

Commissioners' Board Meeting April 24, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 24, 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.



Today, April 24th is National Take your Daughters and Sons to Work Day. Thanks to our Special Projects Coordinator Carey Kaucher, approximately 80 of our employee's daughters and sons took part in this special day of activities including this morning's Commissioners meeting. We welcome these young citizens and hope they are able to recognize this year's theme of "A New Generation at Work" and hope that through their visit and talking with their parents and their parents co-workers, they begin to develop an appreciation for the important role they play in this community and more important the hope that our daughters and sons end their day with a desire to serve their community in whatever capacity they are able, now and into the future.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach to approve the April 15, 2008 Commissioner workshop minutes and the April 17, 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:

117.08 A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated April 22, 2008.

- 118.08 B. Resolution approving Berks County Office of Aging four-year plan for Aging services for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012.
- 119.08 C. Resolution of support from the Board of Commissioners to the delegation from Berks County in the Senate and House for Senate Bill No. 9 requiring identification of lawful presence in the United States as a prerequisite to the receipt of public benefits.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated April 21, 2008.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA presented the weekly Treasurer's report.
2. Deputy Controller Mark Hanson and his grandson Cody Hanson presented the weekly Controller's report for County Controller Sandy Graffius.

Commissioner Scott announced that an Executive Session was held on Monday, April 21st, to discuss real estate negotiations.

Commissioner Leinbach announced that an Election Board meeting will follow this meeting but it has been relocated to the Planning Commission's Neversink Room on the 14th floor of the Services Center.

Commissioner Leinbach also requested to reschedule the May 8th Budget Hearing regarding the Hotel Tax so that all three Commissioners are available to attend. Commissioner Scott distributed the Hotel Tax legislation to the other commissioners for review.

Commissioner Scott then presented a proposal from Wheeler Environmental to the other Commissioners asking for future consideration of replacing the BEAC (Berks Environmental Advisory Council) Permit Review Committee with a paid consultant.

The Commissioners gave the children attending the meeting a brief overview of County government and held a brief question and answer session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk