

Bergen County Improvement Authority
ONE Bergen County Plaza,
Hackensack, New Jersey
REGULAR MEETING
CERTIFIED MINUTES
March 3, 2011

Present: Commissioner P. Wilson, L. Visotcky, K. Corcoran, L. D'Arminio, E. Trawinski
BCIA Staff: R. Garrison, M. Raguseo, J. Montag, B. Losito, G. Velazquez
General Counsel: J. Shahdanian, Esq.
Urban Health Institute: P. Breyer

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m. by Chairperson Wilson.	
Proof of Notice of Regular Mtg.	B. Losito read the Notice of Regular Meeting.	
Roll Call	Roll Call of Commissioners: Commissioner Corcoran – Present Commissioner D'Arminio – Present Commissioner Trawinski - Present Commissioner Visotcky – Present Chairperson Wilson – Present Chairperson Wilson welcomed the public to this meeting and asked to take this opportunity to publicly welcome Commissioner Trawinski to the BCIA Board as he was sworn in at our February 17, 2011 Special Meeting. Further he wanted to publicly thank Commissioner Salkin for his good service.	Roll Call taken.
Open to Public Comment	Motion was made by Commissioner D'Arminio to open the meeting for public comment with regard to items on today's agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Trawinski and carried unanimously.	Motion carried.
Close to Public Comment	As there were no comments from the public wishing to be heard, Motion was made by Commissioner Visotcky and seconded by	Motion carried.

I hereby certify that these are the minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2011.

Bernadette Losito, Assistant Secretary

Commissioner Trawinski to close the meeting for public comment.

Motion passed unanimously.

Verification of Certified Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Corcoran and seconded by Commissioner Visotcky to verify the Minutes of the following meetings:

Minutes approved.

January 31, 2011 – Special Session
January 31, 2011 – Closed Session
February 3, 2011 – Regular Session
February 17, 2011 – Special Session

A Roll Call vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Corcoran – Aye
Commissioner D’Arminio – Aye
Commissioner Trawinski – Aye for 2/17/11 Minutes; Abstain from voting for 1/31/11 and 2/3/11 Minutes
Commissioner Visotcky – Aye
Chairperson Wilson – Aye

Resolutions #11-30 thru #11-33

Chairperson Wilson asked Executive Director Garrison to give an overview of today’s resolutions. Mr. Garrison advised that he would present the first resolution and the Deputy Executive Director Mauro Raguseo will present the others. Mr. Garrison presented the overview of the payment of bills resolution and noted that the bills/payments listed are typical of those usually presented and approved by the Board. Chairperson Wilson asked if the bill list was available to the public. Assistant Secretary Losito informed that a desk copy is available for the public at the entrance of our meeting room. Commissioner Trawinski asked if the availability of funds is obtained from our CFO prior to an invoice being presented on the bill list. General Counsel Shahdanian affirmed this practice.

Commissioner D’Arminio asked the status of the outstanding monies due Catania Consulting and Gibbons, P.C. since their contracts have not been renewed. Counsel Shahdanian advised that our contracts run from February to February and these professionals’ billings lag behind a month or so. We will follow up. As a follow up to our last meeting where the Commissioners discussed that counsel/staff negotiate a fee with Gibbons, P.C. to finish up their involvement in securing certain grants, Commissioner D’Arminio asked if we had successfully negotiated a fee. Counsel Shahdanian advised that indeed we had and the fee was \$5,000.00. Executive Director

Garrison advised that the Gibbons firm has been responsive and been working with our staff to complete these matters. Deputy Director Raguseo presented an overview of the remaining Resolutions on the agenda which involved Bergen Regional Medical Center projects.

A motion was made by Commissioner Trawinski and seconded by Commissioner Corcoran to approve the following Resolutions:

Resolution approved

- #11-30 Payment of Bills
- #11-31 Award of Contract–King Mechanical Installations – BRMC Building 11 Sprinkler Project
- #11-32 Change Order #3 – BRMC Vault #3 Replacement (Tru-Val Electric)
- #11-33 Reject All Bids For Purpose of Negotiation – BRMC Bldgs 6 & 8 Sprinkler Project

Commissioner Trawinski advised that when he first reviewed today's meeting agenda, he made a mental note to ask to table Resolution 11-32. However, he wanted to applaud Mr. Raguseo for arranging for Mr. Formanek of RSC Architects presentation supporting the need for the change order for BRMC Vault #3.

A Roll Call vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Corcoran– yes
Commissioner D'Arminio – yes
Commissioner Trawinski – yes
Commissioner Visotcky - yes
Chairperson Wilson – yes

Motion

A Motion was made by Commissioner Trawinski that BRMC provide us with a written response to our request concerning the recent layoffs of hospital personnel no later than Friday, March 11, 2011 or we will begin the appropriate legal proceedings. The BCIA and County's foremost concern is patient care and that BRMC's conduct of violating and ignoring the notice of intention provision in their contract with us evidences the inappropriate respect for patient care. The BCIA/BRMC contract provides that reasons for reduction are to be presented before any changes in staffing. We further demand that BRMC restore the recently eliminated 132 hours of patient care until the matter is settled. Mr. Trawinski asked

Motion carried.

Counsel Shahdanian to call Counsel/ Principals at BRMC in an effort to avert litigation to resolve this matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Corcoran

A Roll Call vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Corcoran– yes
Commissioner D’Arminio – yes
Commissioner Trawinski – yes
Commissioner Visotcky - yes
Chairperson Wilson – yes

Closed Session

Chairman Wilson asked for a Motion to go into Closed Session. Commissioner Trawinski made the motion. Further, Mr. Trawinski advised that he would like that there be a written resolution presented when closed/executive session is necessitated stating the reason such session is necessary and when the minutes of such will be made available to the public. Commissioner D’Arminio seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously. Counsel Shahdanian advised that the need for the Board to go into Closed Session involves the intergovernmental transfer litigation and the BCIA v. BRMC litigation.

Motion carried

Action Items:

- Follow-up on outstanding billings for Catania Consulting and Gibbons Law for 2/10 through 2/11 work period.
- Receipt of written response from BRMC regarding staff layoff/reduction.
- Board adopt/utilize form of resolution which is to be submitted by Counsel to the Board setting for the reason/need for closed/executive session and when the minutes of such session will be made available to the public..

Next Meeting

Our next meeting date will be Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 5:30 p.m., in Room 460-The Learning Center, at ONE Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion was made by Commissioner Trawinski and seconded by Commissioner Corcoran to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Secretary

Bernadette Losito