

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes March 21, 2013**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 21, 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 March 14, 2013 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

### **Agenda Items**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below, including Item 3, Controller's Office vouchers.
  - 76.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2013 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$10,680.00 and 2013 Appropriations in the amount of \$140,547.00 per listing dated March 18, 2013.
  - 77.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated March 21, 2013 as follows:
    1. Authorize the appointment of Mark Westover to PC012683 Senior Gov't Accountant – Controller's Office, effective 1/23/13. Rate of \$55,000/annually. Salary budgeted \$54,995/annually. Salary range Minimum \$40,643; Midpoint \$54,190; Maximum \$67,738. Replacement for William Consugar who transferred. This request was reviewed and has met the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11120.
  - 78.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute, as a result of Invitation to Bid #13-04-MB, a contract for Eagle Point Bridge Maintenance 55B Maxatawny Township as follows:  
Grace Industries, Inc.  
7171 Airport Road

Bath, PA 18014  
**Total Base Bid: 62,864.00**

- 79.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #13-01-KL contracts for the Envelope Rehabilitation of the County Services Center as identified herein:

**C & D Waterproofing Corporation**  
**300 Papermill Road**  
**Bloomsburg, PA 17815**

Masonry Restoration Base Bid: \$2,389,000.00

-Alternate MRC-4: Add \$549,000.00 – Remove and replace the additional brick veneer, limestone window surround pieces and windows on the building facade.

-Alternate MRC-6: Add \$1,525.00 – Remove and replace two cast stone water table pieces as designated on drawing R4.02 as Alternate MRC-6.

**Masonry Restoration Construction Total: \$2,939,525.00**

**JJAD Concrete & Excavation Company**  
**1340 Wayne Street**  
**Reading, PA 19601**

Plaza Restoration Base Bid: \$1,044,220.00

-Alternate PRC-1: Add \$81,000.00 – Remove and replace additional front plaza concrete including waterproofing system at upper level of front plaza area

-Alternate PRC-2: Add \$213,500.00 – Execute all work associated with rear plaza renovation work including demolition and reconstruction

-Alternate PRC-3: Add \$81,200.00 – Remove and replace additional sidewalk concrete, including areas of waterproofing system, extending front plaza work to the curb line on the east side of Reed Street

**Plaza Restoration Construction Total: \$1,419,920.00**

**David/Randall Associates, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 123, 219 Maple Ave.**  
**Harleysville, PA 19438**

Roofing Base Bid: \$857,000.00

-Alternate RC -1: Deduct (\$225,000.00) - Provide a Firestone single-ply EPDM roof system with a 30 year warranty

-Alternate RC-2: Add \$35,000.00 – Provide a 22 gage stainless steel copings in lieu of Kynar coated aluminum

**Roofing Construction Total: \$667,00.00**

**Hirneisen Electric, Inc.  
1619 Old Lancaster Pike  
Reading, PA 19608**

Electrical Base Bid: \$192,800.00

-Alternate E-1: Add \$62,750.00 - Furnish and install six (6) new lamp posts at the rear plaza

-Alternate E-2: Add \$12,960.00 - Furnish and install two (2) new post top lamps at the upper front entrance plaza area

-Alternate E-5: Add \$52,000.00 - Include snow melt system at front entrance walkways

**Electrical Construction Total: \$320,510.00**

- 80.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the 2013 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) in the amount of \$300,000.00, which is 100% federally funded. District Attorney John Adams attended the meeting and commented that he has been applying for this grant along with Berks Women In Crisis since he has been the District Attorney, except for last year because the Federal government did not award any funds to any Pennsylvania counties who applied due to federal cutbacks. Mr. Adams commented this money will fund an existing position in the District Attorney's Office that handles domestic violence and adult sex cases. Mary Kay Bernoski of Berks Women in Crisis Office, commented they have had this position for the last 4 years and it funds a dedicated prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office and also funds and supports a bilingual legal advocate position in her agency that provides advocacy and support through the criminal and civil process in both English and Spanish. Ms. Bernoski commented the funding further allows that person to specialize in these difficult cases and requires a lot of time spent with the victims. At this time Commissioner Leinbach reported that tomorrow he, District Attorney John Adams, Reading Chief of Police William Heim, Reading Mayor Vaughn Spencer are participating in the State of the Community Breakfast at the Crowne Plaza at 7:45 a.m. Commissioner Leinbach stated the event will be titled Crime, Fear of Crime and Quality of Life and is open to the public.
- 81.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the WREN (Water Resource Education Network) Grant Partner Form/Source Water Protection Collaborative Grant, on behalf of the Center for Excellence in Local Government, for the Berks County Water and Sewer Association Source Water Protection Program for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The WREN provides source

water protection grants for up to \$7,000.00. The Berks County Planning Commission will provide in-kind services in the amount of \$600.00.

- 82.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the amendment letter dated March 6, 2013 to the Open-End Base Agreement No. 520905 with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, which changes the expiration date from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2016 and increase the costs from \$2,500,000.00 to \$3,200,000.00, for reimbursement of transportation planning activities.
- 83.13 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Commercial Signature Card for National Penn Bank which grants signatory authority to the Board of Commissioners, the County Controller and County Treasurer for the County checking account.
- 84.13 Adopt a resolution of the Berks County Board of Commissioners requesting the U.S. Secretary of Transportation appoint the Honorable James D. Healy, County Commissioner, DuPage County, Illinois, as a member of the NFAC (National Freight Advisory Committee) to represent the views and interest of local governments in America. Commissioner Leinbach commented that Mr. Healy is currently Chair of the NACO Transportation Committee, and has the full support of both the NACo Board and the NACo Transportation Committee. Commissioner Leinbach commented it is his understanding that Mr. Healy is the first local official appointed to this Advisory Committee.
- 85.13 Adopt a resolution appointing Jack Cleek as Chairman of the Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals through the remainder of the term of the current Board of Assessment Appeals. Commissioner Leinbach commented this is a result of recent legislative change from the last legislative session and is a change to the local Assessment Law.
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 18, 2013.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated March 19, 2013 for the week ending March 20, 2013.

**Reports**

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by Ronald Rutkowski, First Deputy Controller.

**REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

1. Carl E. Geffken announced that this Saturday, March 23, 2013, the Eggstravaganza will be held at the Berks County Heritage Center. Mr. Geffken further advised that Tuesday, May 14, 2013, Berks County Area Agency on Aging will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Centenarian Luncheon. Mr. Geffken announced the County will be holding a public auction of County surplus items and goods on April 5, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Reading Fairgrounds and is open to the public. Mr. Geffken further advised that some local municipalities will have items in the auction.
2. Robert J. Patrizio reported that at today's Budget Meeting the Commissioners will be discussing Health Care costs and will be given an update of the non-financial and financial impact of the Affordable Health Care Act on the County.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that a few years ago he along with the Ken Pick, Director of Community Development, met with Leesport Borough officials to discuss extending a road in the Borough out to Route 61 to increase economic development. This week Mr. Pick saw a notice in the paper of proposed development of a local business in the Borough, and thought the conversation should be restarted. Commissioner Barnhardt commented they met with Borough officials last week and they are very supportive of the proposal. Commissioner Barnhardt commented this funding would be a TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) and would extend not just one road but possibly another road. Commissioner Barnhardt stated he will be meeting with Ontelaunee Township officials next week to propose the idea to them. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that if they receive favorable feedback from Ontelaunee Township they will approach the Schuylkill Valley School Board to see if they are in support of this project. Commissioner Barnhardt will keep the Board apprised of any developments. Commissioner Barnhardt announced he attended a CCAP Conference Sunday as part of the Court and Corrections Committee, and reported there is a bill being considered which would transfer the Clerk of Courts and the Prothonotary to state employees, which is an effort put forth by AOPC. Commissioner Barnhardt commented the AOPC feels these positions are administrative in nature and should fall under State responsibility. Commissioner Barnhardt stated CCAP went through this bill with a fine tooth comb and it is pretty clean and the Committee supports the bill. Commissioner Barnhardt distributed copies of the bill and supporting documents to Commissioners Scott and Leinbach.

Commissioner Scott commented he is looking forward to the Budget Meeting this afternoon and discussing the impact of Obamacare on the County as an enterprise, and analyzing the prospective impact on the County financially. Commissioner Scott also commented on the proposed roundabouts on Route 222 North as part of gradual modernization project and pointed out we should be careful to address to Mennonite population in that area.

Commissioner Leinbach had no comments today.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk