

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, March 13, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. in the 13th floor Boardroom 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 Alan S. Miller and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and announced that the Board met in Executive Session on Monday, March 12, 2012 to discuss union negotiations.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$186,547.00, 2011 Appropriations in the amount of \$27,145.00, and 2012 Appropriations in the amount \$2,839.00 per listing dated March 9, 2012. Kimberly Grinage, Deputy Director of Budget & Finance, commented there is nothing out of the ordinary this week, but did comment that the Budget Department is moving around some fixed assets dollars and reallocating grant dollars.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing approval and acceptance of the IM PAK Builders' Risk with Soft Costs Non-Reporting Policy effective March 7, 2012 in regard the Berks County Emergency Radio Project. Mike Malinowski of EH&D, commented that for the past 6 to 12 months EH&D, the Solicitor and Budget have been working on the insurance coverage for the 911 project during the course of construction. The County's normal policy does not cover this type of project. Mr. Malinowski commented that 5 insurance companies were interviewed and it was narrowed down to 2.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated March 13, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach commented on the one recommendation listed today.

Purchasing

- A. Motion authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract

Coordinator, per listing dated March 9, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach commented on the 8 contracts.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Solicitor to advertise an ordinance concerning the adoption of an unconventional gas well fee in accordance with Act 13 of 2012. Commissioner Leinbach commented that this involves an area along the Northern Tier of the County, known as the Blue Ridge or Appalachian Trail area. Shannon Rossman, Planner III – Intergovernmental Affairs, Berks County Planning Commission, commented this is in regard to Utica Shale, or any other shale that may be found in the County that could affect the County some time in the future. Commissioner Leinbach recommended that if anyone is approached they do research before they sign a lease with a gas company, and they should consult an attorney. Ms. Rossman also suggested the public should contact the Penn State Extension Service for information. Alan Miller commented this is a very straight forward ordinance. There seems to be no down side to enacting this Ordinance. Mr. Miller further commented that if this ordinance isn't in place before a well is drilled, there is a prohibition in participating in distribution of funds and tax receipts.

Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the 2010/2011 MH/MR Income & Expenditure Reports.

Facilities

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Addendum No. 2 to Agreement No. 116349-10 with High Safety Consulting Services, Ltd., which extends the term of the Agreement through April 2012, to provide Indoor Environmental Quality Services for the Old Berks Heim Building.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Daniel E. Milloy, Blandon, Pennsylvania to the Council on Chemical Abuse to a three (3) year term expiring February 1, 2015. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that Mr. Milloy replaces Stan Keeta who is retiring to Florida.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott followed up on last weeks comments regarding trash pick up along 422. Commissioner Scott was informed by Jane Meeks that in two days 2,800 of trash was collected. Commissioner Scott also commented he has received a number of calls thanking the Board the trash was picked up.

Commissioner Scott further commented on the investment opportunities locally thanks to the Marcellus Shale and other shale gas drilling. There are number of small banks in the northern part of the State worth looking into.

Commissioner Leinbach

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:04 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk