

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes June 7, 2012

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 7, 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 Kevin S. Barnhardt and Commissioner Mark C. Scott 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, and announced there was an Executive Session held Monday, June 4, 2012 to discuss personnel matters and union negotiations.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 29, 2012 Commissioners' Workshop and May 31, 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:
 - 184.12 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$314,331.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount \$67,181.00 per listing dated June 1, 2012.
 - 185.12 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the County of Berks, Department of Emergency Services, for the State Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Radiation Emergency Response Fund (RERF) in the amount of \$31,380.00.
 - 186.12 C. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement between Barry E. Leininger and Mary A. Leininger, Cumru Township, and The County of Berks for the Cumru Tower Site in regard to the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project.
 - 187.12 D. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Land Development Plans for the Robeson Township Tower Site in regard to the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project.
 - 188.12 E. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County of Berks' intervention by Fox Rothschild, LLP, in the Carl A. Lobb and Patricia R. Lobb, appellants v. Zoning Hearing Board of Maxatawny Township, appellee," Berks County CCP Docket No. 12-5948

("Land Use Appeal") regarding the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project.

- 189.12 F. Adopt a resolution ratifying, confirming and approving the proposal from Synnestvedt Contracting to provide moving services at 179 Long Dam Road, Kutztown, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$9,800.00. Commissioner Leinbach commented these were the moving costs for Anita Burkhart.
- 190.12 G. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Berks County Human Resources Director to execute Separation Agreements and Releases between the County of Berks and various employees concerning the closure of the Youth Detention Center; and further authorizes the Human Resources Director to execute any and all additional Agreements between the County and the AFSCME and/or employees concerning the closure of the Youth Detention Center.
- 191.12 H. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Change Order No. 006 with Motorola Solutions dated June 1, 2012 in the amount of \$79,988.00, which represents final design parameters for the microwave backhaul system regarding the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project.
- 192.12 I. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Robert J. Schegan, Kutztown, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Local Emergency Planning Committee effective June 7, 2012.
- 193.12 J. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Engineering Services Agreement No. 1347413 between the County of Berks and Valmont Structures of Plymouth, Indiana, to provide a rigorous structural analysis for the Centre/Bernville Tower Site at a not to exceed amount of \$3,000.00 regarding the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project.
- 194.12 K. Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Application to Encumber Liquid Fuels Tax Funds in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 for the structure replacement for Berne Station Bridge over the Schuylkill River in Perry and Tilden Townships, Berks County.
- 195.12 L. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Report of Act 44 Tax Fund for fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 with a balance of \$663,372.76, and the Report of County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 with an unencumbered balance of \$15,418.36, for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

2. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated June 5, 2012 for the week ending June 6, 2012.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by Richard Miller, Manager of Auditing.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the scheduled move of Mrs. Burkhardt was originally scheduled for next week, but since the settlement was June 1, 2012, the County was able to secure Synnestvedt Contracting to provide moving services. Commissioner Barnhardt further commented that as a result of retaining Synnestvedt the County was able to save money as County Facility employees and inmate labor was not needed. Commissioner Barnhardt also commented that the Youth Center closure is going very well, and the transfer of youth to Abraxas is proceeding smoothly.

Commissioner Scott commented that he received an email from Denise Sticha, Library System Administrator, regarding the Act 47 Recovery Plan regarding the Reading Library System. Commissioner Scott commented that the County contributes \$900,000.00 on an annual basis to the Reading Library, which is nine times more than the City's \$100,000 annual library funding. Commissioner Scott further commented that the County has clearly gone out of its way to support the City Library.

Commissioner Leinbach commented that on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 he attended a very important announcement in Harrisburg which was jointly attended by the Lieutenant Governor and DPW Secretary Alexander and other officials. Commissioner Leinbach commented that the Administration and DPW have reached a substantial agreement on block grant funding. Commissioner Leinbach commented that the block grant proposal will combine seven funding line items into one. There was a short but detailed discussion on the details of the proposal.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk