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Berks County Celebrates National County Government Month

Reading, PA – The Berks County Commissioners are pleased to announce that April is National County Government Month. National County Government Month is an annual event, under the umbrella of NACO (National Association of Counties). This year’s theme for National County Government Month is ***“Counties Moving America Forward: The keys are Transportation and Infrastructure”***

Throughout the month of April, the Commissioners and their special guests will be featured on BCTV’s *County Connection*, as well as WEEU’s *Feedback* “Feature of the Day”, and will discuss how Berks County is helping America move forward, specifically with the progress of improvements in the areas of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Commissioner Chairman, Christian Leinbach states that “National County Government Month helps shine a light on the role of county government in the lives of our citizens. The focus for 2015 is Transportation and Infrastructure. Counties own 45% of roads, 230,690 bridges, 1/3 of public transit and operate 30% of public airports. Counties matter when it comes to transportation and infrastructure.”

Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt states that “Berks is strategically located in Southeast Pennsylvania, and is a main thoroughfare for the transport of material goods and products throughout the state and the mid-Atlantic region.”

“As such, we cannot neglect our existing infrastructure or be complacent in our duty to maintain that infrastructure as well as improve and expand the availability of a commuter mass-transportation system. A perfect example is the recent merger of BARTA and Red Rose in Lancaster County, which formed the expanded commuter services known as the South Central Transit Authority. This is in addition to already established commercial transportation systems via Berks’s roadways, bridges, and railways.”

“NACO’s National County Government Month theme, which focuses on Transportation and Infrastructure, serves to bring to the forefront the many ways in which Berks is, literally, moving forward.”

The Berks County Commissioners will officially begin the special programs for National County Government Month on Thursday, April 2nd, at the Commissioners Board meeting, 10AM in the Services Center, 13th Floor.

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