

Commissioners' Board Meeting March 13, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 13, 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 Chair Mark C. Scott called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach and Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and announced that the board had met in Executive Session on March 11 for personnel matters, and will meet on Friday the 14th at the proposed Hay Creek Trail, for a discussion on Real Estate negotiations.

The Commissioners recognized Jeanette Rolón, a Senior attending Alvernia College majoring in Social Work and attending her first Commissioners' meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Leinbach made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the March 4, 2008 Commissioner workshop minutes and the March 6, 2008 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

Consent Agenda Items

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 76.08 A. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$10,000 per listing dated March 7, 2008.
 - 77.08 B. Resolution approving the Human Resource Recommendations per list dated March 11, 2008.
 - 78.08 C. Resolution approving an amendment to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement by and between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Public Welfare and the County of Berks.
 - 79.08 D. Resolution authorizing execution of a Supplemental Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and the United States Department of Agriculture for office space for the Farm Service Agency situate at the Berks County Agricultural Center for a one year term starting February 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009.

- 80.08 E. Resolution appointing Norman Bailey of Reading, PA a three (3) year term ending 12/31/09 for Nytza I. Santiago who resigned from the Children and Youth Services Advisory Council.
- 81.08 F. Resolution appointing Craig J. Lutz of Wernersville, PA to a Five (5) year term ending 1/1/2010 on the Reading Regional Airport Authority.
- 82.08 G. Resolution appointing Mark Civitarese, Wyomissing, PA, to the 9-1-1 Center Advisory Board as an At Large Member.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated March 10, 2008.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA presented the weekly Treasurer's report
2. Pam Santos presented the weekly Controller's report for County Controller Sandy Graffius.

Business from the floor:

Kathy Duffy, resident of Topton, spoke on several topics of concern, starting with her support of the County's policy on internet usage and included a discussion of the social services provided for the residents in Berks County. She expressed concerns regarding her impressions of the abuse of the welfare system and questioned whether all of the recipients of social services were actually in need or simply falling into a pattern of dependence on the government (taxpayer) funded programs. She also supported a county audit of the state's social service agencies.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk