

Commissioners' Board Meeting October 29, 2009

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 29, 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 were Chief Operations Officer Carl Staples, 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 October 20, 2009 Commissioners' Workshop and October 22, 2009 Commissioners' meetings were approved as presented.

Consent and Non-Consent Agenda Items

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below, with the exception of Resolution 312.09, which is being held until a future meeting:
 - 305.09 A. Resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$281,419 and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$32,050 per listing dated October 26, 2009.
 - 306.09 B. Resolution authorizing execution of a Rental Agreement ("Agreement") between Election Systems & Software, Inc. ("ES&S") and Berks County, Pennsylvania ("County") for the pilot program of electronic poll books for the November 3rd municipal election. There is no charge to the County.
 - 307.09 C. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated October 27, 2009.
 - 308.09 D. Resolution to approve the Pandemic Leave Policy.
 - 309.09 E. Resolution designating the Berks County Industrial Authority as the Industrial Authority for the County of Berks with full power and authority to represent said County in all matters relevant to and for all purposes of the Industrial Development Assistance Law.

- 310.09 F. Resolution authorizing execution of a Settlement Agreement and Release between the County of Berks, Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board and AFSCME District Council 88 concerning settlement of a back pay award in the Coroner's Office.
 - 311.09 G. Resolution authorizing 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 in Longswamp Township
 - 312.09 H. Resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Extension Agreement between the County of Berks and the Berks County Industrial Development Authority for lease of approximately 430 square feet of office space on the 14th Floor of the Berks County Services Center. **Held until a future meeting.
 - 313.09 I. Resolution authorizing tax forgiveness for all 2009 county taxes, including any penalty and interest, for the property of Vittorio Starita, located at 906 Connor Court, Sinking Spring, PA 19608 (PIN 80-4375-10-26-8421)
 - 314.09 J. Resolution to reappoint Rebecca Wingenroth, Shillington, PA to a 5 year term on the Berks County Industrial Authority ending 12/31/2014.
- 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 October 23, 2009.
 - 3. Motion to ratify and confirm payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated October 29, 2009, as previously authorized by instructions issued October 29, 2009.
 - 4. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2374 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV #625 for the HOME Grant Program and DV #1375 for the Property Rehabilitation Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

Reports

- 1. Treasurer's report was not presented at the meeting.
- 2. County Controller Sandy Graffius presented the weekly Controller's report.

Commissioner Barnhardt offered kudos to Chief Clerk Terry Styer and Diane Richards, Director of Finance for Wilson School District, for their hard work in planning the Act 32, Tax Collection Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th at the Ag Center.

Chief Operations Officer Carl Staples reminded the Commissioners that along with the approval of the Pandemic Leave Policy, they also need to invoke the policy effective Monday, November 2, 2009. Commissioner Leinbach made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted yes to invoke this new Policy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk