

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, August 19, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 10:30 A.M. in the thirteenth floor Board Room 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 County Administrator, William E. Dennis, and Solicitor Alan Miller Esq. Chief Clerk Terry Styer did not attend the meeting.

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

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing 2008 Appropriations in the amount \$0 per listing dated August 15, 2008. Kim Grinage, Deputy Budget Director, presented the report.
- B. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq. as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator Candace Noll, per attached listing dated August 19, 2008.

CareerLink

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Chair of the Berks County Board of Commissioners to sign the "Grant Recipient's Release, Grant Recipient's Assignment of Refunds, Rebates, and Credits, and WIA Grant Closeout Tax Certification" for the WIA Grant for Berks County Employment and Training Office on behalf of the applicant. This funding was designed to provide training and placement services to individuals receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) assistance.

Emergency Management

- A. Adopt a resolution approving the County of Berks Hazardous Material Emergency Response Preparedness Assessment Update For Calendar Year 2007.

Human Resource Director:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated August 19, 2008. Assistant Human Resource Director Jennifer Biehn presented the list.

- B. Ms. Biehn presented the Carpooling Program proposal to the Commissioners, stating that it will entail interested County employees registering with HR to carpool. They will, in turn, match interested individuals who live in close proximity and work similar shifts. HR is also working on incentives from local businesses—Firestone has offered coupons for savings on car maintenance—to encourage employees to make use of this program.

Industrial Development Authority

- A. Adopt a resolution designating the Berks County Industrial Development Authority to receive the State Local Economic Development Assistance funds for the 2008-2009 fiscal year in the amount of \$106,224.

Juvenile Probation:

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution and submission of a grant application by and between the County of Berks (Juvenile Probation) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency with respect to Continuation of Subgrant Agreement No. 19634 for \$ 364,935.00 consisting of \$205,952.00 State Funds and \$158,983.00 County Funds for the project period 7/1/09 – 6/30/10.

III. REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Bill Dennis presented his weekly report (attached.)

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Adopt a resolution to send a letter from the Board of Commissioners to the delegation from Berks County in the Senate and House supporting a supplemental appropriation in the adopted 2008-2009 Commonwealth Budget for funding for reimbursement of the Commonwealth share of full-time District Attorney salaries.

Commissioner Scott

- 226.08 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement between the County and Transystems/Stone Consulting and Design, Warren, PA to provide engineering services regarding the East Penn Railroad Abandonment, pursuant to approval by the Solicitors' Office.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,