

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 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, Esq. called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach, and Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

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

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$32,654.00. Budget Director Bob Patrizio 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 28, 2008.

Human Resource Director:

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated September 2, 2008
- B. Jennifer Biehn, Assistant HR Director and Ryan Hunter, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Barnhardt presented a draft policy titled Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Procedure proposed as a replacement of the Civil Service dispute resolution procedure.

Parks

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution by Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair, of a grant agreement between the Berks County Department of Parks and Recreation with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts for \$10,000; \$5,000 goes to the county for The Parks Department Summer Concert Series and the remaining \$5,000 is re-granted to the Berks Arts Council for their annual programs. The grant is for activities that occur between 1/01/09 and 12/31/09.

II. REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Bill Dennis (report attached)

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**Commissioner Leinbach**

- A. Commissioner Leinbach reported that he met last Friday with Ryan Hunter, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Barnhardt, Brian Gottschall Deputy Director for Emergency Services along with Chief Ted Roth of the Birdsboro Police Department, Chief Theodore "Randy" Cole of the Kutztown Police Department and Joe Brown of the West Reading Police Department. to discuss the **National Emergency Responder Credentialing System** (which is currently under development by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's NIMS Integration Center. As a means to routinely identify and dispatch emergency responders, the National Emergency Responder Credentialing System will help mobilize the swift, safe and successful support of qualified responders who are called upon to assist communities across the nation. Ultimately, credentials verifying an emergency responder's identity and qualifications may be documented through a nationally accepted form of identification and/or through a record-keeping system, as required by NIMS.)

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all agreed to approve Resolution 240.08 making **September 2008 Berks County Voter Registration Month.**

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt a resolution reappointing Joseph Griffin to a 4 year term on the Berks County Planning Commission, ending 12/31/11.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk