

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes October 1, 2015**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 1, 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 Chair Christian Y. Leinbach called the meeting to order with Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt and Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were First Assistant County Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, 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**

George Vogel, Executive Director of Berks County Council on Chemical Abuse (COCA), Yvonne Strohman, Community Programs Specialist at COCA, and one of the largest groups from the recovery community attended the meeting to celebrate National Recovery Month, recognized during the month of September. Mr. Vogel commented they are here today to put faces on recovery and to show the results of the County's almost 40% funding, and considers it an investment as it costs more to treat the addiction than to not treat it. Ms. Strohman thanked the Commissioners for providing the funds to fight addiction and recovery, and the stories they are about to hear today will show that public dollars do work. Tom Scornavacchi, Pastor of Common Ground Recovery Ministries housed at Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing shared his story of addiction stating he was also a recipient of County funding which allowed him to enter a rehab, begin his long road to recovery and it was money well spent. Jody Holland, Executive Director of East Does It, Inc., commented she is also in long term recovery and being here today gives her a platform to advocate for others and also gives the Commissioners and the public the opportunity to see what their tax dollars do. Ms. Holland commented most people don't see the faces represented here today of recovery, they only see the destruction addiction causes, commenting public perception must change towards that. Eight individuals in recovery, Amelia, Bill, Joe, Rob, Mike, Santo, Mary and Sam, shared their stories and expressed their thanks and gratitude to the Commissioners for providing public funding which allows them to become responsible taxpaying citizens.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of September 24, 2015 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Leinbach announced there was an Executive Session held Tuesday, September 29, 2015 dealing with litigation.

Agenda Items

1. Commissioner Scott commented that given the Agenda will receive unanimous support and appears to be routine, Commissioner Scott moved to approve the Agenda as published in its entirety. Commissioner Barnhardt seconded the motion, and Commissioner Leinbach offered a friendly amendment, commenting this was discussed in the Executive Session, and would like to add a motion that the County allows the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau to include Berks County Government in support of their Amicus Brief to the U.S. Supreme Court on the Chesapeake Bay Watershed matter. Commissioner Scott and Commissioner Barnhardt accepted the amendment. Commissioner Leinbach asked all those in favor of the motion to amend the Agenda signify by saying Aye, and all voted unanimously. Commissioner Leinbach commented the motion now before the Board is to approve the Agenda to include the amendment and all those in favor to signify by saying Aye, and all voted unanimously.

264.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2015 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$80,000.00 and 2015 Appropriations in the amount of \$143,352.00 per listing dated September 28, 2015.

265.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of the following individuals to the Berks County Workforce Development Board:

1. Karyn L. Troxell, PHR, Corporate Human Resources Manager, Penske Truck Leasing, to complete the unexpired term of Steve Letcavage on the Berks County Workforce Development Board effective October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.
2. Marianne Brown Egolf, General Manager-Pet Specialty Division and Grass Seed Division, F. M. Brown's Sons, Inc., to the Berks County Workforce Development Board for a term effective October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

266.15 Adopt a Resolution authorizing execution of Addendum No. 4 to ESA #113013-10 between the County of Berks and Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG) to provide supplemental Right-of-Way acquisition services for the sole property owner affected by the demolition project in regard to Anthony's Mill Bridge, Washington Township, Berks County, at a not to exceed amount of \$3,200.00.

267.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Lolly Leshner, Bernville, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a 3 year term expiring December 31, 2018.

- 268.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Charles R. Seidel, Lenhartsville, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a 3 year term expiring December 31, 2018.
- 269.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute a Waiver of Conflict of Interest for Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell & Hippel, LLP, in regard to its representation of Sprint Communications Company LP and Clear Wireless, LLC (collectively referred to as "Companies") in litigation brought by the County against the Companies regarding the underpayment of funds allegedly owed related to 911 emergency telephone services.
- 270.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Commissioner Mark C. Scott, to execute the IRC Section 457 Retirement Plan Consulting Agreement, Service Agreement and Establishment Form, Aspire 457 Recordkeeping Service Agreement with INR Advisory Services, LLC, Media, Pennsylvania, to provide investment consulting services to County employees participating in the 457B Plan.
- 271.15 Adopt a resolution ratifying and confirming Carl E. Geffken, Chief Operating Officer, to execute the Confidentiality Agreement on behalf of the County of Berks relating to Otis Equipment in the matter of *County of Berks vs. Otis Elevator Company, U.S.D.C. No. 15-cv-04862-LS*.
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 29, 2015.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated September 29, 2015 for week ending September 30, 2015 and the payment of electronic transfers and employee payroll.

### **Reports**

1. The Treasurer's report was presented by Commissioner Leinbach.
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 had nothing to add at this time.

2. Robert J. Patrizio reported the Commissioners will receive a preliminary status report of the 2016 Budget and a request from the District Attorney's Office for additional funding for detectives due to a large increase in child abuse investigations resulting from the new "Sandusky laws".

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Barnhardt reported that the South Central Transit Authority (SCTA) has been asked to rejoin the South Central Planning Region which comprises 9 counties and will meet in Harrisburg Tuesday to look at what the organization would look like if all those agencies would join SCTA. Commissioner Barnhardt commented there will be monthly meetings to discuss the matters of technology, management and routes and ridership.

Commissioner Scott thanked his colleagues for approving item 270.15 and anticipates this will be an improvement for the employees of Berks County who elect to invest in their 457B Plan.

Commissioner Leinbach had no additional comments.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

County Controller Sandy Graffius reported the Friendly Understandable Financial Statement (FUFS) for the year ending December 2014 is complete and available in her office. Ms. Graffius has also distributed the reports to County libraries, Senior Citizen Centers and is available online. Ms. Graffius reported as a result of the Oracle System being upgraded October 8th through October 13th, 9 people from her Office will be volunteering at the Food Bank Friday, October 9, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk