

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes September 20, 2012

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 27, 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

Representatives of the Chiefs of Police Association and various Fire Departments attended the meeting to offer their support of the Emergency Radio System Project. Paul Stolz, President of the Chiefs of Police Association and Caernarvon Township Police Chief, presented and read a Resolution from the Berks County Chiefs of Police Association to the Board of Commissioners in support of the Emergency Radio System Project stating the new system is critical to public safety in Berks County. Also speaking in support of the Emergency Radio System Project were Eric Bubbenmoyer, Captain of the Kempton Fire Company, Marte Gabriel, representing Senator Toomey, who commented the Senator is committed to working with the County in moving this project ahead, Chief David Franke, Douglass Township Police Department, who read a prepared statement, Ed Moreland, Deputy Chief of the Kutztown Area Ambulance Service. Also speaking in support were Fred Levering, Wyomissing Borough Council President and Berks Municipal Partnership Chair, Ken Smith, Exeter Township Supervisor, Chief Scott Eaken, Northern Berks Police Department, Chief Chris Neidert, Exeter Township Police Department, Spring Township Fire Commissioner Pat Brandenburg, Jim Marasco, Emergency Management Coordinator for Union Township. Commissioner Barnhardt read a letter in support from Warden George Wagner. Commissioner Leinbach read a letter from Township Supervisor Nelson Ott in support of the radio system. Commissioner Barnhardt thanked the first responders and elected officials who attended and offered their support. Commissioner Barnhardt commented this Board is committed to doing this right and is offended by the claims that the Board will not compromise. Commissioner Barnhardt further commented that what he will not compromise on is the issue of public safety. Commissioner Leinbach mentioned that Commissioner Scott unfortunately had to be out of town, but stated Commissioner Scott fully supports the system and supports the efforts the first responders provide to the County and community. Commissioner Leinbach also thanked everyone who attended and spoke, and those who sent letters. Commissioner Leinbach further commented this Board is one of the most fiscally conservative Boards in the last 20 years and has done its homework and has tried very hard to make decisions that were fiscally sound, but also focused on public safety. Commissioner Leinbach stated he is proud to sit with Commissioner Barnhardt

and Commissioner Scott who have not waived one step of the project, and is proud to be here today with the group of representatives here today that are willing to stand up and publically support this project.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 11, 2012 Commissioners' Workshop and September 13, 2012 Commissioners' Board Meetings were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

1. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that as there have no material changes to the Consent Agenda Items presented Tuesday, he motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Contract/Agreements, and authorize payment of the Controller's Office vouchers, and further motioned to ratify and approve the one item listed under the Non-Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 306.12. Said motions were seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

298.12 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$29,867.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount of \$141,340.00 per listing dated September 14, 2012.

299.12 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations per listing dated September 18, 2012 as follows:

1. Authorize salary increase for Amy Sundstrom, PC012599 –Victim Witness Supervisor - District Attorney, effective 9/26/12. Rate of \$50,000/annually. Salary budgeted \$46,849/annually. Salary range Minimum \$38,211; Midpoint \$50,949; Maximum \$63,686. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 -11580.
2. Authorize the promotion of David Smith, PC012117 Program Manager – Berks County Residential Center to PC012859 Program Director - Berks County Residential Center, effective 9/26/12. Rate of \$59,500/annually. Salary budgeted \$54,163/annually. Salary range Minimum \$49,070; Midpoint \$65,428; Maximum \$81,784. New position created by Salary Board on 9/18/12. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 52000 - 32200.
3. Authorize the promotion of Alisa Rebecca Hobart, PC010159 District Attorney IV – District Attorneys' Office to PC012860 Chief of Appeals - District

Attorneys' Office, effective 7/11/12. Rate of \$71,000/annually. Salary budgeted \$63,956/annually. Salary range Minimum \$52,341; Midpoint \$69,788; Maximum \$87,235. New position created by Salary board on 9/18/12. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 - 11580.

4. Authorize the appointment of Maria Rodriguez to PC012861 Internal Auditor – Controller, effective 10/1/12. Rate of \$45,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$38,641; Midpoint \$51,521; Maximum \$64,402. New position created by Salary board on 9/18/12. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 - 11120.
- 300.12 C. Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute a contract as a result of Invitation to Bid #12-14-JR, Painting, Bank Barn and Maintenance Building to Titan Industrial Services, 4054 North Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21222 in the amount of \$11,129.00.
- 301.12 D. Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #12-13-KS, a contract for the Window Replacement Project for the Agriculture Center to Pottsgrove Glass Company, 480 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473 in the total Base Bid amount of \$ 44,000.00.
- 302.12 E. Adopt a resolution authorizing the recommendation to award and the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #12-17-KL, a contract for the Abatement & Demolition of the Old Berks Heim Building to Dore & Associates Contracting, Inc., 900 Harry S. Truman Pkwy., Bay City, MI 48706, in the Total Base Bid amount of \$896,200.00.
- 303.12 F. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Settlement Agreement and Release between Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc., Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc., d/b/a Dauphin DataCom and the County of Berks in regard to claims relating to a complaint against Dauphin DataCom and docketed to Berks County Court No. 09-4370.
- 304.12 G. Adopt a resolution recommending the award of a proposal by Michael D. Braucher, Braucher Farms, Mohrsville, Pennsylvania, to lease County owned farmland located at the County Welfare Tract, Bern Township.

- 305.12 H. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of letter to Bern Partners, L.P. exercising the County's intent to renew the Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and Bern Partners, L.P. for a one year period beginning January 1, 2013 for office space leased for MDJ Thomas Gauby (23-3-05).
- 306.12 I. Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #12-22-JR, a contract for the Design, Supply and Installation of Fall Arrest Anchors for the County Services Center as follows:
American Anchor
28 Harrison Ave., Unit E
Englishtown, NJ 07726
Base Bid: \$133,000.00
Alternate B: (\$6,850.00) Deduct – Engineered Open Web Bar Joist which is a proprietary design approved by the consulting engineer.
Total: \$126,150.00
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 17, 2012.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated September 18, 2012 for the week ending September 19, 2012.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by County Controller Sandy Graffius.

Comments from the Floor

Commissioner Barnhardt reminded the public of the Choice Rider Program of the BARTA transit system during Try Transit Month and encouraged everyone to use mass transit. Commissioner Barnhardt further advised that the County is looking at the potential of expanding the hotel room tax to the borders of the County, which presently is a 15 mile radius from the Convention Center. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the County should be receiving three proposals from firms that do these studies nationally and will help the Board make a more educated decision based on the facts that there would be material value to the hotels located outside the radius.

Commissioner Leinbach announced this Saturday, September 22, 2012 is recognized as a day of remembrance for our POW/MIAs, and is taking place at the Stonersville Social Quarters in Birdsboro.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:43 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk