

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes May 14, 2015**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 14, 2015, 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 in attendance. Commissioner Scott was absent. 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 May 7, 2015 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Leinbach introduced Diane Price, Chair of the Berks County Armed Forces Advisory Committee, who attended the meeting to announce the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Forces Day Parade will be held this Saturday, May 16, 2015 beginning in the 800 Block of Wyomissing and ending on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, West Reading. Ms. Price commented this is the oldest parade in the Nation, and the Grand Marshal will be Gust C. Kraras, a veteran of WWII. Mr. Price announced for the first time a woman, Brigadier General Carol Eggert, United States Army (Retired) will oversee the parade.

### **Agenda Items**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
  - 127.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2015 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$10,637.00 and 2015 Appropriations in the amount of \$7,762.00 per listing dated May 11, 2015.
  - 128.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated May 14, 2015 as follows:
    1. Authorize a temporary salary increase for Cheryl Hahn PC011017 Part-Time Earthrise Enterprise Supervisor – Juvenile Probation, effective 4/29/15. Rate of \$16.00/hour. Temporary increase is being requested as a result of providing coverage for multiple employees currently on leave of absence, and will cease upon the employees return from leave. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 12020.

- 129.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute, a contract as a result of ITB# 15-10-JR, Firearms, Rifles, inclusive of Trade-Ins for the Sheriff's Office as identified herein:

Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc.  
104 Independence Way  
Coatesville, PA 19320

**Total Anticipated 2015 Expenditure: \$2,807.56**

DESCRIPTION	Estimated QTY	Unit Price/Credit
FN-15 Carbine Rifle	12	\$797.00
Lancer-L5 Advanced Warfighting Magazines 30 round	44	\$13.49
Colt-AR 15 semi-auto trade in	7	-\$600.00
Bushmaster- AR15 semi-auto, trade in	3	-\$500.00
Bushmaster- AR15 full auto, trade in	2	-\$500.00
Remington 870 12 gauge shotgun barrels, trade in	13	-\$50.00

The County of Berks upon mutual agreement of both parties reserves the right to extend the agreement for two additional one year terms.

- 130.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Second Amendment to Tower and Ground Space (Sub)Lease between Horvath Towers II, LLC, South Bend, Indiana, and the County of Berks which will extend the tower in height to accommodate the County's deployment and must be equipped with certain tower lighting facilities as required by Federal Aviation Regulations regarding the Berks County Public Radio Safety Project.
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 May 12, 2015. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 4 contracts and referenced the departments.
  3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated May 12, 2015 for week ending May 13, 2015 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 County Controller Sandy Graffius.

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

1. Carl E. Geffken announced today is the Fourth Annual Centenarian Luncheon, which will be held at the Inn at Reading. Mr. Geffken reported that out of about 132 centenarians still living, 35 will be attending.
2. Commissioner Leinbach reported there will not be a Budget Meeting this afternoon due to lack of a quorum.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Barnhardt reported the new wooden roofs being installed at Gring's Mill Park is now complete and they look very nice. Commissioner Barnhardt commented the new roofs were needed as a result of last year's hail storm. Commissioner Barnhardt commented we are critically close to the closure of the Buttonwood Street Bridge, which is scheduled for the end of June 2015 through April 2017. Commissioner Barnhardt reported full information on detours and new traffic patterns can be found at [ReadingBridges.net](http://ReadingBridges.net). Commissioner Barnhardt announced that BARTA, VF (Vanity Fair) and the Berks County Chamber of Commerce are in the process of creating a Park N 'Ride area for Downtown Reading employees and anticipate it will be up and running by the end of June.

Commissioner Leinbach commented yesterday it was his privilege to be with Cory and Rich Etchberger at the Veteran Affairs office, which is named after their Father, Chief Master Sergeant Richard L. Etchberger, for a book signing of their father's book "*At All Costs*". Commissioner Leinbach commented he is looking forward to attending the Centenarian Luncheon today, and offered an array of historical events, top songs, and other facts relative to the year 1915.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Mayor of the Borough of West Reading, attended the meeting to share his concerns of the disrepair of the Norfolk Southern Railroad line that travels over the Buttonwood Street Bridge. Mayor Rodriguez asked the Commissioners to bring to the attention of the representatives of Norfolk Southern the severe condition of the rail line, and that while the Buttonwood Street Bridge is closed for 2 years, it would be a perfect time for Norfolk to address some of the more serious and urgent conditions of the rail line. Commissioner Barnhardt stated the Board of Commissioners will forward a letter prepared by the Borough and photographs prepared by Tom Unger, Borough Engineer, to representatives of Norfolk Southern to get the process going.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk