

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes May 16, 2019

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Boardroom, 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 Administrative Officer Ronald R. Seaman and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Presentation

Kay Litman, Vice President for Enrollment Management at Reading Area Community College ("RACC") presented a report on RACC's Career and Workforce Training Program as part of RACC's quarterly report. Ms. Litman reported the ("Program") offers a variety of non-credit training opportunities to prepare individuals for full-time employment in less than six months. Ms. Litman mentioned there are ten career training programs where an individual can quickly enter the work force and earn a good salary, and RACC continues to support the needs of the community.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 9, 2019 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Leinbach announced there was an Executive Session held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 dealing with personnel.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the Agenda as presented. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

- 167.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2018 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$778,758; 2018 Appropriations in the amount of \$331,074; 2019 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$152,377 and 2019 Appropriations in the amount of \$298,935 per listing dated May 10, 2019.
- 168.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated May 16, 2019 as follows:
1. Authorize the appointment of Matthew Cole to PC011259 Law Clerk I – Court Administration, effective 5/29/2019. Rate of \$49,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$40,078; Midpoint \$53,438; Maximum \$66,797. Replacement for Yong Han Son who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11600.
 2. Authorize the appointment of Abby Rigdon to PC011266 Law Clerk I – Court Administration, effective 5/29/2019. Rate of \$53,500/annually. Salary range Minimum \$40,078; Midpoint \$53,438; Maximum \$66,797. Replacement for Shanna Kim who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11600.
 3. Authorize a promotion of Brian Evans from PC011971 Park Support Mechanic to PC011952 Park Maintenance Supervisor – Parks and Recreation Department, effective 5/15/2019. Rate of \$55,500/annually. Salary range Minimum \$38,631; Midpoint \$51,508; Maximum \$64,385. Replacement for Brian Kistler who retired. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 16070.
- 169.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Amendment No. 1 to Subgrant No. 2018-VF-06-29298 - District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Unit Grant to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency ("PCCD"). The fund is now being sourced by Federal VOCA dollars, therefore the food and beverage line must be removed from the grant. The dollar amount of the grant has not changed.
- 170.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. EA-190129-17 between the County of Berks and Great Valley Consultants, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, to provide additional engineering services pertaining to the resurfacing and improvements of select asphalt parking lots and drives at the Services Annex at a not to exceed amount of \$26,400.

- 171.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Amanda Hernandez, Blandon, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Children and Youth Services Advisory Board, filling an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2019.
- 172.19 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the authorization letter to ExamWorks Clinical Solutions, Lawrenceville, Georgia, for Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Recovery Case research to address any MSP recover claims asserted against the County of Berks.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator per listing dated May 14, 2019. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 16 contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion authorizing payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated May 14, 2019 for week ending May 15, 2019 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

Reports

1. County Treasurer A. Dennis Adams was absent. Deputy Treasurer Linda Weaver submitted the prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by County Controller Sandy Graffius.

REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Robert Patrizio reported the meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m., and there will be a Coop Plan update discussion; a Bi-directional Radio Application discussion with Brian Gottschall, and a discussion on iPhones for Assessors.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt announced the following items were discussed at the BARTA/SCTA retreat he attended yesterday in Lancaster: BARTA will be switching to hybrid buses instead of electric buses because of the battery issue due to distance and time; will be implementing a "green zone" concept in Reading and Lancaster by switching from fuel to battery usage within a ten block distance from the Transportation

Center; and implementing fare equalization for certain routes and extend some Sunday routes.

Commissioner Barnhardt encouraged everyone to get out the vote Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott read excerpts and opined on a recent editorial in the Wall Street Journal regarding agriculture titled "*Hiding Roundup evidence*" and the \$2 billion award to a California couple.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach commented on the article in County News titled "*Berks County, Pa. becomes latest Stepping Up 'Innovator'*".

Commissioner Leinbach mentioned this Saturday is the 71st Annual Armed Forces Day Parade.

Commissioner Leinbach also encouraged everyone to get out and vote Tuesday, May 21st.

Commissioner Leinbach read a letter he received in an email from Karen Shuey this morning from several State representatives regarding the Berks Heim matter.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Crystal Kowalski, Wyomissing, asked if the bill from Stevens & Lee is capped at \$30,000. Solicitor Christine Sadler replied yes.

Ms. Kowalski provided a brief update on her research concerning truancy data in the District Justice courts.

Evelyn Morrison, Reading, commented on mental health issues at the Jail and the use of medication.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk