

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting February 21, 2008**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 21, 2008, 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 Vice-Chair Kevin S. Barnhardt called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach in attendance. Commissioner Scott was detained but arrived later in the meeting. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Leinbach made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the February 12, 2008 Commissioner workshop minutes and the February 14, 2008 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
  - 54.08 A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$112,469, 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$11,920, and 2007 Appropriations in the amount \$15,261 per listing dated February 14, 2008.
  - 55.08 B. Adopt a resolution to appoint David Phillips of Mohrsville, PA to a three year term ending 12/31/2010 on the Agricultural Land Preservation Board replacing Russell Swinehart, whose term expired on 12/31/07.
2. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott, as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated February 14, 2007.

### **Non Consent Agenda**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve the item listed below:
  - 56.08 C. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated February 21, 2008.

**Reports**

1. County Treasurer, Administrator Dennis read the weekly Treasurer's report.
2. County Controller, Deputy Controller, Mark Hansen presented the weekly Controller's report.

Commissioner Leinbach made a motion that the County form a Green Team Task Force for Berks County Government. He explained that the objective of the Task Force is to review three primary areas of County Government including Purchasing, Facilities and Operations to identify actions that if implemented would be more energy efficient, environmentally responsible and better conserve the various resources and supplies currently consumed or used by county government. The Chair of the Task Force would be Jane Meeks, Executive Director of the Berks County Solid Waste Authority and the members of the Task Force would be appointed by the board of Commissioners. Each Commissioner would appoint up to three members. The term of the Task Force would begin in March of 2008 and would conclude with a final report to the Commissioners in November of 2008. Commissioner Barnhardt seconded the motion and all agreed.

The Commissioners then reviewed a letter from Robesonia Borough requesting additional Liquid Fuels funds for a bridge repair project on Meadow Avenue. The letter stated that the bids received were nearly twice the amount they originally estimated. The county originally approved \$225,000. Following a discussion regarding the needs of the County's 62 bridges, it was agreed that no additional funds should be allocated at this time.

Commissioner Scott also discussed the Commissioner's Open Space grant program suggesting that the county consider a moratorium on new applications and set those uncommitted funds aside for county parks projects, allowing current applications to be completed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk