

Commissioners' Board Meeting October 23, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 23, 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 Vice-Chair Kevin Barnhardt called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach in attendance. Also present were County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis. Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer did not attend the meeting and Commissioner Mark Scott arrived after the meeting start.

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

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Leinbach made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the October 14, 2008 Commissioner workshop minutes and the October 16, 2008 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

Consent and Non-Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

Enact Ordinance 04-08:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA (THE "COUNTY"), AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE READING REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY"); AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INCURRENCE OF LEASE RENTAL DEBT IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,300,000, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, 53 PA. C.S. § 8001 ET SEQ, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED (THE "DEBT ACT");

- 278.08 A. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$45,052 and 2008 Appropriations in the amount \$31,092 per listing dated October 17, 2008.
- 279.08 B. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute the SAVIN Maintenance and Service Agreement for the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

- 280.08 C. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair of the Board, to execute The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the 4th quarter (July, August, September) FFY 2007-2008, in the amount of \$6,303.41 for distributing 57,303.73 pounds of food at \$.11 per pound and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank to apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.
- 281.08 D. Resolution to appoint Dr. John J. George, BCIU Executive Director to the Workforce Investment Board, to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Nancy Allmon, who resigned. This term will expire on June 30, 2010.
- 282.08 E. Resolution to hire Liberty Environmental to review the PP&L Evansville Plant Air Permit Application. Amount not to exceed \$4600.
- 283.08 F. Human Resource Recommendation dated October 23, 2008.
- 284.08 G. Resolution authorizing 2008 Appropriations in the amount \$1,013,681 per listing dated October 22, 2008.
- 285.08 H. Resolution authorizing execution of an Agreement of Sale and Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement between the County of Berks and the Reading Area Community College concerning a bridge spanning the Schuylkill River commonly referred to as the "RACC Bridge."
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated October 17, 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.

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

Cecelia Zuber, citizen of Reading, attended the meeting to request that the Commissioners tell the Environmental Protection Agency that the County will not comply with the proposed new standards. She feels that the standards are too stringent and will only chase business out of the county. Commissioner Leinbach replied that the Commissioners have looked at Air Quality results from our own consultants and noted that Lyon Station, where East Penn Manufacturing is located, is very close to the new standards, and that East Penn has a history of working with the EPA to be as clean as possible. On the other hand, Exide, in Muhlenberg Township, showed results that are significantly lower than the new standards.

Peg Bianca, Executive Director of the Greater Berks Food Bank, attended the meeting to answer any questions that the Commissioners may have regarding the Boyertown Salvation Army's free lunch program. Commissioner Scott noted that the newspaper had printed erroneous information, that in fact the Food Bank is not supplying food for this program; it is being funded by a private source, therefore needing no income verification. Ms. Bianca agreed that this is correct.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally O'Reilly, Assistant to the Chief Clerk