

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes June 1, 2017

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 1, 2017, 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 Mark C. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Barnhardt was absent. Also present were County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson. Chief Administrative Officer Ronald R. Seaman was attending a CCAP Administrator's Conference.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Leinbach called to order a duly advertised Public Hearing for approval of the Human Services Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 for Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities.

Dr. Edward B. Michalik, Berks County Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Program Administrator, presented a comprehensive PowerPoint showing the current trends in funding levels and expenditures, reporting funding has remained the same or has gone down, and is concerned the impact on the programs if the proposed cuts by the State are implemented. Dr. Michalik reported that for the first time in Pennsylvania history, money is being spent on In-Home services, stressing that flexibility is the key to proper funding of the many programs. Also commenting on how their agencies and departments use the Block Grant money for services were George Vogel, Berks County Council on Chemical Abuse, and Jeff Gregro, on behalf of the Adult and Juvenile Probation Departments.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution:

- 162.17 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Appendix A, Fiscal Year 2016-2017 County Human Services Plan Assurance of Compliance form.

The Public Hearing concluded at 10:31 A.M.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 25, 2017 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1.

- 163.17 Adopt a resolution approving the financing by the Berks County Municipal Authority of a Project for the Benefit of Albright College, consisting generally of the refunding of certain outstanding indebtedness of the College; acquisition, renovation and improvement of certain capital projects, declaring it is desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the area served by Albright College; approving the Project for Federal Internal Revenue Code purposes, and authorizing other necessary and appropriate action.
- Peter Edelman, Bond Counsel for the Berks County Municipal Authority, reported Albright College is moving forward on tax exempt financing to restructure existing debt and for two large capital projects on Albright College's campus. Mr. Edelman commented this approval is a requirement under the IRS code and there is no financial liability for the County.
- As a courtesy to Mr. Edelman, a motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve this item, it was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all voted unanimously to approve Item 163.17:

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

- 164.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2017 Appropriations in the amount of \$38,010 per listing dated May 29, 2017.
- 165.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated June 1, 2017 as follows:
1. Authorize the appointment of Margaret McDonough to PC010145 Assistant District Attorney II – District Attorney's Office, effective 6/14/2017. Rate of \$48,500/annually. Salary range Minimum \$48,222; Midpoint \$64,296; Maximum \$80,370. Replacement for Alexander Yatron who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11580.
- 166.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute ten (10) contracts, with a three (3) year term, as a result of Request for Proposal #17-08-CN for In-Home Personal Care & Home Support Services for the County of Berks Area Agency on Aging as follows. The hourly rates cover both In-Home Personal Care and Home Support services for the three (3) term.

Addus HealthCare, Inc.
D/B/A Addus HomeCare
2300 Warrenville Road, Suite 100
Downers Grove, IL 60515
\$18.65 per hour

Advantage Home Care
1170 Berkshire Boulevard
Wyomissing, PA 19610
\$20.24 per hour

Romar Corporation
D/B/A Caring Matters Home Care
6 Hearthstone Court
Suite 303
Reading, PA 19606
\$18.75 per hour

One Boyertown Properties, LLC
D/B/A Chestnut Knoll at Home
1041 East Philadelphia Avenue
Gilbertsville, PA 19525
\$20.00 per hour

Community Resources for Independence, Inc.
3410 West 12 Street
Erie, PA 16505
\$21.00 per hour

Interim Healthcare, Inc.
5100 Tilghman Street, Suite 205
Allentown, PA 18104
\$19.60 per hour

Alma Health
D/B/A MedStaffers LLC
701 C South West Street
Carlisle, PA 17013
\$18.32 per hour

Patient Care of Pennsylvania, Inc.
D/B/A OMNI Personal Care Services
2201 Ridgewood Road, Suite 2
Wyomissing, PA 19610
\$18.15 per hour

The Power of Love for Seniors, LLC
D/B/A Seniors Helping Seniors
50 Grandview Boulevard
Reading, PA 19609
\$18.32

Utopia Home Care, Inc.
1150 Berkshire Boulevard
Suite 140
Wyomissing, PA 19610
\$18.75

The aggregate estimated expenditure for in-home personal care and home support services for 7/1/17 through 6/30/18 is \$500,000.00. The County reserves the right to extend the agreement for two additional twelve (12) month terms; upon agreement with the Vendor. The cost per unit of service for any additional twelve (12) month period shall be negotiated between the County and the Vendor and agreed to no later than ninety (90) days before the end of the prior agreement term. Any increase in the cost per unit of service for any additional twelve (12) month period is limited to the percentage increase provided in the County's Regular Block Grant categorical allocation.

- 167.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Engineering Services Agreement with SSM Group, Inc., Reading, Pennsylvania, to provide professional services for the site improvements associated with the Driveway Modifications located at Gring's Mill, Spring Township at a not to exceed amount of \$13,100.
 - 168.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Addendum No. 1 to Engineering Services Agreement No. EA-188649-17 with SSM Group, Inc., Reading, Pennsylvania, to provide additional engineering services to perform a field survey and updating the base plan and detailed walkthrough at the site of a potential impact to bog turtle habitat at a not to exceed amount of \$4,900.00.
 - 169.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christine M. Sadler, Berks County Solicitor, and Krista McIlhaney, Administrator for Berks County Children & Youth Services, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding/SWAN Legal Service Initiative between the County of Berks, Berks County Children & Youth Services, Diakon-SWAN, LLC and Family Design Resources for the provision of paralegal services in expediting permanency for children in out-of-home care for the term July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
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 30, 2017. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 6 contracts and referenced the departments.

3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated May 30, 2017 for week ending May 31, 2017 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.

REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Robert J. Patrizio reported there will be a presentation from BB&T on healthcare care reduction; a Jail proposal for additional staff and a 911 discussion with Human Resources regarding vacation allocation.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Scott had no additional comments.

Commissioner Leinbach announced WWII Weekend will be held this weekend beginning with a battle reenactment on Penn Street, and ending up at the Reading Regional Airport.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk