

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, January 31, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. in the 13th floor Boardroom 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 in attendance. Commissioner Mark C. Scott was out of town and did not attend the meeting. Also present were County Solicitor Alan S. Miller and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$339,720.00, 2011 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$20,065.00, 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$251,612.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount \$3,600.00 per listing dated January 27, 2012. Commissioner Barnhardt commented on line item #7, which finalizes the County's plan for the cleanup, grading and seeding of the Leesport Lockhouse, and will eventually be turned over to the Borough of Leesport.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated January 31, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach commented on the one item listed on today's agenda.

Purchasing

- A. Motion authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated January 30, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach commented on the nine contracts.

Facilities

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute an Agreement between the Township of Bern and the County of Berks for the establishment of permanently marked traffic detour routes on roadways owned and maintained by the County in cases where PA State Route 183 is closed due to fire, traffic accident or other emergency. Ryan

Hunter, Director of Facilities and Operations commented that Bern Township has a similar agreement with the Airport.

- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute a Policy and Procedures for Consultant Selection Agreement to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), established by PennDOT, the Federal Highway Administration and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as it pertains to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of County-owned bridges. This Policy and resolution reaffirms compliance with the standards set forth in PennDOT Publication 93 as amended in 2011. Ryan Hunter commented that in Pennsylvania the process by which counties can solicit professional services are governed by Publication 93 which sets forth that if the County requests the use of state or federal money we must abide by these policies and procedure in selecting the consultants. Mr. Hunter further commented that Publication 93 was amended in 2011; thus PennDOT is asking counties to reaffirm our agreement to comply with the standards.

Human Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution by Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, of TEFAP Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the period (October, November, December) 1st Quarter FFY 2011/2012 Report in the amount of \$18,087.00 for distributing 150,725 pounds of food at \$.12 per pound, and further authorizes Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank, to apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt announced very positive news for the County; ICE (Immigration Customs Enforcement) has changed its position and would like to remain in Berks County. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that a modification to the agreement the County had with ICE has been negotiated. Commissioner Barnhardt reported that ICE will be moving to the CRC (Community Reentry Center) and paying for the renovations. Commissioner Barnhardt also reported the new agreement increases the rent for the larger facility and extended the length of the time afforded to each party to withdraw from the Agreement. Commissioner Barnhardt expressed thanks to many people, but especially to Diane Edwards, Deputy Executive Director, and to Robert Patrizio and Mark Boyer of Budget and Finance. Commissioner Barnhardt offered thanks to the many other County employees of the ICE facility, and to the many letter writers asking for the County's support in keeping the ICE facility in Berks County, and for everyone's ability to see the value of keeping this facility in Berks County

Commissioner Barnhardt then asked for a motion to vote for the retention of ICE in Berks County. Commissioner Leinbach seconded the motion and all voted

unanimously to approve amending the Modification Agreement with ICE. Commissioner Leinbach further commented on the amount of letters and phone calls he received after word that ICE wasn't going to stay in Berks County. Commissioner Leinbach responded to everyone, and supplied the employees with facts they didn't previously have. Commissioner Leinbach further commented that the new agreement will generate approximately \$1 million with a net gain of $\frac{3}{4}$ of million dollars to the County. Commissioner Leinbach offered his thanks to Commissioner Barnhardt and Diane Edwards for their persistence in following this process to fruition.

Solicitor Alan Miller requested the Commissioners adopt a resolution authorizing the following:

- 41.12** Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Amendment of Solicitation/Modification No. P00001 to Contract DROIGSA-10-0003 between the County of Berks and the United States of America, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the provision of detention and care of persons detained under the authority of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Leinbach

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Gloria Seifrit, Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board for a three (3) year term which will expire February 1, 2015.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Dr. Joan M. Lewis, Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board for a three (3) year term which will expire February 1, 2015.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk