

Operations Minutes
February 9, 2021

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams Live pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public. Commissioner Leinbach was absent.

The following matters were discussed:


1. Dr. George Grant, the new Chancellor at Penn State Berks, was introduced by Pam Shupp Menet, Berks County Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Economic Development for Berks County. Ms. Shupp Menet is a member of the Penn State Advisory Committee who interviewed candidates for the position following a national search. Dr. Grant previously served as professor and dean of the College of Community and Public Service at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. Dr. Grant will approach his new role from a unique perspective, having overseen university programs in social work, criminal justice, public and nonprofit administration and hospitality and tourism management. Having a background in child welfare work, Dr. Grant will listen, learn and work with the community and support initiatives of the County and community, and will include the entire University community in that role.

2. Pam Shupp Menet announced that the Commonwealth has allocated \$145 million under The Hospitality Industry Recovery Program that will directly benefit Berks County businesses impacted by COVID-19. The State will provide the funds in the form of block grants, which is based on the counties' population. Berks should receive about \$4.7 million, and the County will work as quickly as possible to make recommendations and put parameters in place to get the funds out to the business community as quickly as possible.

There was no formal action needed or taken today, and there were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk