

Commissioners' Board Meeting May 21, 2009

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 21, 2009, 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 was County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq. Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer did not attend the meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes

The May 12, 2009 Commissioners Workshop minutes and the May 14, 2009 Commissioners meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Consent and Non-Consent Agenda Items

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 129.09 A. Resolution extending the term of real property, earned income tax, net profits mercantile, and business privilege taxes within a specific geographic area in Reading, Berks County, Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania (Reading School District) designated as a Keystone Opportunity Zone, for a period of seven years from the current expiration date of the Zone, currently 12/31/2013.
 - 130.09 B. Resolution authorizing real property, earned income tax, net profits mercantile, and business privilege taxes within a specific geographic area in Reading, Berks County, Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania (Reading School District), designated as a proposed Keystone Opportunity Zone in order to foster economic opportunities, stimulate industrial, commercial and residential improvements and prevent physical and infrastructure deterioration within areas of Reading, Berks County, Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania (Reading School District), upon certain terms and conditions, effective as of 1/1/2010, contingent only upon DCED's approval of the application for the Proposed KEYSTONE OPPORTUNITY ZONE.

- 131.09 C. Resolution by the County of Berks that effective as of this date, and contingent only on, DCED's approval of the application to decertify a portion of the Southeast Region of the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Resolution No.677-98, dated December 24, 1998, is to be rescinded with respect to the property herein described, said property is hereby removed from the Reading Subzone of the Southeast Region Keystone Opportunity Zone and all tax benefits provided by the Act to that property are hereby withdrawn.
- 132.09 D. Resolution authorizing execution of the Agreement to Permit Decertification of Certain Property Within a Keystone Opportunity Zone between the County of Berks and the City of Reading concerning the decertification of certain real property in the City of Reading (PIN #530620901580).
- 133.09 E. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$12,256 per listing dated May 15, 2009.
- 134.09 F. Human Resource recommendations per list dated May 19, 2009.
- 135.09 G. Resolution to 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.
- 136.09 H. Resolution to 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.
- 137.09 I. Resolution to reappoint John Woodward to the Reading Area Community College Board for a 6 year term ending 6/30/13.
- 138.09 J. Resolution to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Berks and Exeter Township in regards to Quality of Life Mapping.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated May 15, 2009.
3. Motion to ratify and confirm payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated May 21, 2009, as previously authorized by instructions issued May 21, 2009.
4. 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.

Reports

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

Commissioner Barnhardt reported on a meeting he had with Jerry Fudeman, Executive Director of Berks Heim, who noted that 184 ledgers from the Alms House were donated to the Historical Society of Berks County. HSBC sent a letter to be signed by the Commissioners noting the deed of gift. Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and approved by all to sign the letter.

Commissioner Scott noted a letter dated 5/18, for notification of a Plan Approval Application for Exide Technologies, for the replacement of an Afterburner. After discussion, Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and approved by all to authorize a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requesting a 30 day extension for the County of Berks to comment on Exide Technologies Title V Air Quality Permit, as well as the opportunity for public hearing on same.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally O'Reilly, Assistant to Chief Clerk