

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes July 6, 2017

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 6, 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. In attendance was Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt while Commissioner Mark C. Scott was absent. Also present were First Assistant County Solicitor J. Chadwick Schnee and Chief Administrative Officer Ronald R. Seaman, also serving as Deputy Chief Clerk.

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

Following the Pledge, Commissioner Leinbach welcomed everyone back from the July 4th Holiday and announced that this was the first live broadcast of the Commissioners' Board Meeting since the BCTV Studio underwent a major revamping and updating that began several weeks ago.

Presentation

Commissioner Leinbach next introduced George Vogel, Executive Director of the Council On Chemical Abuse, who was in attendance for a presentation to the Board of Commissioners and the viewing public, of an overview of the services and resources provided by the Council in treating addiction and their efforts in working to combat the growing opioid crisis in the County. Accompanying Mr. Vogel were Stanley J. Papademetriou, Assistant Administrator, Kathy Noll, Program Analyst and Jackie Steed, Prevention Program Specialist.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting for any questions or comments. Both Commissioners Barnhardt and Leinbach offered comments and thanked Mr. Vogel and his staff for the valuable services they provide to the citizens of the County.

Commissioner Barnhardt recommended that a link be added to the County website to allow the public to view the PowerPoint presentation that was given. Mr. Seaman will see that it is posted on the site.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Leinbach announced that an Executive Session was held on Thursday, June 29, 2017, relative to litigation concerning the BCRC.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Leinbach asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the June 29, 2017 Commissioners' Board Meeting. Robert Patrizio, County CFO, indicated that there was a correction to the 2016 Budget Appropriations, stating that the correct amount should have been \$14,974,000.00. On motion by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the minutes were approved as corrected.

There was no public comment on specific agenda items.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 194.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2016 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$14,974,000.00 and 2016 Appropriations in the amount of (\$19,750.00) and 2017 Appropriations in the amount of \$933,504.00 per listing dated July 3, 2017.
 - 195.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute a Letter of Support to Jack Stefferud, Senior Director of Land Protection, Natural Lands Trust, Inc., for the fee purchase of an approximately 7 acre in-holding tract known as the Kakalecik Property, to be annexed to the French Creek State Park.
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 July 3, 2017.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated July 3, 2017 for week ending July 5, 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, CFO, had nothing to report since there was no Budget Meeting scheduled for later today.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Ronald R. Seaman had nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt wished BCTV well with their new equipment.

Commissioner Leinbach had nothing further to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:21A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald R. Seaman, Deputy Chief Clerk