



# Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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## Legislation Text

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### **Subject:**

Confirmation of Marc E. Bernath, PE, CEM, PMP as Public Works Department Director

### **Fiscal Impact:**

### **Dept/Office:**

County Manager's Office

### **Requested Action:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners confirm the appointment of Marc E. Bernath as Director of the Public Works Department effective July 6, 2020.

### **Summary Explanation and Background:**

Pursuant to the Brevard County Charter and Code of Ordinances, the Board of County Commissioners is asked to confirm the appointment of Marc E. Bernath as Director of the Public Works Department effective July 6, 2020.

Commander Bernath has over 20 years of experience in Public Works while serving as an officer in the Navy. During this time, he has gained extensive experience in asset management, infrastructure, maintenance, formulating priorities and managing large department budgets. He has extensive training in all aspects of facilities management as well as leadership. He has managed multi-million dollar projects and large services contracts including design, permitting, bidding, construction, maintenance and more. These efforts have prepared him well to lead all areas of the Public Works Department.

Marc E. Bernath's resume is attached for the Board's review.

### **Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

Forward Board direction to the County Manager's Office



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank Abbate, County Manager

RE: Item J.5., Confirmation of Marc E. Bernath, PE, CEM, PMP, as Public Works Department Director

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 24, 2020, confirmed the appointment of Marc E. Bernath, PE, CEM, PMP, as Director of the Public Works Department effective July 6, 2020.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*Tammy Rowe*  
Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Finance  
Budget

# Marc E. Bernath, PE, CEM, PMP

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Proactive senior-level professional with 20+ years of progressive leadership experience. Led multi-disciplinary engineering service, facility maintenance, major capital improvement, and acquisition organizations with both in-house and contracted workforces. Seasoned program and project manager. Proven record of accomplishment in leading teams to success. Outstanding interpersonal, communications, operations, business, organizational, and analytical strengths. Experience includes:

- Capital Projects
- Program/Project Management
- Facilities Management
- Acquisition | Contracts
- Utility Operations/Maintenance
- Planning

## EDUCATION

MBA, Management – Salve Regina University

MS, Construction Management – Virginia Tech

BS, Environmental Resource and Forest Engineering – SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

## WORK HISTORY

### Public Works Director, US Navy, Bethesda, MD

7/2018 to Present

Headed a 590-civilian employee (union, non-union and contract) department; including 9 military staff. Delivered full life-cycle management of real property (land, facilities, and utilities). Managed a \$2.6B physical plant across a 243-acre campus. Included environmental compliance, prioritization of campus requirements, utilities, maintenance, project management, real estate, financial management, acquisition, and supported tenant interface.

- Laid foundation for a multi-year \$1B construction portfolio. Delivered \$125.7M of construction to client on time/budget, \$570M under construction is on track, and \$450M is under design and will award in 2021.
- Executed over \$125M annually in tenant planning, design, and construction projects as well as facility service contracts in adherence to quality, schedule and budget objectives and with zero significant mishaps.
- Oversaw central utility plant operations for steam and chilled water as well as maintenance and distribution of 12 mi of water, sanitary and storm sewer, natural gas, and electric. Invested in critical upgrades and drove 99% reliability of services while ensuring timely service billing.
- Increased customer service scores by 32% over prior year by aggressively tracking performance metrics, meeting with clients and holding service contractor accountable to meet contractual requirements.
- Re-invigorated an underperforming department by resetting operational expectations. Implemented measures to validate program efficiencies, yielding reduced costs and improved delivery by 20%.

### Capital Investment Director, US Navy, Washington, DC

6/2016 to 7/2018

Supervised 4 senior civilian program managers with interrelated functional roles. Orchestrated centralized facilities capital investment and equipment outfitting programs. Coordinated prioritization of \$24B in validated backlog requirements with key stakeholders and provided comprehensive recommendations to senior leaders as part of annual budget process to make best use of an annual \$2B capital investment budget.

- Drove capital investment infrastructure up by 35%, resulting in delivery of urgent client requirements at most cost-effective solution while restoring confidence in programs under prior Congressional scrutiny.
- Validated requirements on 18 geographically dispersed, complex projects valued at over \$1.1B. Findings resulted in \$74M of identified efficiencies used for reinvestment in higher priority projects.
- Designed new planning, prioritization, and validation process. Efforts were key in promoting sound requirements, reducing execution risks, and decreasing systemic budget increase-requests by 86%.

**Facilities Management and Sustainment Director, US Navy, Washington, DC**

9/2015 to 6/2016

Directly oversaw 6 senior civilian program managers with discrete responsibilities. Coordinated community management and resourcing of a 5,000-person global operations and maintenance workforce. Programs included resourcing, corporate database management, condition-based maintenance, property inventories, infrastructure assessments, and demand-side energy management.

- Established an assessment program to guide limited investments effectively across 70 campuses for 76,000 facilities and structures. Orchestrated increases in annual infrastructure investments by \$4.9B over 5 years.
- Implemented community management and resourcing standardization initiatives for global workforce. Delivered 25 initiatives to meet strategic goals.
- Led a team to standardize minor project development processes and staffing. Efforts improved community management for 500 employees and increased project delivery by 22%.

**Deputy Facilities Director, US Navy, Virginia Beach, VA**

6/2013 to 8/2015

Led an 85-civilian employee (union and non-union) facilities organization for a Navy business with 300 retail locations comprised of 12.8M SF and 40 mid-scale hotel properties. Served concurrently as Design and Construction Director and as interim Vice President, Facilities over a three-month transition period.

- Oversaw \$315M capital-investment portfolio. Completed 28 renovation and construction projects, 8 designs, and 18 new project contract awards, resulting in improved customer experiences and increased sales.
- Led a complex lease procurement of a 400K SF retail distribution center, preserving existing terms for 10 years, extracting new concessions, and avoiding an \$11.6M relocation expense during a period of volatility.
- Yielded an 8% return of project managers' time to more constructive tasks and improved data integrity through development and implementation of an enterprise resource program.

**Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Director, US Navy, Portsmouth, VA**

5/2011 to 6/2013

Directed a 385-civilian employee (union, non-union, and contract) division in support of an industrial shipyard complex and hospital campus; including 4 military staff. Delivered design, acquisition, contract administration, construction oversight, and facility-support services.

- Oversaw \$300M annually in acquisition, design, construction, maintenance, and facility-support workload. Exceeded schedule and budget goals.
- Met time, cost, and quality objectives on a phased delivery of a \$166M pier replacement project. Set conditions to ensure uninterrupted Shipyard operations and deliver remaining phases successfully.
- Postured staff and additional contracts to execute 172% beyond organic capacity to meet fiscal deadline. Resulted in delivery of an additional 58 critical projects in order to meet critical ship restoration timelines.

**Previous Facilities Program and Project Management Experience, US Navy, Various**

4/1997 to 5/2011

Enhanced 7 additional assignments with increasing levels of supervisory responsibility and complexity.

- Led a 1,049-employee (foreign national and contract) department in oversight of 7,000 facilities; including 49 military staff. Held \$250M operations support contractor accountable.
- Pioneered initial vision and executed consolidation of a 25.4 square mile campus. Balanced requirements while yielding a 48% facility and \$11M operating cost reduction.
- Led planning and construction oversight of a high-profile project supporting 30,000 redeploying military personnel overseas. Enhanced US Customs processing capacity 250% by improving 43K SF of facilities.

**CERTIFICATIONS**

- Professional Engineer (PE), Civil Engineering, #0402041325
- Certified Energy Manager (CEM), #22198
- Project Management Professional (PMP), #2152578
- Warranted Federal Contracting Officer, #WASH18-26
- Security Clearance: Secret/Top Secret SCI (Eligible)