

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes July 12, 2012**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 12, 2012, at 10:30 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 Mark C. Scott and Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were Heidi B. Masano, Assistant County Solicitor, 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.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of June 26, 2012 Commissioners' Workshop and June 28, 2012 Commissioners' Board Meetings were approved as presented.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

1. Commissioner Scott commented that since there has been no change since Tuesday to the Consent Agenda items, he motioned to approve the entire Consent Agenda Items as presented. Commissioner Barnhardt seconded the motion and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
  - 221.12 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$371,758.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount \$672,550.00 per listing dated July 6, 2012.
  - 222.12 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County's insurance broker, Engle Hambright & Davies of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, to enter into agreements with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) and other insurance companies for insurance renewals commencing July 1, 2012 as presented at the Budget Workshop on June 21, 2012.
  - 223.12 C. Adopt a resolution authorizing the re-naming of the Berks County Youth Center to Berks County Residential Center (BCRC).
  - 224.12 D. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County's participation in the Tax Increment Financing Plan dated May 2012 for a tax increment district to be created by the Township of Cumru, Pennsylvania, known as the Grings Hill Tax Increment District.
  - 225.12 E. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners to execute a funding application to the Emergency Solutions Grant

Program seeking a grant of \$100,000.00 and to execute all documents and agreements between the County of Berks and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested funds. If awarded a grant, the County will provide a sub-grant in the amount of \$96,250 to the Berks Coalition to End Homelessness.

- 226.12 F. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Access Easement Agreement (In Lieu of Condemnation) between Carol A. Behm and the County of Berks in regard to the Berks County Emergency Radio Project – Cumru Tower Site.
- 227.12 G. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute Change Order No. 9 to the contract with Pyramid Network Services directing the design, fabrication, and installation of a communications tower and support structure on the roof of the Courthouse. Work is to include all related services including grounding, lighting, and cable management. The change order is not to exceed \$150,000 with final cost and scope to be negotiated by the Director and final approval by the County Solicitor.
- 228.12 H. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of Addendum No. 4 to Agreement No. 116349-10 between the County of Berks and High Safety Consulting Services, Ltd. to provide indoor environmental quality services for the Old Berks Heim building for an additional two (2) month period ending September 30, 2012.
- 229.12 I. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Grant-In-Aid Application and Grant- In-Aid Agreement for Improvement of Adult Probation Services for FY2012-2013 Continuing Program between the County of Berks and Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole in the amount of \$3,335,987.00.
- 230.12 J. Adopt a resolution authoring execution of the Sixth Amendment to Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and 501 Crescent Partners, L.P., for office space occupied by Berks County CareerLink for an additional sixty (60) day period ending August 31, 2012.
- 231.12 K. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Daniel Sauder, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Parks and Recreation Board effective July 12, 2012 for a term expiring March 10, 2014. This is a replacement for Joe Ayala who resigned.

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 6, 2012.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated July 10, 2012 for the week ending July 10, 2012.

### **Reports**

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by Richard Miller, Manager of Auditing.

### **Commissioners' Comments**

#### **Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt yielded his time, but reserved the right to comment later if necessary. In response to Commissioner Scott and Commissioner Leinbach's comments regarding the hotel tax issue, Commissioner Barnhardt commented he has not firmly decided on his position and needs more information before he makes a decision. Commissioner Barnhardt commented he does support an administrative fee.

#### **Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott commented on an email he received regarding the County's hotel tax and expanding it County wide instead of a 15 mile wide radius. Commissioner Scott commented he is opposed to expanding the tax beyond the 15 mile radius and offered reasons and examples for his position. Commissioner Scott did comment he would support an administrative fee which he believes is fair and reasonable.

#### **Commissioner Leinbach**

Commissioner Leinbach questioned how this 15 mile radius was arrived at. Commissioner Leinbach commented Berks County is the only county in the State with a hotel tax that is not County wide. Commissioner Leinbach commented it is a fundamental fairness issue. Commissioner Leinbach further commented he does not support raising the amount but supports uniformity of the tax.

### **Citizen Comment/Business from the Floor**

Raymond Martin and Sean Young attended the meeting and commented in great detail about an issue regarding Berks County Children and Youth Services. George Kovarie, Executive Director of Berks County Children and Youth Services, appeared at the meeting and offered to speak with Mr. Martin and Mr. Young regarding their concerns.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk