

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes August 31, 2017

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 31, 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 with Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt and Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, Chief Administrative Officer Ronald R. Seaman and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

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

Commissioner Leinbach announced there was an Executive Session held yesterday, August 30, 2017 to discuss litigation regarding Conestoga Landfill.

Presentation

Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt recognized Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz, Reading City Council, and Lee Olsen, Pagoda Foundation President, who attended to present a brief status report on the Mt. Penn Preserve.

Mr. Olsen provided an historical summary, explaining this project resulted from a breakfast meeting regarding the future of the Pagoda Foundation, thinking it would be a good idea to bring the mountain into the mix. Realizing they had limited funds and limited locations for meetings, a Request for Proposal was put together for land development planners; in addition to going to the surrounding five municipalities and asking for financial assistance in order to provide funds to match a grant the Reading-Berks Board of Realtors applied for. Mr. Olsen reported they also held six public meetings, a Facebook survey and many other meetings on the mountain at various locations, culminating in the Mount Penn Preserve Master Plan, now available on the City and County's websites. Mr. Olsen pointed out they have identified five or six potential areas of focus for the mountain, and everything constructed would be for recreational use or preservation.

Commissioner Barnhardt provided detail on the concept of the proposed Council of Government ("COG") in which each of the 5 municipalities would have 2 representatives to serve.

Commissioner Barnhardt stated the next step would be to create a COG, and asked the Board of Commissioners to consider the concept of creating a COG to continue to look at ways to work cooperatively with the five municipalities, focusing on creating joint police protection and comprehensive park rules and regulations.

Commissioner Barnhardt reported they will be back in November to determine if the Board of Commissioners supports this request for a COG and move on from there.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 24, 2017 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

242.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2017 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$113,289 and 2017 Appropriations in the amount of \$71,763 per listing dated August 28, 2017.

243.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated August 31, 2017 as follows:

1. Authorize the transfer of Eric Seidel, PC010223 Captain – Sheriff's Department to PC013178 Park Ranger Supervisor – Parks Department, effective 9/6/2017. Rate of \$48,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$38,992; Midpoint \$51,989; Maximum \$64,986. Replacement for Chad Shaneyfelt who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 16070.
2. Authorize the appointment of Raymond Baker to Certified Legal Intern – District Attorney's Office, effective 9/6/2017. Rate of \$44,500/annually. Replacement for Jonathan Kurland who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11580.

244.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute three (3) agreements as a result of ITB# 17-18-KSJR, Inmate and Resident Clothing, for a period of one (1) year for the participating members of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board (SPCCPB) including Berks County as follows:

Bob Barker Company, Inc.

134 North Main Street
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

Line Items – 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19,
20, 21, 29, 30, 32, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47,
49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66,
67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,
92, 93, 103, 104, 106, 112, 113, 114

Estimated Annual Expenditure – Grand Total \$150,494.62

Estimated Annual Expenditure – Berks Portions \$ 43,697.46

Victory Supply, Inc.

7025 Industrial Park Road
Mount Pleasant, TN 38474

Line Items – 17, 18, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 33, 34, 35, 37,
48, 50, 55, 69, 73, 74, 87, 89, 90, 91, 100, 101, 102, 107, 108,
109, 110, 111

Estimated Annual Expenditure – Grand Total \$ 76,768.56

Estimated Annual Expenditure – Berks Portions \$ 51,408.95

Goaltex Corp

146 Split Rock Road
Syosset, NY 11791

Line Item – 1

Estimated Annual Expenditure – Grand Total \$ 45,096.03

Estimated Annual Expenditure – Berks Portions \$ 19,056.15

The County reserves the right to extend the agreements for two additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both parties at the unit prices herein.

- 245.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute a letter authorizing Amendment “C” to Reimbursement Agreement 057368, as drafted by the Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation, which incorporates the costs for Construction into the overall project encumbrance for the replacement of the Schaeffer Road Bridge, aka the Blandon Bridge (County Bridge #53A) in Maidencreek Township. As a result of this Amendment the costs reflected in Exhibit “AAAA” and Paragraph 11 (b.) will be increased from \$765,000 to \$2,465,000. All other terms and conditions in the Agreement and all previous amendments thereto, unless specifically revised by virtue of Amendment “C”, remain in full effect.
- 246.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Juvenile Probation Services Grant Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission of the Office of General Counsel, and Berks County for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in the award amount of \$478,868.
- 247.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the equitable compensation letter to Richard D. Steele, Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission, indicating that Juvenile Probation salaries, benefits and any other compensation are equitable with those of other court and county employees.

- 248.17 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Financial Statement for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 setting forth expenditures for the previous Juvenile Probation Services Grant.
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 August 29, 2017. Commissioner Leinbach reported there are 4 contracts and referenced the departments.
 3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated August 29, 2017 for week ending August 31, 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 reported the Budget Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. today and the Commissioners will receive an update on the 5 year Capital Plan, and head count changes based on new position requests for the 2018 Budget.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Ronald R. Seaman reported that the American Red Cross put a program together with the Berks County Department of Veterans Affairs to provide and install smoke alarms and home fire safety education on Saturday, September 30, 2017, and you must be registered by September 23, 2017.

Mr. Seaman announced the Berks County Veterans Appreciation Dinner/Dance previously scheduled for November 4, 2017 is now rescheduled to Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Wilson Senior High School.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt commented on the historic flooding in Texas, and seeing and reading about everyone working together has restored his faith in our country.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott had no additional comments.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach offered his prayers and best wishes to the people of Texas. Commissioner Leinbach noted Monday, September 4th is Labor Day and recognized all the men and women that make this country move and are the heroes we celebrate on Labor Day.

Commissioner Leinbach commented on President Trump's recent visit to Mississippi where he spoke of his tax reform plan. Commissioner Leinbach believes we need major tax reform for the middle class, but it must be smart tax reform, and is concerned about talk of elimination of tax exempt municipal bonds and the deduction for taxpayers of state and local taxes. Commissioner Leinbach encouraged the public to contact their Congressmen and Senators if you are concerned about these two issues.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

County Controller Graffius commented on her volunteer relief efforts during Katrina.

Pat Murray, Shillington, a Correctional Officer at the Jail, commented on the discussions of privatizing the Jail and expressed his concerns with the concept.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk