

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes June 15, 2017

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 15, 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 Vice Chair Kevin S. Barnhardt called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Christian Y. Leinbach was absent. Also present were County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, Chief Administrative Officer Ronald R. Seaman and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

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

Commissioner Barnhardt announced there was an Executive Session held June 13, 2017 to discuss personnel performance issues and litigation regarding contract negotiations.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 8, 2017 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 178.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2017 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$227,330 and 2017 Appropriations in the amount of \$18,101 per listing dated June 12, 2017.
 - 179.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Berks and District Council 88 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO for Court Appointed/Court Related Unit employees effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019.
 - 180.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Berks and District Council 88 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO for Residual Unit employees effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019.
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 June 13, 2017. Commissioner Barnhardt reported there are 9 contracts and referenced the departments.

3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated June 13, 2017 for week ending June 14, 2017 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

Reports

1. County Treasurer A. Dennis Adams, CPA, was absent. Commissioner Barnhardt presented 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 J. Patrizio was absent.

Commissioner Barnhardt reported there would not be a Budget meeting this afternoon, but next Thursday Mr. Patrizio will discuss the County property tax impact of state legislation and state enacted budgets and the proposed 2018 budget cost issues.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Ronald R. Seaman introduced his new Executive Assistant Kay Leisey.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt had no additional comments.

Commissioner Scott had no additional comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Shannon Kozik attended the meeting to ask for clarification of a resolution that was on the April 14, 2016 Commissioners Agenda, specifically asking for an explanation of the resolution authorizing Christine Sadler to execute an engagement letter with Reed Smith to assist Berks County with Phase 1 for records management for a fixed fee of \$70,000. Ms. Sadler commented Phase 1 was to bring the County into compliance with Federal Rules of Evidence and to set up a program for litigation enforcement.

Ms. Kozik also commented this is the same law firm the County used for interest arbitration for the correctional guards at the Jail and asked if was more than the \$70,000. Ms. Sadler confirmed it was more. Ms. Kozik noticed the arbitration award heavily favored law enforcement and asked how much it will the cost County taxpayers for retroactive back pay. Ms. Sadler disagreed the award heavily favored law enforcement at the jail, remarking the award was fair to both parties. Jen Lawler, Financial Manager in the Budget and Finance Department, reported it cost about \$660,000.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk