

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 24, 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 was Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Solicitor Alan Miller Esq. did not attend the meeting.

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

II. PRESENTATION

Fred Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds presented his new "on-line" records search site, which can be found at www.countyofberks.com/recorder.

Todd Simpson, Director Berks Information Systems provided additional information regarding the CODY Records Management System.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$90,392.00 and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$22,000. per listing dated March 20, 2009. Bob Patrizio, 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 March 23, 2009. Commissioner Leinbach made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted yes to approve the contract with Reinsel Kuntz Leshner to provide accounting services to the County of Berks.

Emergency Services

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of a License Agreement between the Borough of Kutztown and the County of Berks granting use by the County of certain land and a shed for the installation and operation of communication equipment.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated March 24, 2009.

Human Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Fiscal year 2009-2010 Grant renewal documents for the Child Care Subsidy Program with the Department of Public Welfare. The total amount of the Grant is \$17,787,057.00.

Mental Health/Mental Retardation

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a contract between the County of Berks and the Reading Crowne Hotel for the Family Group Decision Making Conference scheduled for June 10, 2009.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of a Settlement Agreement and General Release between Shoemaker/Burkey and the County of Berks concerning the Community Corrections Project.
- B. Resolution authorizing execution of letters of termination to L. Robert Kimball & Associates, Architects and Engineers, Inc. and Shoemaker/Burkey concerning the Prison Addition and Renovation project.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Asset Purchase Agreement, Assignment & Assumption Agreement, and related documents between East Penn Railroad, LLC, and the County of Berks for acquisition of the Colebrookdale Rail Line located in Berks and Montgomery County.

Commissioner Scott noted that no taxpayer dollars were used for the purchase of the rail line. He explained that the fund will essentially become a loan from the Environmental Defense Fund (which derives its funds from Landfill Settlement Fees) and will be repaid to the fund when and if the rail line is sold in the future. He said that a few things need to be accomplished in the near future: procurement of an operator for the line, some cosmetic repairs, and a licensing agreement from the Borough of Boyertown for access.

Both Commissioners Barnhardt and Leinbach thanked Commissioner Scott, his assistant, Michelle Kircher, as well as Assessment Director Duane Rashlich and Director of Mapping Bill Kochan for all of their work in bringing this project to fruition.

Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted yes to approve **Resolution 68.09**, as noted above.

Commissioner Leinbach

- A. Adopt a resolution appointing Gregg Bogia of Wyomissing, PA to the Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority Board for a five year term ending December 31, 2012, to replace Marlowe Graff whose term expired December 31, 2007.

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt reminded the viewers that comments regarding the Policing Study are being accepted through the end of March, either through the County web site or by email at policestudy@countyofberks.com

Commissioner Scott

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk