

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes March 8, 2012

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 10:30 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 Mark C. Scott and Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were County Solicitor Alan Miller 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 28, 2012 Commissioners' Workshop and March 1, 2012 Commissioners' Meetings were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 80.12 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$4,643,568.00, 2011 Appropriations in the amount of \$107,627.00, 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$310,830.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount \$1,146,515.00 per listing dated March 2, 2012. Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, commented from the floor that there was a change to the 2012 Appropriations. Line #12 regarding Juvenile Probation in the amount of \$7,400.00 was pulled. The Commissioners approved and accepted the change as part of the Consent Agenda.
 - 81.12 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Access Easement Agreement between James W. Heeps and the County of Berks for property situate in Longswamp Township for a tower site in regard to the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project.
 - 82.12 C. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution by Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, of the Certification of Estimated Costs for Pennsylvania Public Library Local Effort Credit, Office of Commonwealth Libraries – State Aid Unit for calendar year 2011.
 - 83.12 D. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Douglas F. Didyoung, Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County

Municipal Authority for a five (5) year term to expire January 2, 2017.

- 84.12 E. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Justin H. Istenes, Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Parks and Recreation Board for a four (4) year term to expire March 10, 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 March 5, 2012.
 3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated March 6, 2012 for the week ending March 7, 2012.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report and was read by Commissioner Chair Leinbach.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by Richard L. Miller, Manager of Auditing.

Comments From the Floor

Commissioner Scott commented that yesterday he participated in a trash cleanup along Route 422 from the City to I 176 with the Warden, Community Service, officials from PennDOT and the Western Berks Landfill. Commissioner Scott commented that in approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours they filled 50 to 60 bags with trash.

Commissioner Chair Leinbach commented on his attendance at the NACo conference in Washington, D.C. Commissioner Leinbach informed the Board that he met with Commissioners from Vermont and New Hampshire and discussed how they are handling the issue of the emergency towers and the environmental groups. Commissioner Leinbach commented the Commissioners offered assistance if we need it. Commissioner Leinbach reported that fracking was also an issue discussed and that it is happening throughout the Country. Commissioner Leinbach further reported that he was elected 2nd Vice President of the Northeast Caucus of Counties, Aging Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk