

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes November 3, 2011**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board meeting room on the thirteenth floor of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

Commissioner Chair Mark C. Scott, Esq. called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach and Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of October 25, 2011 Commissioners' Workshop and October 27, 2011 Commissioners' Meetings were approved as presented.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all voted unanimously to approve the Consent and Non-Consent items listed below:
  - 336.11 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$345,177.00 and 2011 Appropriations in the amount \$19,257.00 per listing dated October 28, 2011.
  - 337.11 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Agility Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Transportation and the County of Berks which will allow the County of Berks to partner with PennDOT in the exchange of equipment, goods and services allowing for greater flexibility for the County bridge crew in accomplishing certain in-house repairs without having to contract out for labor or equipment.
  - 338.11 C. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution by Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair, of the County of Berks Joint Consolidated Plan FFY2012 Action Plan and indicating approval by the Board of Commissioners; and further providing such assurances, certifications, contract, agreement and supplemental or revised data which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development may request in conjunction with the Plan.

- 339.11 D. Adopt a resolution authorizing the participation by the Berks County Board of Commissioners in conducting a feasibility study in conjunction with Adams, Cumberland Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon and York Counties, to assess the viability of coordinating transportation services in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, York and Berks Counties at no cost to the County of Berks. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that this is a PennDOT initiative to discuss ways to improve transportation between the previous mentioned counties.
- 340.11 E. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of James R. Coker, Oley, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2014. Commissioner Barnhardt commented this is a recommendation from the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.
- 341.11 F. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of James Schlegel, Reading, Pennsylvania to the Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority Board for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2017.
- 342.11 G. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Albert R. Boscov, Reading, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Convention Center Authority for a four (4) year term expiring August 29, 2015. Commissioner Barnhardt commented this is a joint Board appointment.
- 343.11 H. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution by Kevin S. Barnhardt, Vice Chair, of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Berks and Alvernia University to collect and analyze data from court programs being used in Berks County to reduce prison overcrowding, and alternatives to incarceration in regard to Treatment Courts and the Community Re-entry Center (CRC). The study will be paid for from funding of the Treatment Court Expansion Grant and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Act Grant. Brendan Harker attended the meeting and commented this is a cooperation agreement between the Courts, Alvernia and the County.
- 344.11 I. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Addendum #1 to the Contract with Direct Energy Business, LLC, dated October 12, 2010 to include electric generation and supply and associated services for an additional 39 accounts for a two year term effective January 2012 through January 2014 based upon individual meter read dates. Kelly Laubach commented this Addendum refreshes the pricing of our Agreement with Direct Energy. The County will realize about a 33% savings in rates.

2. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated October 31, 2011.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated November 1, 2011 for the week ending November 2, 2011.

**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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk