

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 26, 2012**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. in the 13th floor Boardroom 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 First Assistant County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, Carl E. Geffken, Chief Operating Officer and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and announced that the Board met in Executive Session Monday afternoon to hold an interview for the new Director of ICE.

### **II. PRESENTATION**

Sheila Miller, Berks County Agricultural Coordinator, announced today is the 2012 Annual Berks County Ice Cream Social. Ms. Miller commented that June is National Dairy Month and July is observed as National Ice Cream Month. Ms. Miller introduced the 2012 Berks County Dairy Princess, Alternate Dairy Princess and Li'l Miss Dairy Princess. After brief comments from the Alternate Dairy Princess and a song performed by Li'l Miss Dairy Princess, Ms. Miller invited the audience and County employees to enjoy ice cream compliments of Way-Har Farms on the 13th floor balcony.

### **III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

#### **Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$63,961.00 per listing dated June 22, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach commented there is nothing out of the ordinary listed today.

#### **Human Resources**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendation per listing dated June 26, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reviewed the two items listed today. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the appointment of Diane Edwards is well deserved as a result of her efforts with the difficulties involving the Youth Detention Center and her work with the Federal Government. Commissioner Leinbach and Commissioner Scott agreed that the way Ms. Edwards handled the closure of the Youth Center was very professional and is very qualified for the position.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Renewal Notification letter dated April 4, 2012 from Vision Benefits of America, which extends the

County's Managed Vision Care Contract for an additional twenty-four (24) month period beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

**Purchasing**

A. 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 25, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reviewed some of the 19 contracts listed on the Agenda.

B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and Director of Contracts & Procurement, to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #12-3-KSJR, Food Provisions, four contracts for a period of six months for the Jail System as follows:

1. Benjamin Foods

1001 S. York Road  
Hatboro, PA 19040

Line Items - 1,4,7,8,9,13,14,18,19,21,22,25,27,31,35,36,37,40,  
41,43,44,46,48,49,50,58,61,62,71,74,76,77,79,80,82,83,84,86,87,  
88,89,92,93,97,98,99,101,105,108,110,117,118,119,120,123,  
124,127,128,130,131,133,134,136,138,141,142,144,148,149,  
153,155,156,157,159,160,162,163,168,169,170,172,173

Estimated Six Month Expenditure: **\$319,412.89**

2. Feesers, Inc.

5561 Grayson Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Line Items - 2,3,5,6,26,42,59,60,64,72,95,96,100,104,126,  
152,164

Estimated Six Month Expenditure: **\$42,797.86**

3. National Food Group, Inc.

DBA CSV Sales, Inc.  
46820 Magellan Dr., Suite A  
Novi, MI 48377

Line Items - 15,17,45,55,56,65,81,122

Estimated Six Month Expenditure: **\$385,733.30**

4. Karetas Foods, Inc

John Friedmann, President  
1012 Tuckerton Court  
Reading, PA 19605

Line Items - 23,24,28,29,30,32,33,34,38,39,47,51,52,53,54,63  
70,73,75,78,90,94,102,103,106,109,111,112,113,114,115,  
116,125,129,132,154,158,161,165,166,167,171,174,175

Estimated Six Month Expenditure: **\$143,699.50**

Kelly Laubach, Director of Contracts and Procurement, commented that as a result of the bid process and the four bids, the County will realize a savings of \$29,395.00 over the six month period.

Emergency Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Hazardous Material Emergency Response Preparedness Assessment Update for calendar year 2011.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the following Change Orders to the Pyramid Network Services, LLC, Agreement regarding the Berks County Emergency Radio Project:
  - 1. Change Order No. 01-06 dated June 6, 2012 in the additional amount of \$59,979.97 for pre-construction analysis for Mt. Penn, Hamburg and North Campus sites.
  - 2. Change Order 01-07 dated June 7, 2012 in the additional amount of \$8,216.10 which represents the sign package for the vast majority of the tower sites.
  - 3. Change Order 01-08 dated June 15, 2012 in the additional amount of \$88,655.11 and represents the construction at City Hall.

District Attorney

**On motion made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Scott all voted unanimously to approve Resolution 209.12 as presented below:**

- A. **209-12** Adopt a resolution authorizing John T. Adams, Berks County District Attorney, to execute the Pennsylvania State Police Municipal Automobile Theft/Motor Vehicle Insurance Fraud Intergovernmental Agreement which provides financial support to law enforcement, correctional agencies, prosecutor and other governmental agencies for programs designed to reduce automobile theft and to improve the administration of automobile theft laws. This Agreement is effective July 1, 2012. The District Attorney requests this Agreement be adopted today, June 26, 2012 due to the timeliness of the effective date of the Agreement.

**III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the Radio Tower Project is moving ahead, and the tower at the North Campus is complete and the newest tower is being erected on Mt. Penn adjacent to the Fire Tower.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott commented on a human interest story that appeared in the Wall Street Journal that may interest the Dairy Industry regarding a yogurt

company that was started by a Turkish immigrant and within a matter of three years has comprised about 30% of the yogurt market place. Commissioner Scott explained the interest to the dairy community is that this yogurt is strained which requires the use of more milk.

**Commissioner Leinbach**

Commissioner Leinbach asked George Kovarie and Ed Michalik, who attended the hearing in Harrisburg yesterday and are actively working with the Department of Public Welfare on the issue of block grants, to comment why block granting is beneficial to Berks County Children and Youth Services. Mr. Kovarie provided his opinion of the advantages of participating in the block grant program. Mr. Kovarie further commented that block granting gives the County the opportunity to move dollars from one program to another and sets the stage for future block grant funds. Dr. Michalik commented that the block grant process for years required that if monies be moved around throughout the year, the move required approval from State. Block granting simplifies the process and would allow MH/DD to move funds without receiving state approval. Commissioner Leinbach further commented this week the House of Representatives will decide whether Berks County and the other Pennsylvania Counties will receive block grants. Commissioner Leinbach stated we have a choice to either a 10% cut with the block grant and with flexibility or we have 10% with no flexibility under the old system. Commissioner Leinbach further stated that CCAP is standing behind block grants. Commissioner Barnhardt commented it seems like a classic bait and switch, and is an unfunded mandate, and will fall on the backs of local taxpayers. Commissioner Scott agreed in part with Commissioner Barnhardt's comments in that it is a partially unfunded mandate.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:32 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk