

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes November 15, 2012

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 15, 2012, 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 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, and announced there was an Executive Session Wednesday November 14, 2012 to discuss litigation.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 8, 2012 Commissioners' Board Meeting was approved as presented.

PRESENTATION

Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Proposed 2013 County Budget and provided a detailed Power Point overview of the Budget. Mr. Patrizio announced he is recommending for the first time in 8 years a 6.3% tax increase for 2013 and further recommends a wage freeze for 2013. The Commissioners thanked Bob and his staff for their tireless efforts, many long hours and dedication in putting the 2013 Budget together. The Commissioners also thanked elected officials, department heads, employees, the various County unions in working to keep costs low and tight and helping the Budget Department in accomplishing its directive from the Commissioners. Bob Patrizio stated that formal action on the 2013 Berks County budget is scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2012. Commissioner Barnhardt commented it is always difficult to look at a potential tax increase. Commissioner Barnhardt mentioned the Board meets every Thursday and has looked at every way possible to increase revenue and cut costs. Commissioner Barnhardt commented on some of the anticipated revenue sources and reminded the audience to keep in mind the County is mandated and required to fund many programs and agencies, along with many necessary improvements to County facilities that were previously ignored. Commissioner Barnhardt mentioned one concern is the proposed increase in the commuter tax by the City of Reading. Commissioner Barnhardt suggested possibly going to Court to stop the proposed increase by the City. Commissioner Scott followed up on commuter tax increase proposed by City, that if the County would like to enter its appearance in opposition he would agree to do so. Commissioner Leinbach asked Commissioner Scott if he was making a motion. Commissioner Scott motioned to enter the County's appearance in opposition to the commuter tax proposed by the City. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve said motion. In reference to the Budget

presentation, Commissioner Scott mentioned that the past accomplishments and actions of this Board and prior Boards were instrumental in delaying a tax increase for 8 years. Commissioner Scott further commented that his position at this time is he does not support a tax increase, but instead proposes the County use some of the reserves. Commissioner Leinbach commented that the one consistent message is the budget meetings are where the work of the County is really done. Commissioner Leinbach further commented that this Board has been engaged with elected officials and department heads over the last 5 years and has actively worked on the fiscal condition of the County to arrive at the best way to do the County's business with the least impact on the taxpayers. Commissioner Leinbach advised the audience that the proposed 2013 Budget package and power point presentation will be posted on the County's website.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

367.12	Adopt a resolution authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$151,511.00 and 2012 Appropriations in the amount of \$6,747.00 per listing dated November 9, 2012.
368.12	<p>Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated November 15 , 2012 as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorize the appointment of Brian Henion to PC012862 Risk & Safety Coordinator – Commissioners, effective 11/26/12. Rate of \$51,000/annually. Salary range Minimum \$41,215; Midpoint \$54,953; Maximum \$68,692. New position created by Salary Board on 9/18/12. This request meets the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 10000 - 11010.
369.12	<p>Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #12-26-KL, a contract for the DeTurks Bridge Demolition Project as identified herein:</p> <p>Lycoming Supply, Inc. 801 Beeber Street Williamsport, PA 17701 Total Base Bid: \$129,496.00</p> <p>Kelly Laubach, Director of Contracts and Procurement, commented this is the final piece in the DeTurks Bridge demolition project. Commissioner Leinbach commented that this bridge served only one property owner and by demolishing the bridge has saved the County approximately one million dollars.</p>

370.12	<p>Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute as a result of a Request for Quote by the County's contracted utility consultant, Utilitech, two (2) contracts for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 for the supply of natural gas as identified herein:</p> <p>Hess Corporation 1 Hess Plaza Woodbridge, NJ 07095 (10) NT accounts - (7) MDCs, Agricultural Center, Lawn Garage & Fire Training Full Requirements \$1.684 Dth - Basis</p> <p>Compass Energy Gas Services, LLC 1200 Smith Street, Suite 900 Houston, TX 77002 (2) DS accounts - Boiler Plant & Courthouse/Services Center Contract Quantity \$.449 Dth - Basis</p> <p>Kelly Laubach advised the Commissioners that the above prices have just been refreshed and they are now \$1.60 for Hess Corporation and \$.499 for Compass Energy. Jim Graffius, a representative of Utlitech, the County's consultant, attended the meeting to review the rate schedule and explain the differential in the market prices.</p>
371.12	<p>Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute the Citizen Summary of the County's 2013 Action Plan, which lists the projects and amount for the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs.</p>
372.12	<p>Adopt a resolution authorizing Edward B. Michalik, MH/DD Administrator to accept revised capitation rates offered by the Department of Public Welfare for the HealthChoices Program for the July 2012 through June 2013 Fiscal Year as outlined in Appendix 3.</p>
373.12	<p>Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Office of Child Development and Early Learning Early Intervention Program Income and Expenditure Report.</p>
374.12	<p>Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Tower and Ground Space Lease between Four Rivers Community Broadcasting, Sellersville, Pennsylvania and the County of Berks for tower space for placement of communications equipment on the County tower site located in Centre Township.</p>

375.12	Adopt a resolution authorizing a private pay per diem rate increase from \$300.00 per day to \$310.00 per day effective January 1, 2013 at the Berks Heim-Berks County Home. Pharmaceutical drug costs, physician service co-pay and non covered therapy services will be billed separately.
376.12	Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Lolly Leshar, Bernville, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2015.
377.12	Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Charles Seidel, Lenhartsville, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2015.
378.12	Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Edmond Doherty, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Area Agency on Aging for a two (2) year term expiring March 31, 2015.
379.12	Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Barry Schlouch, Blandon, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2016.
380.12	Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Eileen Kastura, Wyomissing Hills, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Redevelopment Authority for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2017.
381.12	Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Carl R. Sabold, Robesonia, Pennsylvania to the Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board for a three (3) year term expiring February 1, 2016.
382.12	Adopt a resolution authorizing the following appointments to the Berks County 911 Advisory Board. These terms do not expire. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert Ashton – Berks County Emergency Management Agency - 2nd Alternate 2. David Bentz – FOP Lodge #71 – 1st Alternate 3. Craig Breneiser – At-large Appointment 4. Mark Civitarese – At-large Appointment 5. Pete Cunnius – Berks County EMS Policy Advisory Group 6. Brian Gottschall – Berks County Emergency Management Agency 7. Leon Grim – Fire Services Working Group 8. Thomas Kannuck – Berks County Association of Boroughs 9. David Miller – Berks County EMS Policy Advisory

	<p>Group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Brenda Osorio – Reading Police Department Representative 11. Tom Rehr – City of Reading Department of Fire & Rescue Services - 1st Alternate 12. Rick Schartle - At-Large Appointment 13. Steve Serba – Reading Fire Department – 2nd Alternate 14. Matthew Stairiker – Berks County Emergency Management Agency – 1st Alternate 15. Chris Stevens – Fire Services Working Group 16. Paul Stolz – Berks County Chiefs of Police Association Appointee 17. Anthony Tucci – Berks County Association of Boroughs – 1st Alternate 18. Ron Wentzel – City of Reading Department of Fire & Rescue Services 19. Tim Woll – Berks FOP Lodge #71 <p>Over time members have resigned and others have taken their place. This resolution will formally and officially appoint and confirm the current members of the Board.</p>
<p>383.12</p>	<p>Adopt a resolution authorizing the following appointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. These terms do not expire.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kevin S. Barnhardt – County of Berks 2. Jim Conrad – Reading Fire Department 3. Kevin Docherty – Buckeye Pipeline 4. George Dula – Turning Bird Consulting 5. Michele Furdyna – RACC 6. Dave Gibson – Ontelaunee Energy 7. Lynn Gladieux – Berks-Mont News 8. Brian Gottschall – Berks County DES 9. Adrian Grieve – American Red Cross 10. Leon Grim – Berks County Fire Chiefs Association 11. Christian Y. Leinbach – County of Berks 12. Robert J. May – St. Lawrence Borough 13. Annette Moyer – Kutztown University 14. Carolyn S. O’Hare – SSM Group 15. Mark C. Scott – County of Berks 16. Matthew Stairiker – Berks County DES 17. Jeffrey S. Weidner – Western Berks Fire Commissioner 18. Stephen Young – Apex Environmental 19. Robert Schegan – Berks County DES 20. Donnie Swope – Berks County DES <p>Over time members have resigned and others have taken their place. This resolution will formally and officially appoint and confirm the current members of the Committee.</p>

384.12	Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Glenn R. Seidel, Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania as Farmer Director to the Berks County Conservation District Board for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2016.
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2. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated November 13, 2012 for the week ending November 14, 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.

REPORTS OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Carl E. Geffken was absent.
2. Robert J. Patrizio commented there will be a discussion on the Colebrookdale Railroad and the proposed 2013 Budget at the Budget meeting this afternoon.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that this past weekend he attended the Veteran's Appreciation Dinner at Wilson High School, and that he and Commissioner Leinbach were honored to hand out the medals and pins to the 9 members who joined the Berks County Veteran's Hall of Fame. Commissioner Barnhardt commented he also attended the Veteran's Day celebration at City Park, and complimented the Reading Eagle on their exposé on Veteran's issues and difficulties they face.

Commissioner Scott commented that in anticipation of the pending Executive Session to discuss labor matters he will have no further comments.

Commissioner Leinbach commented that he was a presenter at the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Berks Heim and told a story about a song he played at the ceremony and a reaction a resident had to the song. Commissioner Leinbach mentioned the other Veterans' Day ceremonies he attended over the weekend.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk