

Commissioners' Board Meeting August 13, 2009

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 13, 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 Commissioners Kevin S. Barnhardt and Christian Leinbach in attendance. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, and County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 4, 2009 Commissioners' Workshop and August 6, 2009 Commissioners' meeting minutes were approved as published.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below
 - 228.09 A. Resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$130,008 and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$67,442 per listing dated August 7, 2009.
 - 229.09 B. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Chair of the Berks County Board of Commissioners to sign the "Grant Recipient's Release, Grant Recipient's Assignment of Refunds, Rebates, and Credits, and WIA Grant Closeout Tax Certification" for the WIA Grant for Berks County Employment and Training Office on behalf of the applicant for Contract No:
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015088231 015088241 015088251 015088261
015088271 015088301 015088341 015088471
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 - 230.09 C. Resolution approving the execution of the Assurance of Compliance for FY2010-11 Children and Youth Needs Based Plan and Budget Estimate and the FY2009-10 Children and Youth Implementation Plan.
 - 231.09 D. Resolution to appoint members of the Act #32 Berks County Tax Collection Subcommittee.

2. 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 August 7, 2009.
3. Motion to ratify and confirm payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated August 13, 2009, as previously authorized by instructions issued August 13, 2009.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA presented the weekly Treasurer's report.
2. County Controller Sandy Graffius presented the weekly Controller's report.

Commissioner Leinbach reported on his recent attendance at the CCAP Annual Conference noting in particular the very spirited debate on the floor of the conference regarding the State Budget stalemate. He said that without the funding of state mandated services, some counties across the state are just weeks away from running out of money. Some of the service providers who are contracted with county government may go out of business if the state budget delays passage of a budget any longer. He said that the public needs to know what is going on and the fact that despite the budget situation, House members and Senators are not in Harrisburg anymore.

Commissioner Barnhardt reported on the last Financial Stability Panel meeting held in the City and said that while the Committee has come up with numerous recommendations, the city is looking at a \$15 Million deficit by the end of 2009. He reported that the meetings with the Mayor seem productive but without the participation of the majority of City Council there is neither assurance of a united front nor any hope to see that any of the recommended cost saving measures will ever become reality. He described a few of the options as transferring some of the "non-core" city services such as the recreation program, the water and sewer operations and the library over to other regional entities.

He said that without any serious commitment from the majority of City Council to consider any of these proposed recommendations, he would no longer be able to commit his time to this committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk