

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2017

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 22, 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 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

Robert Patrizio, Jr., Chief Financial Officer presented a PowerPoint on the Impact of State Legislation & County Decisions on Property Tax. The purpose is to view three different aspects of the issues impacting the Berks County Budget, and to inform Berks County citizens and taxpayers the reasons why we are incurring recurrent operational deficits. Mr. Patrizio cited previous State legislation and State enacted mandates, most notably the recent Sandusky law resulting in the need to hire 10 additional staff in Children and Youth Services and additional County Detectives. Mr. Patrizio stated the County has also made some decisions that have impacted the budget including the need to add 13 correctional officers at the Jail; two deputy sheriffs; increasing our support to RACC and to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Patrizio remarked when we consider all these reasons, Berks County could be facing a \$7.88 million budget shortfall, resulting in a possible tax increase of 5.74% in 2018.

The Commissioners commented they are concerned with the idea of having to raise taxes, and the burden it would have on County taxpayers, stating most of the increase in costs are due to mandates set by the State that have to be funded by the County.

A copy of the PowerPoint is attached.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 15, 2017 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Leinbach announced there was an Executive Session yesterday, June 21, 2017 to discuss contract negotiations and personnel performance issues.

Agenda Items

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

181.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2017 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$309,500 and 2017 Appropriations in the amount of \$15,000 per listing dated June 19, 2017.

182.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #17-15-JR, six (6) contracts to supply Food Provisions for the Jail System, Residential Center and Berks Heim for a one (1) year period as follows:

Karetas Food, Inc.

1012 Tuckerton Court

Reading, PA 19605

Line Items:

1,2,3,5,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,
30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,
55,56,57,58,59,60,61,67,68,69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76,78,79,80,81,82,83,
84,85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92,93,94,96,97,98,99,100,101,102,103,104,106
107,108,109,110,111,112,113,114,115,116,117,118,119,121,122,123,
124,125,126,127,128,130,132,134,135,137,138,139,140,141,142,143,
144,145,146,147,148,149,150,152,153,154,155,156,157,158,159,160,
161,162,163,164,165,166,168,169,170,171,172,173,175,177,1H,8H,9H
12H,13H,14H,15H,16H,20H,23H,24H,36H,46H,2B,4B,5B,6B,7B,8B,
9B,10B,11B,12B,13B,14B,15B,16B,17B,18B,19B,20B,21B,22B,23B,
24B,25B,26B,27B,28B,29B,30B,31B,32B,33B,34B,35B,36B,37B,38B,
39B,40B,41B,42B,43B,45B,47B,48B,49B,50B,51B,52B,53B,54B,56B,
59B,61B,64B,69B,71B,72B,81B,82B,83B,94B,95B, 96B,3V,5V,6V

Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$337,947.05

National Food Group dba CSV Sales

46820 Magellan Drive, Suite A

Novi, MI 48377

Line Items: 4,6,7,8,9,53,66,95,167,174

Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$19,778.41

Sysco Central PA

3905 Corey Road

Harrisburg, PA 17109

Line Items:

46,65,77,105,120,129,131,133,136,151,176,18H,29H,38H,55B,67B,
68B,70B,73B,80B,3P,4P,13P,16P,17P,19P,20P,21P,22P,35P,40P,41P,
42P

Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$6,286.54

Clover Farms

3300 Pottsville Pike

Reading, PA 19612

Line Item: 21H,22H,37H,40H,41H,42H,43H,44H,45H

Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$8,367.80**Jack & Jill Ice Cream**

101 Commerce Drive

Moorestown, NJ 08057

Line Items: 1I,2I,3I,4I,5I,6I,7I,8I,9I,10I,11I,12I,13I

Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$32,301.00**Reading Roasters**

316 West Main St

Birdsboro, PA 19508

Line Items: 10H,11H,47H

Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$16,547.80

The Vendor is required to hold the unit prices above fixed and firm for a period of one six (6) month term and to allow for capped re-determination in pricing for remaining term of the contract resulting in an Agreement for a total of twelve (12) months as detailed in the Invitation to Bid. The County reserves the right to extend the contract for two additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both parties in accordance with the terms of the contract governing the unit prices.

- 183.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute Amendment No. 1 to License Agreement between the County of Berks and University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education for use of the Children & Youth Services 9th Floor Training Room, for an additional one (1) year period commencing July 1, 2017.
- 184.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Engineering Services Agreement #EA-194012-17 between the County of Berks and Schnabel Engineering, LLC, West Chester, Pennsylvania, to provide professional services to update the 2012 Inundation Map/Emergency Action Plan for Antietam Lake Dam at a not to exceed amount of \$500.00.
- 185.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Brenda Correias, Reading, Pennsylvania to the Reading Area Community College Board of Trustees for a six (6) year term expiring June 30, 2023.
- 186.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Wanda Colon, Reading, Pennsylvania to the Reading Area Community College Board of Trustees for a six (6) year term expiring June 30, 2023.
- 187.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) expressing the Board of Commissioners strong and unanimous objection to the allocation of project funds in lieu of fines imposed upon

the Rolling Hill Landfill pursuant to a Consent Order and Agreement between Delaware County Solid Waste Authority ("DCSWA" and PADEP.

The Commissioners request PADEP to intervene to amend the Agreement so as to provide \$500,000 funding to Boyertown Borough to repair its reservoir spillway, which can only pass about 59% of the required Probable Maximum Flood water as reported by the Division of Dam Safety in 2013.

Commissioner Scott commented this issue was brought to his attention by the Mayor of Boyertown, who attended the meeting, and has to do with the misallocation of scarce resources from a Settlement Agreement from the operation of a landfill in Earl Township. In this case, DCSWA violated certain DEP regulations. There was litigation and eventually the case was settled by a Consent Order that required some beneficial environmental project be funded by DCSWA. Incredibly, the project(s) selected were far outside the impacted area of the Landfill. It is the opinion of the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners; those monies should be allocated to the areas most impacted by the Landfill. This letter asks PADEP to amend the Agreement to reallocate the funds to the impacted area, or in the alternative, provide grant money in equal amounts.

Boyertown Mayor Marianne Deery remarked she has been concerned since 2013 when she found out they were not eligible for any funding because they were told their project was not shovel ready. However, the other projects were not, and still are not shovel ready, but the Borough is now ready. Mayor Deery reported she also has letters of support from Senator Mensch, State Representative Maloney, and Boyertown Borough, and now the Berks County Board of Commissioners.

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 20, 2017. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 25 contracts and referenced the departments.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated June 20, 2017 for week ending June 21, 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 County Controller Sandy Graffius.

REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Robert J. Patrizio reported there will be discussions on the long term bridge capital and funding plan; the Poplar Neck Bridge in Cumru Township and a presentation by the Jail regarding the Jail and Hiester Mansion Driveway.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt had no additional comments.

Commissioner Scott commented on an issue that has been prominent at Budget discussions concerning the Berks County Jail conditions. Commissioner Scott reported portions of the Jail are functionally obsolete, ineffective and beyond repair, and spoke about weighing the options of construction of a new jail or renovations to the current structure, or the possibility of privatization of the Jail.

Commissioner Leinbach responded to Commissioner Scott's comments stating this is one of his long term goals also. Commissioner Leinbach remarked this could be one of the biggest capital projects facing this Board, and he is not willing to automatically accept a new jail as the only option.

Commissioner Barnhardt commented he is open to hear all options and possibilities, and to exhaust all opportunities.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Shannon Kozik, West Reading, had a question on the minutes from June 1, 2017 regarding additional staffing at the jail, but said her question was answered this morning in Mr. Patrizio's presentation. Ms. Kozik commented on the May 12, 2017 Teamsters Arbitration Award and the need to hire additional correctional officers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk