

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes January 3, 2019

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Boardroom, 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 in attendance. Commissioner Mark C. Scott was absent. Also present were County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, Chief Administrative Officer Ronald R. Seaman 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, 2018 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the Agenda. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 01.2019 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2018 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$60,425 and 2018 Appropriations in the net amount of \$0.00 per listing dated January 2, 2019.
 - 02.2019 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated January 3, 2019 as follows:
 1. Authorize the promotion of Wendy Ferrero from PC013101 Probation Officer III to PC013369 Assistant Chief – Adult Probation, effective 1/16/2019. Rate of \$79,320/annually. Salary range Minimum \$52,810; Midpoint \$70,413; Maximum \$88,016. Position created by Salary Board on 11/1/2018. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 12010.

03.2019 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Administrative Entity Operating Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Program's Administrative Entity effective March 1, 2019, for purposes of Berks County MH/DD Program ("Administrative Entity") to conduct administrative functions of the Consolidated (CMS # PA.0147), Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) (CMS # PA.0354) and Community Living (CMS #PA. 1486) Waivers for Prospective Waiver Participants and Waiver Participants and for the purpose of the Administrative Entity to conduct initial Level of Care evaluation of Prospective Waiver Participants for the Consolidated, P/FDS, Community Living and Adult Autism Waivers (CMS # PA.0593).

Dr. Michalik was present and explained this is the standard operating agreement and is routine matter required to all the County to continue to participate in the Consolidate and Person Family Directed Services Waiver, and the for release of state and federal dollars. Dr. Michalik mentioned there were a few changes made to the agreement this year concerning language to incorporate individuals enrolled the new Community Living Waiver and to allow individuals with Autism to access the three waivers.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator per listing dated January 2, 2019. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 4 contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated December 31, 2018 for week ending January 2, 2019 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

Reports

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

REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Patrizio was absent. Commissioner Leinbach reported there will be a Budget Department review of the Reading Regional Airport financial report.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt announced the Berks County Board of Elections will be meeting this morning at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the new voting system, and potentially make a recommendation to purchase a new system. Commissioner Barnhardt expects several individuals from Kutztown University to discuss the polling location for Maxatawny Township's 3rd Precinct.

Commissioner Barnhardt reported there is a promising trend in data from the SOS/Berks County Opioid Coalition showing overdose deaths in 2018 were down from previous years. Commissioner Barnhardt reported SOS continues to work to educate people about all the services available for treatment and recovery.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach talked about the new Waters of the U.S. ("WOTUS") rules, noting that groundwater and storm water control features do not fall under the new proposed definition. Commissioner Leinbach mentioned EPA will be accepting public comment for 60 days once the definition is officially public in the Federal Register. Commissioner Leinbach commented on the Election Board Meeting, reporting the State has certified the Unisyn and ES&S voting systems and expects Dominion will be certified very soon, noting all three voting systems basically work the same.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Joe Rudderow, Maiden creek Township Supervisor, commented on the new WOTUS ruling, and its impact on local municipalities. Mr. Rudderow commented it is another unfunded mandate passed on by the Federal government, and particularly impacts MS4.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk