

Commissioners' Board Meeting April 10, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 10, 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.

Commissioner Scott announced that an Executive Session was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, for personnel issues.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Leinbach made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the April 1, 2008 Commissioners workshop minutes and the April 3, 2008 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

Consent and Non-Consent Agenda Items

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

- 105.08 A. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$16,200 per listing dated April 4, 2008.
- 106.08 B. Resolution for a recommendation to award, as a result of Invitation to Bid #08-01-AO, a one year contract to supply Washable Incontinent Briefs. The award shall be made to the following vendor: M.D. Brown Co., 239 Schuyler Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704 in the following estimated amounts:

Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
Medium Briefs	28 dz.	\$110.00/dz.	\$ 3,091.20
Large Briefs	220 dz.	\$120.00/dz.	\$ 26,400.00
X-Large Briefs	110 dz.	\$144.00/dz.	\$15,840.00
XX-Large Briefs	11 dz.	\$223.50/dz.	\$ 2,458.50
		Total	\$47,789.70

- 107.08 C. Resolution authorizing execution of **Title IV-E Independent Living Program Certification of Executive Officers**, for submission to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare-Independent Living Coordinator.

- 108.08 D. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated April 8, 2008.
****new items added for today's meeting.****
- 109.08 E. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair of the Board, to execute TEFAP Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the 2nd quarter (January, February, March) FFY 2007-2008, in the amount of \$8,866.95 for distributing 80,608.61 pounds of food at \$.11 per pound and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank to apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.
- 110.08 F. Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the County of Berks and the Police Executive Research Forum to conduct a study of policing in Berks County. Amount is not to exceed \$96,984. ½ will be funded by a grant from PA Department of Community and Economic Development.
- 111.08 G. Resolution authorizing execution of a letter to the Bureau of Employment and Training designating Berks County Action Program, Inc. (BCAP) as the Community Action agency for Berks County for coordinating the development and implementation of a county-wide program designed to reduce or eliminate poverty in Berks County.

Reports

1. County Administrator Bill Dennis presented the weekly Treasurer's report for Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA.
2. Chief Deputy Controller Mark Hanson presented the weekly Controller's report for Controller Sandy Graffius.

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

Tom Herman, SEIU Local 668 Business Agent, attended the meeting to present a letter to the Commissioners. Kierstan Edris, caseworker in Children and Youth Services, read the letter, which was signed by 100 county employees in Children and Youth Services and the Prison Treatment Staff and will be attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Scott thanked everyone for attending the meeting and responded on behalf of the board by saying that the board has complete confidence in the negotiating team representing the county and has no intention in undermining the process by direct dealing with representatives at this meeting. He said his belief is that the parameters of the process have already been breached by this public presentation. He added that this board's silence is not an indication that they concede the allegations in the letter, rather it was believed that this process was a private matter; if the union is interested in public discussions, the board could make public the list of demands first presented by the union

and which he feels the public would most likely find offensive. He ended by stating that he looks forward to negotiating in good faith.

Commissioner Barnhardt reported that PERF (Police Executive Research Forum) will be providing contract language and hope to meet with the Commissioners prior to signing a written agreement to proceed with the Police Study.

Commissioner Leinbach reported that Johnson Controls has offered to provide a Commissioner with a trip to an Energy Efficiency forum during the month of June.

Commissioner Scott reported on the conversation held with Lou Militana from AAQS (Ambient Air Quality Services) and expressed disappointment over the \$4,500 fee paid for a review of a permit application that may have never been needed. The Commissioner then offered a suggestion that the county may wish to employ a professional to review environmental permit applications and contracts either in concert with or in place of the BEAC Permit Review Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk