

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, February 14, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. in the 13th floor Boardroom 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 Alan S. Miller and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and announced that the Board met in executive session Friday, February 10, 2012 for purposes of County Operations Officer interviews.

II. PRESENTATION

Mr. Joe Tackett, Executive Director of the Reading Symphony Orchestra (RSO) and Kyle Scroggs, Development Director, attended the meeting and presented information on the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the RSO which will be celebrated in 2012/2013. Mr. Tackett commented the RSO changed their mission statement from providing music to the greater Reading area to the greater Berks County area. Mr. Tackett commented that the RSO is only two Symphonies in the Country that is debt free. Mr. Scroggs commented on the number of donors and sponsors and contributors to the Orchestra. The Commissioners encouraged Mr. Constantine and Mr. Tackett to attend a future meeting to update the audience on coming events.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$354,024.00, 2011 Appropriations in the amount of \$264,987.00, 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$164,790.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount \$37,564.00 per listing dated February 10, 2012. Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, commented that in regard to the 2011 transfers, the County is much further ahead in closing the books this year compared to last year. In reply to Commissioner Leinbach's request, Mr. Patrizio commented on the impact of the Governor's Budget address to CYS block grants. Mr. Patrizio further commented on the remaining budget figures for 2011 and 2012.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated February 14, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach commented on the recommendations listed. Commissioner Barnhardt commented on Item 4, the appointment of Jeffrey Gregro and his support to the County's ongoing efforts at the Berks County Youth Center. Commissioner Barnhardt also commented on Item 5, the appointment of Mr. Mullen as a part-time Trails Manager, and his support to the Parks Department with the ongoing concerns the Pagoda Pacers have with Antietam Lake Park.

Purchasing

- A. Motion authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated February 13, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reviewed the items listed on the Contract Agenda.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing a recommendation to award and the Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid # 11-22-LE, a one year contract for Medical Supplies to be utilized at Berks Heim as follows:

Bound Tree Medical

5000 Tuttle Crossing

Dublin, OH 43106

Line Items: 5, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 41A, 41B,
41C, 55, 58, 85, 104, and 105**Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$6,274.82****Gulf South Medical Supply**

4345 Southpoint Boulevard

Jacksonville, FL 32216

Line Items: 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 19, 24, 30, 40A, 40B,
40C, 40D, 53, 57, 62, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 81, 87,
100, 101, 102 and 106**Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$35,108.28****Manheim Medical Supply**

13 N. Main St

Manheim, PA 17545

Line Items: 4, 10, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 31,
32, 35, 39A, 39B, 39C, 39D, 43, 44, 49, 50, 51, 52,
54, 59, 64, 66, 72, 79, 80, 83, 90, 91, 93, 96, 97, 107,
109, 110, 111, 112, 113, and 114**Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$145, 556.30****Medline Industries Holdings, LP.**

11080 Soldiers Field Court #700

Sugarland, TX 77479-4053

Line Items: 1, 26, 33, 38, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 56, 65,
75, 77, 78, 88, 89, 92, 95, 94, 98, 99, 102, and 108

Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$72,572.69

Moore Medical

PO Box 4066

Farmington, CT 06032-4066

Line Items: 2, 3, 29, 34, 36, 37, 61, 63, 82, 84, and 86

Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$17,319.94

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Solicitor to execute termination letters of Lease Agreements between the County of Berks and various entities for desk space in the Recorder of Deeds Office. Solicitor Miller commented that at the request of the Recorder of Deeds he will be issuing the notice of termination letters. Frederick Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds, commented that as a result of his records now being available on his website and lack of necessity to support a larger book room, and due to the fact that most of the searchers access his information from offsite locations, he doesn't see the need to spend dollars to maintain this space. Attending the meeting to comment were title searchers Shelly Wilson and Lori Serrine. Ms. Serrine commented that searchers have always had a symbiotic relationship with the Recorder of Deeds. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Wilson and Ms. Serrine for their thoughts and comments, but the decision comes down to a budgetary decision.

Children and Youth Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Certification Statement to the Office of Children, Youth & Families of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare as part of the quarterly invoice to receive reimbursement for expenditures for FY 2011/2012, 2nd quarter.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt publicly thanked Bern Township for granting preliminary approval of our tower site last week, and also commented that last evening Maxatawny Township Zoning Hearing Board gave preliminary approval of a tower site.

Commissioner Barnhardt further commented that the Board must get together before Kutztown Borough's next meeting concerning Deturk's Bridge and Anita Burkhardt. Commissioner Barnhardt commented the County ran into some significant road blocks with the Borough and must decide on the next plan of action.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott commented on some of the highlights at the last Budget Meeting. Commissioner Scott mentioned one being the revenue growth of the budget, and secondly, the status of the County pension fund. Commissioner Scott commented that the pension fund has rebounded and the dire prediction for an ever increasing annual contribution has not come true.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach commented that yesterday he visited Arlington National Cemetery as a guest of Sharon Wells Wagner and Rich Wagner to attend a ceremony honoring Mrs. Wells' father, Red Wells. Commissioner Leinbach further commented that Sharon Wells Wagner wrote a book about her father. It was a very moving experience for Commissioner Leinbach.

Commissioner Leinbach also commented that this morning he toured the I-LEAD Charter School with DPW Secretary Gary Alexander. The Secretary had a first hand look at a program that teaches independence instead of dependence on a welfare system.

Elected Officials Comments

Berks County Clerk of Court James P. Troutman questioned item No. 4 on the Human Resources listing. What is the status of the Youth Detention Center? Commissioner Leinbach commented that the average daily population of the programs has decreased drastically, thus having to lay off some of the staff. Mr. Gregro, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, will provide assistance and support. Commissioner Barnhardt commented the average daily population of the Detention Center is 20 and Shelter Care is 12.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:39 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk