesday, stating it is not whether they won or lost, but the fact that they participated is what matters most.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 30, 2014 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Reading Resident Chris Gant commented on items 345.14, 346.14 and 347.14. Mr. Gant requested preference be given to local Berks County contracting companies and as part of the process that local tax and labor returns be included in this process for contracts being awarded going forward. Mr. Gant stated that an investment in the Berks County labor workforce is just as important as an investment in the infrastructure. Commissioner Leinbach replied to Mr. Gant that this issue must be brought before the legislative delegation as this would require a change in the law

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 340.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2014 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$10,000.00 and 2014 Appropriations in the amount of \$49,500.00 per listing dated October 31, 2014.
 - 341.14 Adopt a resolution ratifying and confirming the execution by Commissioner Mark C. Scott of the Applications to Encumber Liquid Fuels Tax Funds to encumber/disencumber funds with PennDOT for various bridge projects. These forms must be

submitted to stay compliant with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requirements.

- 342.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated November 6, 2014 as follows:
1. Authorize the utilization of a temporary agency for an Internal Auditor position – Controller's Office, effective 11/7/2014. Rate not to exceed \$29.75/hour. Utilization of the temporary agency will cease when the Internal Auditor position is filled. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11120.
- 343.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Certification Statement for County Children & Youth Social Service Programs for submission of Fiscal Year 2014/2015 1st quarter. This Certification Statement is part of the quarterly invoice to Office of Children & Youth Families to receive reimbursement for expenditures.
- 344.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Easement Agreement between the County of Berks and MAW Communications, Inc. Reading, Pennsylvania for to allow access for network service improvements at the North Campus.
- 345.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute Change Order No. 01-28 to the Pyramid Network Services, LLC Contract in the amount of \$154,721.70. This Change Order is to furnish labor and materials for installation of requested site alarms, UPS circuits and road paving for various sites regarding the Berks County Public Safety Radio Project.
- 346.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute A132-2009 Agreement between the County of Berks and Olde Glory Contractors, Inc., Hanover, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$14,815.00 to provide construction services for the 30' x 30' Pavilion at Gring's Mill Park.
- 347.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Amendment to the Consulting Agreement between the County of Berks and D'Huy Engineering, Inc., Bethlehem, Pennsylvania for the Services Center Building Envelope Rehabilitation Project.
- 348.14 Adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the Municipal Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative (MCDC) with the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), and be it further resolved that the Board of Commissioners, the administrative officers and the County Solicitor are authorized to execute documentation and do such other things on behalf of the County to implement and comply with the MCDC Initiative.

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 4, 2014. Commissioner Leinbach reported there were 5 contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated November 4, 2014 for week ending November 5, 2014 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 County Controller Sandy Graffius.

REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Carl E. Geffken had no report today.
2. Mr. Geffken reported for Mr. Patrizio, who was absent, there will be further discussion on the 2015 preliminary budget and a discussion regarding a response to the draft Act 47 Plan for the City of Reading.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt congratulated all the folks who ran and exercised their right to run for office and congratulated Fred Sheeler for a good campaign.

Commissioner Scott offered his compliments to all winners and losers from this past election.

Commissioner Leinbach read a prepared press release issued by the Penn State Extension regarding the Spotted Lanternfly, an invasive pest, and has been found and seen in District and Pike Townships for the past two years. Commissioner Leinbach reported the Pennsylvania State Department of Agricultural has declared a voluntary quarantine in Pike, District, Hereford, Rockland and Washington Townships and the Boroughs of Bally and Bechtelsville. Commissioner Leinbach announced there will be a town hall meeting mainly for area residents and businesses Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Oley Valley High School.

Commissioner Leinbach commented on recent discussions relative to the Agricultural Coordinator position and he will be offering a concept for consideration by his colleagues and will be providing more detail at an upcoming budget meeting. Commissioner Leinbach commented there might be a more effective way to address agriculture issues and agriculture economic development and possibly rename the position to the Berks County Department of Agricultural.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk