

Commissioners' Board Meeting June 26, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 26, 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 in attendance. Commissioner Christian Leinbach participated via conference phone. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, and First Assistant County Solicitor Christine Sadler, Esq. County Administrator William E. Dennis did not attend the meeting.

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 17, 2008 Commissioner workshop minutes and the June 19, 2008 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 172.08 A. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$510,000 and 2008 Appropriations in the amount \$4,375,596 per listing dated June 20, 2008.
 - 173.08 B. Resolution to award a contract to operate **Vocational, Educational Remedial Services** in partnership with the Pennsylvania CareerLink ~ Berks County to the following service provider: Reading Area Community College, 10 S. Second Street, P.O. Box 1706, Reading, PA 19603, Theodore Bassano, Vice-President of Business Services. The amount of the proposed contract budget for the period July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 is \$292,985. Program operations are scheduled to begin on July 1, 2008.
 - 174.08 C. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated June 24, 2008.

- 175.08 D. Resolution to approve the execution of the Human Services Development Fund (HSDF) Assurance of Compliance, and further authorizes Mary Henry-Moss, Human Services Grants Coordinator, the ability to distribute remaining HSDF Funds as needed for the fiscal year 2008/2009. Total amount of allocation is \$835,042.
- 176.08 E. Resolution authorizing the allocation of the Homeless Assistance Program funding; and further authorizes the execution of the Assurance of Compliance Certificate with respect to the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP), and further authorizes Mary Henry-Moss, Human Service Grants Coordinator, the ability to distribute the remaining HAP Funds to the prior approved agencies as needed for the fiscal year 2008/2009. Total amount of allocation is \$631,545.
- 177.08 F. Resolution to certify completion of Community Conservation Partnerships Grant Project (BRC-TAG-9-21).
- 178.08 G. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with EHD Insurance to provide the County's Comprehensive Insurance coverage for June 30, 2008 through July 1, 2009 per attached schedule.
- 179.08 H. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chair to sign a letter of agreement with Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC to perform accounting services for the County of Berks on an as needed basis.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated June 23, 2008.

Reports

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

Commissioner Scott reported that the Human Resource Department held a meeting with department heads to gather input on the concept of a voluntary alternative work schedule. He explained that the interested departments were instructed to submit the proposed work plans to the Human Resource office for review and approval by that office in conjunction with oversight and concurrence by the Commissioners. Commissioner Barnhardt indicated that he would make attempt to contact the union representatives to encourage them to permit their members to participate in this voluntary employee benefit program.

Commissioner Scott said he has received letters from two negotiating unions and was “blown away” by the magnitude of demands from organizations within this building given the current state of this economy. He said that this will be a stressful year and it is more important than ever for the Commissioners to agree to hold the line on wages.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk