

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes February 11, 2016

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 11, 2016, 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 County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, 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 February 4, 2016 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 41.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2015 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$405,625; 2015 Appropriations in the amount of \$158,758; 2016 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$42,094 and 2016 Appropriations in the amount of \$883,796 per listing dated February 9, 2016.
 - 42.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated February 11, 2016 as follows:
 1. Authorize the appointment of Linda Weaver to PC010249 Chief Deputy – Treasurer's Office, effective 2/22/2016. Rate of \$59,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$50,207; Midpoint \$66,942; Maximum \$83,678. Replacement for Omayra Sanchez who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11090.
 2. Authorize the appointment of Asa Robbins to PC013174 Enterprise Support Technician – Information Systems, effective 2/24/2016. Rate of \$45,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$44,292; Midpoint \$59,057; Maximum \$73,821. New position

created by Salary Board on 12/17/2015. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11170.

3. Authorize the appointment of Susan Quirits to PC010123 Assistant County Solicitor – Solicitor's Office, effective 3/2/2016. Rate of \$55,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$40,078; Midpoint \$53,437; Maximum \$66,796. Replacement for Jennifer McCollum who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11020.
 4. Authorize the appointment of Jordan Fegley to Assistant District Attorney I – District Attorney's Office, effective 2/17/2016. Rate of \$46,500/annually. Salary range Minimum \$44,690; Midpoint \$59,586; Maximum \$74,483. Replacement for Sarah Hart who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11580.
 5. Authorize the transfer of Charles Prutzman from PC011259 Law Clerk – Court Administration to Assistant District Attorney I – District Attorney's Office, effective 2/17/2016. Rate of \$46,500/annually. Salary range Minimum \$44,690; Midpoint \$59,586; Maximum \$74,483. Replacement for Jesse Leisawitz who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11580.
 6. Authorize the transfer of Toshira Copeland, PC011633 Part-time RN Supervisor to PC011631 RN Supervisor – Berks Heim Nursing, effective 2/24/2016. Rate of \$67,828/annually. Salary range Minimum \$53,556; Midpoint \$71,408; Maximum \$89,260. Replacement for Amy Bowman who transferred. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 53000 – 33090.
- 43.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the Waiver/General Release on behalf of the County of Berks, to Reading School, LLC, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, for the *Active Threat/Active Shooter Policy and Training* event being conducted by the Berks County Sheriff's Department, being held at the former Central Catholic High School, Hill Road, Reading, Pennsylvania.
- 44.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the Agreement between the

Animal Rescue League of Berks County, Inc. and the County of Berks to provide animal control, and protect the health and safety of its citizens for a one (1) year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

- 45.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the Highmark Blue Shield Facility Application for the Berks Heim Nursing and Rehabilitation to become a provider under their Freedom Blue Medicare Alternative Program.
- 46.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Edward F. Anewalt IV, Bernville, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Parks and Recreation Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Ron Leh. This term will expire on March 10, 2017.
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 February 9, 2016. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 9 contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated February 9, 2016 for week ending February 10, 2016 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.

REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Carl E. Geffken had nothing to report today.
2. Robert J. Patrizio commented the Board will receive an update on the five (5) year forecast and a Workers' Compensation summary and how it is trending.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt reported he attended the CCAP Priorities Initiative meeting in Harrisburg Monday and met with many State officials, where CCAP put out its 5 top priorities. Commissioner Barnhardt commented he focused on the criminal justice comprehensive behavioral health reform.

Commissioner Barnhardt commented yesterday he met with McCormick Taylor who gave an update on the nine counties that have to date imposed the \$5.00 registration fee,

noting it is local money that comes back to the counties, Berks could realize about \$1.9 million. Commissioner Barnhardt will continue to gather more information and put together a proposal to bring before the Board.

Commissioner Barnhardt commented tomorrow he will visit Kutztown University to look at two or three potential polling place locations for the Maxatawny polling place and try to find a solution that serves the needs of both the Township and the students at Kutztown University.

Commissioner Scott had no comment at the present.

Commissioner Leinbach commented he also participated in the CCAP Priorities meeting and met with various leaders, the Administration and legislature to help them understand the impact the Budget impasse has on counties, because CCAP feels they do not grasp the understanding of how counties are funded.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

County Controller Sandy Graffius reported the Pension 1099s were mailed January 27, 2016.

Hunter Ducheine, of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania attended the meeting and requested the adoption of a resolution to implement voter identification requirements in Pennsylvania, and to provide voter photo identification cards free to voters who don't have photo identification cards.

Tony Pair, of iCare, Reading, Pennsylvania, addressed the Board and inquired what they can do as a non-profit and small business owners and residents of the City of Reading to get the budget to move forward faster. Commissioner Leinbach suggested they do research into options, and determine what does the government do for you; then contact your local legislators and tell them what you believe should be done. Commissioner Leinbach commented the Governor and House and Senate leaders need to hear from their constituents.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk