

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes September 3, 2015

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 3, 2015, 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 Vice Chair Kevin S. Barnhardt called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Leinbach was absent. Also present were First Assistant County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, Chief Operating Officer Carl E. Geffken and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 27, 2015 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:
 - 233.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2015 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$251,422.00 and 2015 Appropriations in the amount of \$59,426.00 per listing dated September 1, 2015.
 - 234.15 Adopt a resolution ratifying, confirming and approving execution of the Settlement Agreement between QEI Construction Group, LLC, the County of Berks and Schnabel Operations, LLC d/b/a Schnabel Engineering, LLC for settlement of any and all claims made in regard to the Antietam Lake Dam Valve House Projects.
 - 235.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Kevin S. Barnhardt, Commissioner Vice Chair, to execute the AIA B132-2009 Agreement between the County of Berks and Watkins Architects, Ltd., Fleetwood, Pennsylvania to provide architectural services for the Berks Community Re-Entry Center Reroofing Project at a not to exceed amount of \$12,250.00 excluding reimbursable expenses.
 - 236.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Department of Public Welfare's Medical Assistance Transportation Program application request for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. This program is operated by South Central Transit Authority (SCTA) to provide

transportation or mileage reimbursement for individuals who are eligible for Medical Assistance to attend medical appointments.

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 September 1, 2015.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated September 1, 2015 for week ending September 2, 2015 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

Reports

1. The County Treasurer's prepared weekly report was presented by Kevin S. Barnhardt. Mr. Adams was absent.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by County Controller Sandy Graffius.

REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Carl E. Geffken reported this past Monday a successful evacuation drill of both buildings was conducted and future evacuation drills will continue without notice to the Courts or elected officials and department heads in order that true training evacuations can be held.
Mr. Geffken announced there would not be a Budget Meeting this afternoon as Bob Patrizio is at a networking event and is a finalist for Chief Financial Officer of the Year award. Mr. Geffken reported the County's net cash position is down as a result of the continuing Budget impasse.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt reported he attended the Supreme Council NMJ of Freemasonry 33rd Degree in Indianapolis earlier this week and remarked how hospitable everyone was and excited to talk about their City.

Commissioner Barnhardt reported he attended a Crime Alert Berks County event this morning at Mortgage American in Wyomissing.

Commissioner Barnhardt proudly reported that the Jail had its annual assessment and received a clean notification and there were no deficiencies to report. The assessment also included a clean report for the Community Re-Entry Center.

Commissioner Scott made a personal observation as he finds himself harvesting or gathering tomatoes to make his Scott's Catsup, the proceeds of which are donated to the Berks County Conservancy. Mr. Scott reported the tomatoes he planted this year in the greenhouse have been hit with a virus and wiped out, and he discovered the potting soil he purchased was infected.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

County Controller Sandy Graffius thanked Liam Migdail-Smith for a well done article on her escheat checks.

Berks County Recorder of Deeds Frederick Sheeler announced the 12th Annual Hamburger Festival will be held this Saturday in Hamburg and encouraged everyone to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk