

**Berks County Operations Minutes**  
**September 27, 2022**  
**9:30 a.m.**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 27, 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 Michael S. Rivera in attendance. Also present were Christine M. Sadler, County Solicitor, Ronald R. Seaman, Chief Operations Officer, and Carmen Torres, Chief Clerk.

**Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes of August 30, 2022, were approved as presented.

9:30am – 9:45am

CPACE Expansion - Kelly Sanders, Vice President, Sustainable Energy Fund

Pam Shupp Menet, introduced the PA C-PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy), which is an energy efficiency program that provides funding for projects that result in energy savings. Mrs. Shupp Menet introduced Kelly Sanders, Vice President, Sustainable Energy Fund. Ms. Sanders is the program administrator for C-PACE, and as program administrator, she ensures the applications for C-PACE are within the C-PACE statutes and program guidelines. Ms. Sanders presented a PowerPoint presentation to show how the C-PACE is used and reiterated that no government-owned properties qualify for the program. She stated that C-PACE is somewhat of a loan tied to the property, not the owner. Ms. Sanders indicated that the cost continues to be assessed to the property upon sale or transfer.

Commissioner Leinbach expressed his concerns with the cost continuing to be assessed on an improvement to the property that no longer exists. He suggested that a rule be set in place to have the C-PACE loan paid off by the current owner when the property is sold to avoid transferring to the new owner.

Mrs. Shupp Menet stated that Berks is one of twenty Counties in the state of Pennsylvania that have established the use of the C-PACE program. Mrs. Shupp Menet noted that no action is necessary today, and the presentation was to discuss and address any concerns/issues that the Board or Solicitor's office may have. The application and program guide will be revised, and upon Solicitor's approval, it will be listed at future Commissioners' meeting for formal approval.

Commissioner Leinbach and Rivera expressed their support in having the Solicitor's team review the application and program guide for the C-PACE program and, upon their approval, be presented for a vote at a future meeting.

**Public Comments**

No comments.

There being no further business, Commissioner Leinbach adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m

Respectfully submitted,



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Carmen Torres, Chief Clerk