

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes March 24, 2016**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 24, 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.

Commissioner Leinbach announced there were two Executive Sessions held March 16 and March 23, 2016 to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of March 17, 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:
  - 79.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2015 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$38,693.00; 2015 Appropriations in the amount of \$6,369.00; 2016 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$81,629.00 and 2016 Appropriations in the amount of \$759,434.00 per listing dated March 23, 2016.
  - 80.16 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated March 24, 2016 as follows:
    1. Authorize the promotion of Barbara Dancy from PC012095 Probation Officer IV to PC010136 Assistant Chief – Juvenile Probation, effective 3/23/2016. Rate of \$73,656/annually. Salary range Minimum \$52,197; Midpoint \$69,596; Maximum \$86,995. Replacement for Julie Kirlin who transferred. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 12020.
    2. Authorize the appointment of Jena Deisher to PC011633 Part-time RN Supervisor – Berks Heim Nursing,

effective 3/30/2016. Rate of \$32.61/hour. Replacement for Toshira Copeland who transferred. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 53000 – 33090.

- 81.16 Adopt a resolution authoring execution of Engineering Services Agreement No. EA-177116-16 between the County of Berks and Lock Ridge Engineering, LLC, Emmaus, Pennsylvania to provide structural services for the Angora Fruit Farm Storage Garage Repairs Project at a not to exceed amount of \$800.00.
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 22, 2016. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 8 contracts and referenced the Departments.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated March 22, 2016 for week ending March 23, 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 Deputy County Controller Ronald Rutkowski.

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

1. Carl E. Geffken reported he will be providing the Board with a Press Release on behalf of the Veterans Affairs Office commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Mr. Geffken announced on April 23, 2016 the Parks Department in conjunction with the YMCA will host Healthy Kids and Go Fly a Kite Day at the Berks County Recreation Fields.
2. Robert J. Patrizio reported the Commissioners will review the current RFP process.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Barnhardt followed up on Carl Geffken's comments that the Parks Committee agreed to move Go Fly a Kite Day from Sunday to Saturday to coincide with the YMCA Healthy Kids event. Commissioner Barnhardt reported bus transportation will be provided from the Reading YMCA to the Recreation Fields and there will be many activities and it will be an opportunity to talk healthy lifestyles with the kids.

Commissioner Scott commended the State legislature for having the fortitude to hold the line on the Budget which does not entail a tax increase.

Commissioner Leinbach commented he heard from many County officials on the State Budget, and believes because of the many efforts to reach out and put pressure on the Governor after he cut the Ag budget by 50%, put the Governor in a tough spot.

Commissioner Leinbach reported on Monday he and his Executive Assistant Mary Buerer were at the Angora Fruit Farm/Antietam Lake Park hosted by Brendan Lederer, Jennifer Brooks and Chris Stress of the Parks Department to see some of the work that has been accomplished and is still ongoing. Jennifer Brooks reported there are more educational programs this year than ever before and admittance to the park is in record numbers.

Commissioner Leinbach wished everyone a very Happy Easter and Passover, and hopes employees enjoy their day off.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Dennis Williams, Reading, Pennsylvania, and a member of One Unity Church, commented on the immigration issue and asked for an update of the illness that broke out at the Immigration Center. Commissioner Leinbach advised Mr. Williams the Federal government leases the space from the County and all questions regarding the Center are referred to the Federal government. Commissioner Leinbach asked Mary Buerer to provide Mr. Williams the contact information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk