

Berks County Operations Minutes **April 19, 2022**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Boardroom, 13th floor of the Berks County Services Center, and via Microsoft Teams Live 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 Michael S. Rivera in attendance. Also present were Christine M. Sadler, County Solicitor, Ronald R. Seaman, Chief Administrative Officer, and Carmen Torres, Chief Clerk.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of March 29, 2022 were approved as presented.

9:30am – 9:45am

New Jail project update, Name: Berks County Correctional Facility, Mission Statement final recommendation, Logo and tagline "Opportunity for Change," sustainability statement.

Commissioner Barnhart gave a project update on the new jail and introduced Berks County Correctional Facility as the new name for the new jail. He also introduced the mission statement, tagline, and logo for approval of the board.

Commissioner Leinbach and Commissioner Rivera stated other names were offered, but the Warden strongly feels that Berks County Correctional Facility is the correct name; therefore, they support it.

Commissioner Leinbach motioned to approve the name, logo, tagline, and mission statement as presented. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barnhardt introduced the sustainability statement to use going forward with certification and standards.

Commissioner Leinbach indicated that within the statement, we need to add maintenance as we must invest in the care of the new facility.

Commissioner Barnhardt motioned to approve the sustainability statement with a note to include ongoing maintenance. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

9:45am – 10:00am

West Reading TIF Proposal - Jeremy Zaborowski, Executive Director, BerksIDA, John Buccino, Senior VP Client Services, NAI Keystone

Jeremy Zaborowski, Executive Director, BerksIDA, introduced a project in West Reading and the request for a TIF. He explained the TIF and the requirements needed to qualify. He indicated that the taxing bodies would not have any reduction in revenues; they would only see an increase depending on the payment of the bond.

Mr. Zaborowski indicated the request for the TIF is for a parking garage in West Reading. He presented a slideshow to show the assessment/value of the project and why he is recommending this project to the TIF committee. He explained the steps in the process and requested the board to appoint a member to the TIF committee.

Commissioner Barnhardt motioned to join the borough and the school district in the TIF committee. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioner Rivera motioned to appoint Pamela Shupp-Menet, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Economic Development Director, and Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, to the TIF Committee. Commissioner Barnhardt seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried.

No comments.

There being no further business, Commissioner Leinbach adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carmen Torres, Chief Clerk