

## **Commissioners' Organizational Board Meeting Monday, January 7, 2008**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 10:30 AM 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. Solicitor Alan Miller called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark C. Scott, Esq., Commissioner Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt, Solicitor Alan S. Miller, Administrator William Dennis and Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer in attendance.

Solicitor Miller called for nominations for Chair of the Berks County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Barnhardt nominated Commissioner Scott and the motion was seconded by Leinbach and all voted yes to approve.

The gavel was handed over to Commissioner Scott who then called for nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Leinbach nominated Commissioner Barnhardt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and the vote was unanimous. Commissioner Leinbach expressed his appreciation to be part of this team and pledged to keep politics out of his decision process.

Commissioner Leinbach then made a motion to re-appoint Terry L. Styer as Chief Clerk, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt and all voted yes to approve. Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion to nominate Alan S. Miller, Esq. as County Solicitor, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all votes yes to approve.

Commissioner Leinbach made a motion to approve Resolution 01-08 authorizing the board to conduct all necessary steps for the conduct of all financial transactions on behalf of the County in accordance with the Third Class County Code of Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Leinbach stated that Reverend Calvin Kurtz offered the services of the Reading Council of Churches to provide a voluntary blessing for board meetings, similar to Reading City Council.

Commissioner Scott proposed that the previously adopted meeting policy for conducting meetings in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order and that all staff at the table, particularly the Solicitor, need to be mindful of all potential conflicts that may arise with regards to the State Ethics Act and Sunshine Law requirements. Administrator Dennis requested that the board meet in executive session following this Commissioners meeting to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business this meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Terry L. Styer  
Chief Clerk