

Commissioners' Board Meeting October 2, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 2, 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 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.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach to approve the September 23, 2008 Commissioners' workshop minutes and the September 25, 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:
 - 258.08 A. Resolution approving a Tower and Lease agreement between the County of Berks and C.R. Garber Enterprises LLC.
 - 259.08 B. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott at Chairman of the Board, to execute a grant in the amount of \$1993 from the PA Partners in the Arts to be used for a mural in the Agricultural Center lobby.
 - 260.08 C. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$207,295 and 2008 Appropriations in the amount \$12,401 per listing dated September 26, 2008.
 - 261.08 D. Resolution authorizing execution a lease agreement between the County of Berks and Victor and Keldia Cabrera for Magisterial District Court 23-1-03 for a 10-year term commencing on January 1, 2009 and terminating on December 31, 2018 at a rate of \$12.50 sq. ft. with a 3% annual increase for 3,339 sq. feet of office space. Also included is a one time payment of \$8,200.00 for the cost and installation of a HVAC system for said premises.

- 262.08 E. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of Berks and Exelon Nuclear to partially fund the position of Emergency Planner at the Berks Emergency Management Services Department.
- 263.08 F. Human Resource recommendations per list dated September 30, 2008.
- 264.08 G. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., as Chairman of the Board, to sign the State Food Purchase Program (SFPP) Expense and Data Report for FY 2007-08.
- 265.08 H. Resolution authorizing execution by William Dennis, County Administrator, of the Per Diem Election Clerical Aide Agreement for Election Services.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated September 19, 2008.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA presented the weekly Treasurer's report.
2. Deputy County Controller Mark Hanson presented the Controller's report for the prior two weeks.

Public Comment

Carlos Zayos, resident of Reading, was present to express concerns regarding election expense report issues for Reading Mayor Tom McMahon. Commissioner Scott informed Mr. Zayos that this Board would be happy to listen to the details of his concern as long as he understood that the Board of Commissioners, while they serve as the Election Board are prohibited by the Sunshine Act to hold deliberations and make decisions regarding what is most likely to be an Election Board issue, outside of an advertised Election Board meeting. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Zayos was encouraged to file a written complaint with the Election Services Director who will then forward that to the Election Board and at a public meeting advertised for the purpose of holding an Election Board meeting, where the board could either settle the issue or forward the complaint to the District Attorney.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk