

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes November 5, 2015**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 5, 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 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**

Commissioner Leinbach presented a Power Point presentation of Berks County's rollout of the NACo expanded Prescription, Dental and Health Discount Programs. Commissioner Leinbach commented Berks County residents have had access to the prescription discount program and has already saved them just over \$1 million. Commissioner Leinbach reported earlier this year NACo combined the prescription discount program with a dental and health discount program and comes at no cost to the County. Commissioner Leinbach advised the public they can get more information and enroll online at [www.nacohealth.or](http://www.nacohealth.or) or by calling 1-877-573-2395.

Commissioner Leinbach announced Executive Sessions were held October 22, 2015 and October 29, 2015 dealing with litigation.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of October 29, 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:
  - 301.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing 2015 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$25,125.00 and 2015 Appropriations in the amount of \$12,829.00 per listing dated November 3, 2015.
  - 302.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing EH&D, Berks County's Insurance Broker, to place coverage for 2016 Excess Workers' Compensation Policy with Safety National Insurance effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

- 303.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Certification Statement for the County Children & Youth Social Service Programs for April 2015-June 2015, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.
- 304.15 Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the Waiver of Conflict Letter to Stevens & Lee in regard to its representation of Trident Mortgage Company (“Trident”) in a pending civil action (“Action”) initiated by the County as co-plaintiff with Frederick Sheeler in his capacity as Recorder of Deeds of Berks County (“Sheeler”).
- 305.15 Adopt a resolution ratifying, confirming and approving execution by Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, of the letter of support to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, PA Workforce Development Board for the PA Strategic Innovation Grant Application: Greater Reading – Lancaster Partnership for Youth Careers sponsored by both the Reading and Lancaster Workforce Development Boards.
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 November 2, 2015. Commissioner Leinbach reported there was one contract and referenced the department.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller’s Office vouchers payable listing dated November 2, 2015 for week ending November 4, 2015 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.

### **REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

1. Carl E. Geffken congratulated the Commissioners on being reelected as well as the Row Officers on winning their reelection bids. Mr. Geffken also thanked Debbie Olivieri and her staff in Election Services for providing an uneventful and well run election process.
2. Robert J. Patrizio reported the Commissioners will receive highlights for when the Budget is recommended in two weeks, as well as what the deficit and tax base growth looks like.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Barnhardt offered his congratulations to everyone who was successful Election Day, and to especially those who weren't for their efforts.

Commissioner Barnhardt reported this morning he attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual COCA Conference at the Crowne Plaza and enjoyed the keynote speaker who spoke about the difference between incarceration and the recovery system.

Commissioner Scott asked the Solicitor when the Board of Commissioners would be reinstated as the Election Board.

Ms. Sadler reported that after the Election is certified the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 25<sup>th</sup>), the Commissioners will resume their position on the Election Board.

Commissioner Leinbach congratulated all candidates that ran and especially those that won.

Commissioner Leinbach mentioned there will be a special Veterans program this Friday at the Berks Heim for residents who are Veterans, and next Wednesday the Combined Veterans Council of Berks County will hold its annual Berks County Veterans Day Ceremony at the War Memorial at Reading City Park.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk