

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes June 25, 2015

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 25, 2015, 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 in attendance. Commissioner Scott was absent. Also present were First Assistant County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, 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.

PRESENTATION (Held immediately following Commissioners' Comments)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 18, 2015 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt and seconded by Commissioner Leinbach to enact and authorize the following:

No. 01-2015 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA, DELEGATING TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION THE COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY NECESSARY FOR THE PEACH STREET BRIDGE (10B) PROJECT, KUTZTOWN BOROUGH.

No. 02-2015 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA, DELEGATING TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION THE COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY NECESSARY FOR THE BURKEYS BRIDGE (74B) PROJECT, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

No. 03-2015 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA, DELEGATING TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION THE COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY NECESSARY FOR

THE BLACKSMITH ROAD BRIDGE (34A) PROJECT,
AMITY TOWNSHIP.

No. 04-2015 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS,
PENNSYLVANIA, DELEGATING TO THE SECRETARY
OF TRANSPORTATION THE COUNTY'S AUTHORITY
TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY NECESSARY FOR
THE HARTZ MILL ROAD BRIDGE (38A) PROJECT,
CAERNARVON TOWNSHIP.

167.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2015 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$329,080.00 and 2015 Appropriations in the amount of \$254,587.00 per listing dated June 23, 2015.

168.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated June 25, 2015 as follows:

1. Authorize the appointment of Sarah Hart to Assistant District Attorney II – District Attorney's Office, effective 7/8/2015. Rate of \$48,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$44,485; Midpoint \$59,314; Maximum \$74,142. Replacement for Leah Rotenberg who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11580.
2. Authorize the promotion of Jodi Schrack from PC012489 Telecommunicator+6 to PC012458 Watch Officer – Department of Emergency Services, effective 7/1/2015. Rate of \$55,827/annually. Salary range Minimum \$39,213; Midpoint \$52,284; Maximum \$65,355. Replacement for David Shirey who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 51100 – 36010.
3. Authorize the utilization of a temporary agency for Clerical Support – Public Defender's Office, effective 6/26/2015. Rate not to exceed \$16.50/hr. Replacement for an employee on an extended leave of absence. Utilization of the temporary agency will cease upon the employee's return from leave. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11570.

169.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners to end the business relationships between the County of Berks and Lessors and/or Licensors at the following public safety radio sites effective immediately:

- Bally (Crown Castle MU LLC)
- Bethel (Crown Atlantic Company LLC)
- Fancy Hill (Crown Castle MU LLC)
- Grings Hill (Crown Atlantic Company LLC)

And it is further resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes and directs the County Solicitor to take any and all actions in furtherance of this Resolution and necessary to effectuate the terminations.

- 170.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Dean Sheaffer, Laureldale, Pennsylvania, to the Reading Area Community College Board of Trustees for a six (6) year term ending June 30, 2021.
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 23, 2015. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 14 contracts and referenced the departments.
 3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated June 23, 2015 for week ending June 24, 2015 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.

REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Carl E. Geffken reminded everyone the Berks Heim Open House will be held this Tuesday, June 30, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon for the new Rehabilitation Unit. Mr. Geffken reported today is the Penn Street Market located between 4th & 5th Streets
2. There was no Budget Meeting scheduled today, Mr. Patrizio was out of the office.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt reported last week he attended the inaugural CCAP (County Commissioners' Association of Pennsylvania) Leadership conference in Harrisburg. Commissioner Barnhardt commented the classes were very insightful and helpful and he gained a lot of good information. Commissioner reported he was in Harrisburg Tuesday, with Warden Janine Quigley and Dr. Ed Michalik, Executive Director of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities to participate in a public hearing dealing with continuity of mental health care from prison to community. Commissioner Barnhardt commented they touched on the cost of the mental health care and the impact on County jails systems and suspension of Medicaid benefits. Commissioner Barnhardt again spoke of ReadingBridges.Net and the impending closure of the Buttonwood Street Bridge which will be happening July 20, 2015. Commissioner Barnhardt reported BARTA will provide park and ride services from R.J. Willouby's in Wyomissing to the City for workers and the public to help alleviate some of the anticipated traffic congestion. Commissioner Barnhardt mentioned the first week of service will be free.

Commissioner Leinbach thanked Commissioner Barnhardt who has been the key leader for the Commissioners in working with the Chamber of Commerce for many months and they did an excellent job in getting out critical information. Commissioner Leinbach also thanked the Reading Eagle and BCTV for keeping the public informed as to road closures and detours.

Commissioner Leinbach mentioned this Saturday he will be participating in the 4th Annual Motorcycle Ride in memory of Deputy Sheriff Kyle Pagerly. Commissioner Leinbach commented it is an important event which helps support the Deputy's family. Commissioner Leinbach mentioned we should keep in mind that law enforcement is an important part of the community, and they put their lives on the line for us daily. Commissioner Leinbach commented in conjunction with Dairy Month and the Penn Street Market he received a copy of the Charter from Fred Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds, establishing the first Penn Street Market that goes back to 1767, and read a portion of the opening paragraph.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Tami Hildebrand, Berks County Agriculture Director, introduced Berks County Dairy Princess Kelsie Burkhart along with Lil' Miss Dairy Princess Kalina Rhoads, and Berks County Dairy Ambassadors Mikalya Davis, Samantha Haag, Morgan Krick and Megan Krick and Lindsey Zimmerman, who attended the meeting to host the annual Employee Ice Cream Social in celebration of June as Dairy Month. Ms. Hildebrand commented the ice cream is purchased from WayHar Dairy, a Berks County Dairy Farm, and is purchased from funds generated by Berks County Employee Volunteer Council vending machines. Ms. Burkhart presented an insightful speech on the dairy farming industry and life, and the impact it has on not just the local economy and job market, but nationwide. Lil' Miss Dairy Princess Rhoads sang a song relating to the dairy industry and told a joke.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk