

Berks County Operations Minutes

June 7, 2022

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 9:30 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 May 10, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

9:30am – 10:00am

Rodale Institute Science Center Phase 1 – Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program (RACP). Berks County rejects serving as Applicant and recommends the BCIDA to serve as Applicant. - Jeremy Zaborowski, Executive Director, Berks IDA

Jeremy Zaborowski provided a brief background on the Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program (RACP) to assist in clarifying his request, asking the Commissioners to provide a letter stating that Berks County declines to act as an applicant for the Rodale Institute Science Center, and instead recommends that the Berks County Industrial Development Authority (BCIDA) serve as an applicant. Typically, a county will not be an applicant, but rather, an authority would be on behalf of a county. This request to have the county decline as an applicant and put into the hands of the BCIDA will not impact or affect the institution's application in any way but is a time-sensitive housekeeping matter to become and stay in administrative compliance during this process.

The Commissioners' agreed that in many years, they have not seen a county act as a RACP applicant and believe sending a letter as delineated above is an appropriate request.

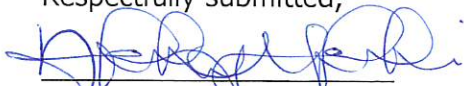
Commissioner Leinbach motioned to have Berks County send a letter to the Rodale Institute Science Center declining to act as an applicant and recommending that the BCIDA become the applicant. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comments

No comments.

There being no further business, Commissioner Leinbach adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brittney Frankowski, Deputy Chief Clerk