

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes July 19, 2012

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 19, 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 Solicitor Alan Miller, 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 the July 10, 2012 Commissioners' Workshop and July 12, 2012 Commissioners' Board Meetings were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

1. Commissioner Scott commented that since there has been no change to the Consent Agenda items since Tuesday, 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:

232.12 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$112,779.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount **(\$11,420.00)** per listing dated July 13, 2012.

233.12 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated July 17, 2012 as follows:

1. Authorize the promotion of Maritza Colon, PC010214 Bilingual Coordinator – Election Services to PC010139 Assistant Director – Election Services, effective 7/25/2012. Rate of \$44,000/annually. Salary budgeted \$43,050/annually. Salary range Minimum \$35,255; Midpoint \$47,007; Maximum \$58,759. Replacement for John Williams who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11050.

234.12 C. Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Notice of Filing and the Declaration of Taking, and any and all documents associated with such action, of certain property situate along T-732, Perry Township, Berks County for

expansion of the Berne Station Bridge, and further authorize the County Solicitor to file the Declaration of Taking.

235.12 D. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Security Agreement between Greater Reading Mental Health Alliance (GRMHA) and the County of Berks, which is a component of the mortgage documents pertaining to a mortgage loan via Health Choices Reinvestment funds approved by the Commonwealth and provided to GRMHA for the purchase of an office building located at 1234 Penn Avenue, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania.

236.12 E. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of the following members to the Berks County Workforce Investment Board for three (3) year terms ending June 30, 2015:

John DeVere
Modesto Fiume
Kristi Gage-Linderman
William Hornberger
Albert Kramer
G. Fred Shaeff, Jr.
Anna Weitz

237.12 F. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Jenny Osborne, Executive Director of the Berks County Assistance Office, to the Berks County Workforce Investment Board for a three (3) year term ending June 30, 2015.

2. Motion authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per the revised listing dated July 16, 2012.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated July 17, 2012 for the week ending July 18, 2012.

Non-Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the non-consent item listed below:

238.12 G. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Temporary Easement for Construction Purposes with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acting through the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, to allow the County temporary access of approximately .026 acres of land situate on Township Road 732, Perry Township, for the removal and replacement of the Berne Bridge.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by Eileen Hobbs, Manager of Accounting & Financial Report.

Citizen Comments from the Floor

Michael Yarnall, President of Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club, Rita Floriani, local hiker, and Linda Elders, a volunteer with Blue Mountain Eagle Hiking Club, attended the meeting and commented on the proposed tower planned on land located near Pulpit Rock on the Appalachian Trail. Each speaker offered their opinion on the impact of placing a tower at that site. Brian Gottschall, Director of Berks County Department of Emergency Services, responded to the speakers' specific concerns stating among other things, that the County contacted the 3 surviving members of the Kawecki family who all agreed to waive the restrictions of the deed on the property the tower will be located on. Mr. Gottschall further commented that the County has held numerous public meetings so that the public was well informed of the placement of the tower.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk