

Commissioners' Board Meeting June 4, 2009

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 4, 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 Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, and County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq. Commissioner Christian Leinbach participated via conference phone.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 26, 2009 Commissioners' Workshop and May 28, 2009 Commissioners' meeting were approved as presented.

Consent and Non Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted unanimously* to approve the items listed below:
 - 145.09 A. Resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$5,654, and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$1,993 per listing dated May 29, 2009.
 - 146.09 B. Resolution to incorporate the substantial amendment to the 2008 Annual Action Plan, with funds from the CDBG-R Program authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The amendment allocates CDBG-R funds to administration, the Grand Street extension project in Hamburg, and the Second Street Learning Center project of Opportunity House. *see below
 - 147.09 C. Resolution authorizing a grant application between the County of Berks and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) from the federal Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; to be used for activities of Berks Connections/Pretrial Services, and Service, Access, and Management. Minimum grant amount is \$301,318.
 - 148.09 D. Resolution authorizing execution of a License Agreement between County of Berks and Frosty Towers, Inc., granting use by the County of a Centre Township building, tower and related appurtenances.

- 149.09 E. Resolution authorizing execution of the FMLA Administrative Services Agreement with MetLife for the period from June 1, 2009 to December 31, 2011.
- 150.09 F. Resolution to approve the execution of the Human Services Development Fund (HSDF) Assurance of Compliance, and further authorizes Mary Henry-Moss, Human Services Grants Coordinator, the ability to distribute remaining HSDF Funds as needed for the fiscal year 2009/2010. Total amount of allocation is \$824,191.
- 151.09 G. Resolution authorizing the allocation of the Homeless Assistance Program funding; and further authorizes the execution of the Assurance of Compliance Certificate with respect to the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP), and further authorizes Mary Henry-Moss, Human Service Grants Coordinator, the ability to distribute the remaining HAP Funds to the prior approved agencies as needed for the fiscal year 2009/2010. Total amount of allocation is \$661,845.
- 152.09 H. Resolution to approve the Emergency Action Plan; Surveillance, Warning, and Evacuation Procedures for Lake Antietam Dam.

*Commissioner Scott noted for the record that while he recognizes the needs of the homeless and supports the efforts of Opportunity House in serving their customers, he was unable to support these projects for the Federal Stimulus Funding over the Airport Authority Project. He said he understood the reason these organizations were chosen to receive funding and that the decision was influenced largely due to the timing requirements for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act but he still voted no due to the inability of using those funds for what has been described as the number one economic development project in the County.

2. Motion to ratify and confirm payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated June 4, 2009, as previously authorized by instructions issued June 4, 2009.

Reports

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

Commissioner Scott asked Treasurer Long to report on a delinquent tax agreement involving the Ken Grill Pool in Kenhorst Borough. Treasurer Long reported that the swimming pool association owed approximately \$95,000 in taxes to the Governor Mifflin School District, Kenhorst Borough and the County dated from 2005 to the present.

He explained that at the Tax Claim Director at that time was Sue Kissling who was asked by then Commissioner Schwank in 2007 to prepare a payment plan for the Association allowing payments of \$450.00 per month until the taxes were paid. Treasurer Long reported that those payments were made up until 2008 when the Association filed with the Assessment Appeals Board for tax exemption and or a reduction in the property assessment, both of which were denied.

The Commissioners asked why this property wasn't sold at the upset sale. Treasurer Long said he wasn't sure and stated that most payment plans are for only 8 months not an indefinite period but he would look deeper into this issue and report back to the Commissioners.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk