

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes May 3, 2012**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 3, 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 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 April 24, 2012 Commissioners' Workshop and April 26, 2012 Commissioners' Board 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:
  - 144.12 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Appropriations in the amount of \$391,344.00 and 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$1,137,790.00 per listing dated April 27, 2012.
  - 145.12 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the First Amendment to Tower and Ground Space (Sub)Lease between Horvath Towers II, LLC, and the County of Berks which amends the drawing and specification set forth in Exhibit B of the Lease Agreement dated December 22, 2011 in regard to the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project-Alsace/Horvath Site.
  - 146.12 C. Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Supplemental General Reimbursement Agreement for Federal Aid Projects (No. 057008-A) between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the County of Berks for the Buttonwood Street Bridge Project in the City of Reading and the Borough of West Reading. This supplement authorizes revisions to certain Commonwealth contract clauses and provides the terms and guidelines that govern reimbursement for additional design services.
  - 147.12 D. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County of Berks' consent and reaffirmation of its obligations concerning a Conveyance,

Easement and Maintenance Agreement between the Berks County Industrial Development Authority, owner of certain property in Bethel Township ("Berks Park 78) and Martha A. Klahr.

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 April 30, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reviewed the 12 contracts listed for approval.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated May 1, 2012 for the week ending May 2, 2012.

#### **Reports**

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by County Controller Sandy Graffius. Ms. Graffius commented there is no supplemental payroll this week.

#### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Barnhardt clarified his comments from last week regarding BARTA funding, and that the State is looking for 15% for operations costs. The 20% is for capital expense.

Commissioner Scott commented on proclamations, and that often the process of proclamations stand in the way of conducting important County business. Commissioner Scott suggested that proclamations be given and approved similar to approval process of Contracts and the Controller vouchers. Such as listing them on the Agenda as item 4. The Commissioners agreed that proclamations should only be listed as a presentation in very rare instances, and are more appropriate being read at the function where the proclamation is to be presented.

#### **Elected Official Comments**

Clerk of Courts James P. Troutman commented that the presence of three deputy sheriff's at last weeks Commissioners Workshop Meeting was extreme and inappropriate, and had a chilling effect to him. Commissioner Leinbach commented that in some instances there are legitimate reasons to be concerned. Commissioner Leinbach further commented to Mr. Troutman that some of the speakers have PFA's and police records, and in the past have used profanity and were verbally abusive to the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk