

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes January 3, 2013

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 10:00 A.M. in the Boardroom on the 13th floor of the Berks County Services Center, 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 Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller, Chief Operating Officer Carl E. Geffken and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of December 20, 2012 Commissioners' Board Meeting was approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the Consent Agenda Items as well as the Contract Agreements and Controllers vouchers listings. Commissioner Scott seconded said motion, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

01.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$497,840.00 and 2012 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$144,134.00 per listing December 28, 2012.

02.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated January 3, 2013 as follows:

Authorize the promotion of Kenneth W. Kelecic, PC010184 Assistant Public Defender III – Public Defender's Office to PC012761 Assistant Public Defender IV – Public Defender's Office, effective 12/19/12. Rate of \$55,053/annually. Salary budgeted \$56,675/annually. Salary range Minimum \$50,180; Midpoint \$66,907; Maximum \$83,634. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 - 11570.

03.13 Adopt a resolution ratifying, confirming and approving the execution of Amendment #7 to Agreement ICA-3379-08 between the County of Berks and Security Guards, Inc. extending the Agreement for an additional one (1) year term ending December

31, 2013, less the positions at the Berks Heim. The rates shall remain the same.

- 04.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and Michael D. Braucher for the leasing of County farmland situate at the Berks County Welfare Tract, Bern Township for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015.
 - 05.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Carl Brown, Jr., Reading, Pennsylvania to the Council on Chemical Abuse Board for a three (3) year term expiring February 1, 2016.
 - 06.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Michael Rivera, Reading, Pennsylvania to the Council on Chemical Abuse Board for a three year (3) term expiring February 1, 2016.
2. Motion authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated December 28, 2012.
 3. Motion to ratify and confirm payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated December 24, 2012 for week ending December 26, 2012; and for Controller's Office vouchers listing dated December 31, 2012 for week ending January 2, 2013.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by County Controller Sandy Graffius.

REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Carl E. Geffken commented that he is looking forward to undertaking the projects already started.
2. Robert J. Patrizio reported there will not be budget hearings this afternoon.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Scott wished everyone a happy, productive and prosperous New Year. Commissioner Leinbach also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS

Frederick Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds, reported a healthy increase in the number of recordings last year of about 12 1/2 %. Mr. Sheeler commented he will provide a more detailed report in the near future.

James P. Troutman, Berks County Clerk of Courts, reported his office saw an increase of 900 criminal cases this year (2012) over last year (2011).

CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Thomas Howell, a resident of Exeter Township, attended the meeting and addressed the Board regarding his concerns on how the Board of Supervisors of Exeter Township are spending grant funds supposedly designated for the Exeter Township Library. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Howell for the information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk