

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes September 8, 2022

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Thursday, September 8, 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 Vice Chair Kevin S. Barnhardt called the meeting to order with Commissioner Michael S. Rivera in attendance. Also present were Christine Sadler, Solicitor, Ronald R. Seaman, Chief Operating Officer and Carmen Torres, Chief Clerk.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A modification to the minutes was made to reflect the attendance of Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt and remove Commissioner Michael S. Rivera, who was not present. Otherwise, the Commissioners' meeting minutes of September 1, 2022, were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments

AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Authorizing:

299.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2022 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$68,092 per listing dated September 2, 2022.

300.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations dated September 8, 2022, as follows:

1. Authorize the appointment of John Auman to PC011388 Manager of Auditing – Controller's Office, effective 09/14/2022. Rate of \$80,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$63,533; Midpoint \$84,711; Maximum \$105,888. Replacing Oliver Arthur who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11120.
2. Authorize the appointment of Nora Corona to PC010218 Buyer – Purchasing Department, effective 09/21/2022. Rate of \$47,840/annually. Salary range Minimum \$32,278; Midpoint \$49,705; Maximum \$61,131. Replacing Hunter Ahrens who separated. This request

meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11180.

3. Authorize the promotion of Christina Wark from PC013549 Election Services Coordinator to PC013515 Elections Project Supervisor, Election Services, effective 09/09/2022. Rate of \$53,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$41,168; Midpoint \$54,890; Maximum \$68,613. Replacing John Santoro who transferred. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11050.
 4. Authorize a salary adjustment for Shanewha Waddy PC012242 Senior Contract Coordinator, Purchasing Department, effective 09/09/2022. Rate of \$49,500/annually. Salary range Minimum \$42,153; Midpoint \$56,204; Maximum \$70,256. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11180.
 5. Authorize the utilization of a temporary agency for a Human Resources Assistant – Human Resources Department, effective 09/09/2022. Rate not to exceed \$30.00/hour. Utilization of the temporary agency will cease when a candidate is hired to fill the vacant Human Resources Assistant position. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11410.
- 301.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing Kevin S. Barnhardt, Vice Chair, to execute the CWEL (“Child Welfare Education for Leadership Program”) between the County of Berks, Raisa Caldwell, an employee of Berks County Children and Youth Services, and the University of Pittsburgh-Of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to participate in a graduate level social work program as outlined in Title IV-B, Part 1 of the Commonwealth’s Child and Family Services Plan.
- 302.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing Kevin S. Barnhardt, Vice Chair, to execute the CWEL (“Child Welfare Education for Leadership Program”) between the County of Berks, Ashlea Mellinger, an employee of Berks County Children and Youth Services, and the University of Pittsburgh-Of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to participate in a graduate level social work program as outlined in Title IV-B, Part 1 of the Commonwealth’s Child and Family Services Plan.
- 303.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing Kevin S. Barnhardt, Vice Chair, to execute the CWEL (“Child Welfare Education for

Leadership Program”) between the County of Berks, Jazmine Morales, an employee of Berks County Children and Youth Services, and the University of Pittsburgh-Of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to participate in a graduate level social work program as outlined in Title IV-B, Part 1 of the Commonwealth’s Child and Family Services Plan.

304.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing Kevin S. Barnhardt, Vice Chair, to execute the CWEL (“Child Welfare Education for Leadership Program”) between the County of Berks, Allena Pinkavitch, an employee of Berks County Children and Youth Services, and the University of Pittsburgh-Of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to participate in a graduate level social work program as outlined in Title IV-B, Part 1 of the Commonwealth’s Child and Family Services Plan.

305.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing Kevin S. Barnhardt, Vice Chair, to execute the CWEL (“Child Welfare Education for Leadership Program”) between the County of Berks, Brooke Strausser, an employee of Berks County Children and Youth Services, and the University of Pittsburgh-Of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to participate in a graduate level social work program as outlined in Title IV-B, Part 1 of the Commonwealth’s Child and Family Services Plan.

306.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing a letter of support to be sent to Kristen Sandel at the Council on Chemical Abuse requesting consideration to retain Stan Papademetriou as a consultant to coordinate the Opioid settlement with the County of Berks.

307.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the County Assurance of Financial Commitment and Participation for Children and Youth Services Needs Based Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

308.2022 Adopt a resolution authorizing Kevin S. Barnhardt, Vice Chair, to execute Amendment #10 between Tyler Technologies, Inc. (“Tyler”) and County of Berks on behalf of the Berks County Department of Emergency Services, PA (“Client”), to include the annual mobility hosting fees.

2. Motion to authorize execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as set forth on the attached listing dated September 2, 2022. There were four (4) 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 September 8, 2022.
4. Motion to authorize execution of employee payroll disbursements dated September 13, 2022.

REPORTS OF TREASURER AND CONTROLLER

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Rivera

He indicated he attended the Pennsylvania County's Risk Pool (Pcorp). He announced Las Caras Photo Exhibition would be taking place on Thursday, September 15th at 5:30 PM in the GoggleWorks.

Commissioner Barnhardt

He noted that the BCCF meeting would be taking place this afternoon, and he encouraged everyone to visit the website to learn about the expectation of the new facility. He announced the Town Hall meeting on September 22, 2022, starting at 5:30 PM, here in the Services Center Building to discuss the ongoing plans for the new correctional facility. He invited everyone to join the SOS Berks Opioids Coalition meeting.

Commissioner Leinbach

Not present

ROW OFFICERS' COMMENTS

No comments


PUBLIC COMMENT

See attached

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Leinbach adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carmen Torres, Chief Clerk