

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2022

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 23, 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 Michael S. Rivera in attendance. Also present were Christine Sadler, Solicitor, Ronald R. Seaman, Chief Administrative Officer, and Carmen Torres, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held for approval of the Human Services Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. Pamela Seaman, Berks County Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Program Administrator, presented a PowerPoint presentation providing specific detail about the programs, services, and where the grant funds were spent. Stan Papademetriou, Executive Director, Council on Chemical Abuse spoke on the importance of the Block Grant and the services provided. There were no questions or comments from elected officials or the public. Motion to close the hearing was made by Commissioner Rivera and seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rivera to approve the following resolution. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, the motion carried.

- 204.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Appendix A, Fiscal Year 2022-2023 County Human Services Plan Assurance of Compliance form.

PRESENTATION

Peter T. Edelman, Sevens & Lee spoke about tax-exempt and taxable revenue bonds for Albright College. The project entails up to \$75,000.00 of outstanding bonds and it is for restructuring some existing debt and financing some capital projects on campus.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the resolution for the taxes and bonds for Albright College through Berks County Municipal Authority. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Rivera, the motion carried.

- 205.2022 ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE FINANCING BY THE BERKS COUNTY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALBRIGHT

COLLEGE, DECLARING THAT IT IS DESIRABLE FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA SERVED BY ALBRIGHT COLLEGE FOR THE AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINANCING OF THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT FOR FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE PURPOSES; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACTION.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commissioners' meeting minutes of June 16, 2022 were approved as presented.

Commissioner Leinbach noted that there were several Executive Sessions held, there were two sessions held on June 20, 2022, the first session dealing with personnel, and the second one dealing with personnel, real estate, and litigation. An Executive Session was also held on June 21, 2022, dealing with personnel and litigation, and another session was held on June 22, 2022, dealing with personnel, litigation, contract negotiations, and real estate.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments

AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, to approve the agenda as presented.

1. Agenda Items

206.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2021 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$109,027, and 2022 Appropriations in the amount of \$2,977,880 per listing dated June 17, 2022.

207.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations dated June 23, 2022 as follows:

1. Authorize the appointment of Luis Garcia Rodriguez to PC013355 Enterprise Support Technician – Information Systems, effective 06/29/2022. Rate of \$51,995/annually. Salary range Minimum \$46,950; Midpoint \$62,600; Maximum \$78,250. Replacing Ery Morillo who was promoted. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11700.

208.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing the award, and the Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute a two (2) year contract as a result of the Request for Proposal #22-05-GR for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Education and Workforce Services Program as follows:

Arbor E&T, LLC dba Equus Workforce Solutions
805 N. Whittington Parkway
Louisville, KY 40222

Total Not to Exceed: \$720,000.00 for Fiscal Year 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023. The allocation amount for the additional program years shall be reestablished annually.

The County reserves the right upon mutual agreement of both parties to extend the agreement for one (1) additional one (1) year term.

209.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christine M. Sadler, Solicitor, to execute the Miller, Turetsky, Rule & McLennan engagement letter for supplemental legal representation as directed by the County Solicitor.

210.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing Brandy Neider, Berks County Children, and Youth Administrator, to execute Memorandum of Understanding between Berks County Children and Youth Services and Lancaster County Children and Youth Services, to establish guidelines and address funding criteria for the use of a Berks County licensed resource home.

211.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Pennsylvania State Police and the County of Berks, to participate in the municipal automobile theft/motor vehicle insurance fraud Task Force program (Task Force).

212.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of the following members to the Berks County Workforce Development Board for three (3) year terms beginning July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025:

1. Jenny Batista, Human Resources Consultant, Herbein | Mosteller HR Solutions
2. William Dorward, Business Agent, Sheet Metal Workers Local 19
3. Michael Fischetti, Vice President, Human Resources, Reading Truck

- 4. Robert Harrop, Vice President, Personnel, East Penn Manufacturing Co.
- 5. Thomas McNelis, President/CEO, Threshold Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
- 6. Debra Millman, Esq., President, Greater Berks Development Fund
- 7. Barry Unger, President, Vision Mechanical, Inc.
- 8. Yvelisse Gonzalez, Acting District Administrator, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

213.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Patricia F. Shermot, CME, CUDE, Director of Government Affairs/Urban Development, Visions Federal Credit Union to the Berks County Workforce Development Board for a replacement term beginning July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

214.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Christy Pisker, MBA, PHR, SHRM-CP, Director, People and Performance, Glen-Gery LLC to the Berks County Workforce Development Board for a term beginning July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

- 2. Motion to authorize execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as set forth on the attached listing dated June 23, 2022. There are a total of contracts and listed the departments.
- 3. Motion to authorize execution of the payments and electronic transfers as set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated June 23, 2022.

REPORTS OF TREASURER AND CONTROLLER

- 1. The weekly Treasurer's report was presented by Linda Weaver, Deputy Treasurer.
- 2. The weekly Controller's report was presented by Sandy Graffius, Controller.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – Ronald R. Seaman
Nothing to report

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Rivera

He reported that he was in Washington D.C. and participated in the 2022 National Association of Counties, County Leadership Institute. He indicated that this past Saturday, he participated in the SAFE Berks celebration of peace walk and noted that domestic violence is unacceptable. He announced that the 2022 B.A.R.N.opoly kicked off, an excellent opportunity to get to know our local small businesses. He congratulated the Reading-Berks Association of Realtors on celebrating 100 years of serving the community.

Commissioner Barnhardt

He spoke on the passing of City of Reading Council President Jeff Waltman. He attended Mr. Waltman's viewing and reflected on all the good Mr. Waltman did for the City of Reading. He also reflected on the passing of Bill Semmel, credited for having the vision of the Parks and Recreation system we have today. He stated that we can look back and say we are where we are today in the City of Reading and County of Berks because of leaders like Jeff Waltman and Bill Semmel.

Commissioner Leinbach

He sent his sympathies to City Council President Jeff Waltman's family and reflected on Mr. Waltman's courage and humbleness. He also mentioned that he will be attending the Memorial Service for Bill Semmel and spoke of Mr. Semmel's history with the Parks and Recreations department. He announced the Thin Blue Line Hero's Ride in memory of Officer Scott Wertz and Deputy Kyle Pagerly, taking place this upcoming Saturday, June 25th, from 10-5. He touched on the history of Juneteenth and the significance of the celebration.

ROW OFFICERS' COMMENTS

No comments.

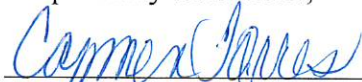
PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Leinbach adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carmen Torres, Chief Clerk