

Commissioners' Board Meeting June 12, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 12, 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 Kevin Barnhardt and Commissioner Christian Leinbach in attendance. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer and County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq. County Administrator William E. Dennis was away on County business.

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

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach to approve the June 3, 2008 Commissioner workshop minutes and the June 5, 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 (*noting that item D. was postponed until Tuesday June 17, 2008.)
 - 164.08 A. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$57,000 per listing dated June 6, 2008.
 - 165.08 B. Resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and Greater Reading Corporate Center, L.P. for the retaining wall located between the Berks County Courthouse and the bank building used to retain the parking lot area.
 - 166.08 C. Resolution authorizing a contract/agreement with John Heffner, Esq., as Special Legal Counsel on railroad abandonment of the Colebrookdale rail spur.
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 June 9, 2008.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA provided a written Treasurer's report.
2. County Controller Sandy Graffius presented the weekly Controller's report.

*Prior to the vote on the consent agenda items, Duane Rashlich Berks County Assessment Office Director, was asked to comment on the proposed resolution regarding the County's proposal to establish values for the properties enrolled in the Clean and Green Act. After a lengthy discussion regarding the appropriate authority for setting the land use values on enrolled land, it was determined that the proposed resolution would be held until the Tuesday Commissioners' meeting. Mr. Rashlich also agreed to pull the item from the Board of Assessment meeting agenda for June until the Commissioners vote on this issue.

Charles A. Haddad, Esq. President of Building a Better Boyertown, informed the Commissioners of the Borough's intent to purchase approximately two acres of land that the Colebrookdale railroad spur runs through. He indicated that the borough's interest in the property will have no effect on the railroad right of way. He did indicate however that the sales agreement allows the seller to remove the rails for scrap metal value and that the settlement date to transfer the property is scheduled for November.

Commissioner Leinbach said that the County's only interest in this rail bed is with regard to the economic health of the Boyertown Community.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk