

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes September 13, 2012**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 20, 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 Barnhardt and Commissioner Mark C. Scott 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.

### **Presentation**

Kathryn Turner, State President of the PA Society, Children of the American Revolution, and a senior at Muhlenberg High School addressed the Board and read a prepared statement in recognition of the upcoming 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Constitution. Commissioner Leinbach presented Ms. Turner with a Proclamation and commented on the importance of the Constitution. Fred Turner, Kathryn' father, attended the meeting and presented information on behalf of The Conrad Weiser Society, Children of the American Revolution, regarding Wreaths Across America. Mr. Turner commented it is the goal this year to place 5,000 wreaths on graves of veterans at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery this Christmas season.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of September 4, 2012 Commissioners' Workshop and September 6, 2012 Commissioners' Board Meetings were approved as presented.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

1. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that in as much as there have been no material changes to the Consent Agenda since Tuesday, he motioned to approve as presented the items listed below including item #2 contract agreements and the Controller's Office vouchers. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
  - 292.12 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$575,858.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount of \$88,398.00 per listing dated September 7, 2012.
  - 293.12 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations per listing dated September 11, 2012 as follows:

1. Authorize the transfer of Eilene Williams Hobbs, PC011387 Manager of Accounting & Financial Report – Office of Controller to PC010809 Manager of Human Services, Accounting & Reporting – Office of Controller, effective 9/19/12. Rate of \$72,141/annually. Salary budgeted \$80,710/annually. Salary range Minimum \$51,953; Midpoint \$69,270; Maximum \$86,588. New position created by Salary board on 6/19/12. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11120.
  2. Authorize the promotion of William Consugar PC012683 Senior Governmental Accountant – Office of Controller to PC011387 Manager of Accounting & Financial Report – Office of Controller, effective 9/26/12. Rate of \$66,000/annually. Salary budgeted \$71,750/annually. Salary range Minimum \$55,292; Midpoint \$73,723; Maximum \$92,154. Replacement for Eilene Williams Hobbs who transferred. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 – 11120.
  3. Authorize the appointment of James E. Mancuso to PC010142 Assistant District Attorney I, effective 9/26/2012. Rate of \$42,000/annually. Salary budgeted \$47,509/annually. Salary range Minimum \$41,227; Midpoint \$54,969; Maximum \$68,711. Replacement for Kelly Kline Carr who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 - 11580.
  4. Authorize salary increase for Omayra Martinez, PC010249 – Chief Deputy Treasurer – Treasurer's Office, effective 9/12/12. Rate of \$50,000/annually. Salary budgeted \$48,779/annually. Salary range Minimum \$43,068; Midpoint \$57,424; Maximum \$71,779. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 -11090.
- 294.12 C. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Property Damage Release in the amount of \$5,000.00, relating to an accident occurring on or about March 31, 2012 at the Pleasantville Covered Bridge, Covered Bridge Road, Oley Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.
- 295.12 D. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement for funding the Emergency Management Coordinator and a Planner

position in the Berks County Emergency Services Department.

- 296.12 E. Adopt a resolution authorizing the support by resolution of the County of Berks for House Bill 135 and Justice Reinvestment Funding which will redirect funds from the Department of Corrections for use by state correction facilities to county jails, county probation departments and local law enforcement.
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 10, 2012.
  3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated September 11, 2012 for the week ending September 12, 2012.

### **Reports**

1. Commissioner Leinbach read the prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by County Controller Sandy Graffius.

### **Commissioners Comments from the Floor**

Commissioner Barnhardt reminded the viewing audience that September is Try Transit Month and encouraged choice riders to ride mass transit.

Commissioner Leinbach commented on correspondence the Commissioners received this morning from a group representing the Blue Mountain Concerned Citizen Group with a list of 11 demand items relative to the Bethel Tower site. Commissioner Leinbach read all the demands and commented the tower is in the northern part of the County and is critical to the public safety of the citizens of Berks County and critical to the many visitors to Berks County.

### **Citizen Comments from the Floor**

Frank Gilyard attended the meeting and presented information on a new book titled "To Tell the Story of Black Cultural in Reading" by Laurie Grobman. Mr. Gilyard also announced that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Underground Railroad Tour is scheduled September 29, 2012 and there are now no seats left, but there is a waiting list.

Craig Lutz asked the Commissioners how much money has been spent on legal services for the Bethel Site. Alan S. Miller, County Solicitor, responded we cannot give an exact figure at this time, as all legal fees for this project are lumped together. Commissioner Barnhardt further commented that the County planned for legal costs for this project, but could not budget for the numerous actions taken in opposition.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk