

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 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 Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq. Chief Clerk Terry Styer 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:

- A. Ed Swoyer, President of Berks Development Fund, along with Albert Boscov, President of Our City Reading, presented to the Board the PA Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) request to approve the decertification of almost 90 acres of Fritz's Island/City Sewage Treatment Plant as a Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ). This would allow for the addition of a like amount of acreage within 5 miles of that site into the KOZ program, assuming all of three taxing bodies (County, City of Reading, and Reading School District) would agree. They also requested that the time limit on the existing undeveloped property in the existing KOZ be extended until December 31, 2020.
- B. Commissioner Barnhardt presented an update on the Veterans Task Force and an addition to the Berks Heroes website. He announced the 2009 nominees to the Military Hall of Fame and gave the requirements for nominating servicemen for future honors.
- C. Agricultural Coordinator Sheila Miller introduced Sonia Gelsinger, from Robesonia, PA, a Conrad Weiser student and state beef award scholarship winner who discussed the Pa Beef Council's "May is Beef Month" celebration. On March 26th, she received a scholarship from the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association. She is a member of Conrad Weiser's FFA Chapter, Berks 4-H, and the National Honor Society. She received the scholarship for her research on dairy calves for a science fair project, her scholastic achievements, and her community involvement. She attended the Pennsylvania Governor's School for Agricultural Sciences and will be attending the University of Wisconsin to pursue a career in veterinary science or dairy nutrition. Mrs. Miller also announced the grand opening of Opportunity Farmers Market at 2nd and Buttonwood Streets in Reading, this Friday, May 22nd. She thanked the Commissioners for their plans to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony that morning. The Kempton Fair, slated for June 16-20, was also announced.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**Budget Department**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$12,256 per listing dated May 15, 2009.
- 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 May 15, 2009.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2352 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, and DV #2353-S for the Emergency Shelter Program, as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated May 19, 2009.

Mental Health/Mental Retardation

At the request of Dr. Ed Michalik, Director of MH/MR, Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion to approve the following resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and approved by all.

- 126.09 A. Resolution authorizing the execution of the Berks County Adult Mental Health Plan for fiscal year 2009/2010.
- 127.09 B. Resolution authorizing an agreement made by the County of Berks for and on the behalf of Berks County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program to authorize Mark C. Scott, Esq., Commissioner Chair, and the MH/MR Program Administrator, Dr. Ed Michalik, to execute an Administrative Entity Operating Agreement for Fiscal Year 2009-2011 to continue to participate in the Infants, Toddlers and Families Waiver program.
- 128.09 C. Resolution authorizing execution of Amendment #2 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement for Fiscal Years 2009-2011.

Solicitor

- A. Authorize execution of a Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and Donald Savidge and Richard Savidge, t/a Savidge Farms, for lease of approximately 16 acres of farmland at Hunsicker's Grove, Longswamp Township.
- B. Authorize Edward J. McCann, Director of Workforce Development, CareerLink, to execute Work Site Agreements between the County of Berks and various municipalities for summer work experience for in-school and out-of-school youth.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt a Resolution to reappoint John Woodward to the Reading Area Community College Board for a 6 year term ending 6/30/13.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally O'Reilly, Assistant to Chief Clerk