

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes November 1, 2018

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Boardroom, 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.

Presentation

Dr. Susan Looney, President, Reading Area Community College ("RACC"), attended her first meeting as the new President of RACC, and thanked the Board for its support as a sponsor of RACC. Dr. Looney was pleased to report RACC kicked off a very successful fall semester with enrollment holding its own, and proudly announced RACC has been invited to partner with Bucknell University's Community College Scholar Program, STEM Division, offering a full two (2) year scholarship to a graduating RACC student with a high GPA.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 25, 2018 Commissioners' Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the Agenda as presented. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 302.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2018 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$160,470 and 2018 Appropriations in the amount of \$45,632 per listing dated October 29, 2018.

- 303.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated November 1, 2018 as follows:
1. Authorize the appointment of Stephanie Santiago to PC013139 Assistant Director of Nursing – Nursing Administration, effective 11/19/2018. Rate of \$80,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$60,979; Midpoint \$81,306; Maximum \$101,632. Replacement for Amy McKnight who separated. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 53000 – 33390.
- 304.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Chair, to execute the Professional Services Agreement between Tomahawk Strategic Solutions LLC, Nashville, Tennessee, and the County of Berks to provide additional training services for jail staff at a not to exceed amount of \$67,000 for a one (1) year period for 2019.
- 305.18 Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, or the Vice Chair in his absence, to execute any and all documents in all current and future Right-to-Know Law matters, subject to final review and approval by the County Solicitor's Office. All Commissioners will be provided with a copy of the document signed by the Chair or the Vice Chair
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator per listing dated October 30, 2018. Commissioner Leinbach reported that are 2 contracts and referenced the departments.
 3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers payable listing dated October 30, 2018 for week ending October 31, 2018 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 today there would be a discussion with the District Attorney regarding salary adjustments for detectives, a follow-up discussion with the Director of Emergency Services regarding distribution of funds from the East Central Task Force, and some budget related follow-up discussions.

REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Ronald R. Seaman reminded everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday, it is an important election.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt reported he attended a required CCAP course last Thursday that dealt with infrastructure cyber security. It was a very informative course.

This morning Commissioner Barnhardt attended the annual Council on Chemical Abuse Meeting, and along with co-Chair Stan Papademetriou, officially announced the Berks Opioid Coalition and SOS Berks ("Stop Overdoses... Save Lives").

Commissioner Barnhardt also encouraged everyone to vote, and announced he will be traveling to Lawrence County, Kansas to observe their election process where they will use the Unison Voting System, one of the voting systems Berks County might purchase next year. Commissioner Barnhardt will report on the voting system next week.

Commissioner Scott

No report.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach strongly recommended everyone get out and vote on Tuesday.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Crystal Kowalski, Wyomissing, complimented all the people in Berks County that turned out for the prayer vigil Tuesday night at the Synagogue in Wyomissing for the victims of the tragic shooting in Pittsburgh; it was a great outpouring of community support.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk