

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, March 17, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 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 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. He also announced that Executive Sessions concerning personnel issues were held on Wednesday, March 11, Thursday, March 12, Friday, March 13, and Monday, March 16, 2009.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated March 16, 2009.
- B. Recommendation to award and execute as a result of Invitation to Bid 08-14-MB a not to exceed contract to replace the outfall pipe at the Berks County Wastewater Treatment Plant. The award shall be made to the following vendor; Arthur "Pat" Aungst, Inc., 45 Tremont Road, Pine Grove, PA 17963, \$32,959.40 Kelly Laubach, Purchasing Manager, presented these recommendations.
- C. Recommendation to award and execute as a result of Invitation to Bid 08-12-KL a contract for performance of an Investment Grade Energy Audit and preparation of a detailed engineering and economic report in accordance with the requirements of Acts 57/77 and which specifically identifies the energy improvements and operational changes which are recommended to be installed or implemented at the County of Berks. The award shall be made to the following vendor; NORESCO, One Research Drive , Suite 400 C, Westborough, MA 01581, \$129,000*
**If the Parties successfully negotiate and execute a Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement (GESA), no payment shall be due for the Energy Audit or Report under the terms of this Agreement as the provisions for payment of the audit fee shall be incorporated into the GESA. The Commissioners commended Kelly Laubach and her colleagues for the extensive evaluation that was conducted for this project.*

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2343 dated March 13, 2009, for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV #609 for the HOME Grant Program, DV #2342-S for the Emergency Shelter Grant and DV # 1358 for the Property Rehabilitation Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

Election Services

- A. Adopt a resolution to accept Blanket Agreement Amendment #2 for HAVA (Helping America Vote Act) Grant Agreements to extend the grant period for an additional 2 years to June 30, 2011.

Emergency Management:

- A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing execution by Mark C. Scott, Esq. Commissioner Chair of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Reading and County of Berks in regard to Data Sharing, Maintenance agreements, computer hardware, and on-going maintenance upon the implementation of Express Bridge and the installation of limited-use CODY Records Management System (RMS.) Brian Gottschall, Deputy Director of Emergency Services attended the meeting to discuss this resolution.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated March 17, 2009. HR Director Jennifer Biehn presented the list which included two Commissioner awards

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Discussion of the Record Improvement Funds Committee. Commissioner Leinbach noted that the Commissioners are to be a part of this committee and have not been involved so far during his tenure. He suggested that at least one Commissioner should be part of the committee, if not all three. Commissioner Scott suggested that all three Commissioners be a part of the committee, with the understanding that they may not all be able to attend all meetings due to their schedules. He also suggested that the Committee begin to advertise their meetings as per Sunshine Law requirements.

Commissioner Leinbach

- A. Commissioner Leinbach reported on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference that he attended in Washington, DC. He mentioned several points of interest which he has shared with department heads and his colleagues. He also spoke of the Prescription Drug Program, noting that even with no publicity the card usage has remained steady in Berks County.

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Commissioner Barnhardt thanked all who attended the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) meetings, both at Fleetwood High School and the Service Center Auditorium. He is asking for continued community input via email at policestudy@countyofberks.com. The Commissioner noted that the final report from PERF is expected sometime in mid-April.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Commissioner Scott echoed Commissioner Barnhardt's appreciation to those participants. He noted that this study is the first of its kind in PA, and that Berks County continues to lead the way in many avenues.

Recorder of Deeds Fred Sheeler reported that deed filing and mortgages recordings are both up by over 30% so far this month. This is the first increase in many months.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk