

Commissioners' Board Meeting December 17, 2009

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, December 17, 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 December 8, 2009 Commissioners' Workshop and December 10, 2009 Commissioners' meetings were approved as presented.

2010 BERKS COUNTY BUDGET

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach and seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the 2010 Berks County Budget and the 2010 Tax Millage as currently proposed at 6.935 mills. Commissioner Barnhardt noted his desire to assume the City's portion of \$126,000 for BARTA (Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority). Both Commissioners Scott and Leinbach disagreed with this—it would be a piecemeal approach to resolve the city financial issues. Commissioner Leinbach suggested that the County and City should meet quickly to discuss this and all other funding issues comprehensively as a means to provide assistance that could be mutually beneficial to all taxpayers.

Prior to the vote each Commissioner provided to the Chief Clerk their letters of conflict noting their individual abstentions from portions of the 2010 Budget. (conflict letters are attached to these minutes) Following those disclosures and noting specific line item abstentions all voted yes to approve the 2010 Budget and Real Estate Tax Millage.

- 378.09 A. Resolution authorizing adoption of the 2010 County of Berks Budget and further establish that the 2010 Real Estate Tax millage will remain at 6.935 mills.

Consent and Non-Consent Agenda Items

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

- 379.09 B. Resolution authorizing 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$572,379 per listing dated December 11, 2009.
- 380.09 C. Recommendation to award and Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #09-14-AO one year contracts for Medical Supplies for the County as follows: **Bob Barker Company Inc.**, 134 N. Main Street, Fuquay Varina, NC 27526, Estimated Annual Expenditure: 938.70, Line Items: 8, and 31-A and 31-B. **Medline Holdings**, 6146 Tyler Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112, Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$19,559.66. Line Items: 3, 40, 46, 54, 56, 66, 67, 79 and 80. **Manheim Medical Supply, Inc.**, 13 N. Main Street, Manheim, PA 17545, Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$107,035.92, Line Items: 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 33-A, 33-B, 33-C, 33-D, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 45, 47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 68, 70, 75, 76, 77 and 78. **Gulf South Medical Supply**, 4345 Southpoint Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32216, Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$11,766.610. Line Items: 1, 18, 20, 28, 32-A, 32-B, 32-C, 32-D, 43, 44, 48, 69, 72 and 73. **Centennial Products Inc.**, PO Box 23905, Jacksonville, FL 32241, Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$5,436.80. Line Items: 15-A, 15-B, 15-C, 16-A, 16-B and 17. As per the Invitation to Bid, the County may extend the contract for two additional one-year terms.
- 381.09 D. Human Resource recommendations per list dated December 15, 2009.
- 382.09 E. Recommendation to award and execute contracts with the following vendors for the Prison Kitchen Renovation project:
- Contract 1: Architectural Services:** David M. Kleckner Architects, PC, 18 Catherine St., Shillington, PA 19607.
Amount: **\$124,000.00 plus expenses.**
- Contract 2: Construction Management:** The Quandel Group, Inc., 4755 Linglestown Road, Suite 201, Harrisburg, PA 17112
Amount: **\$204,056.00.**
- Contract 3: Indoor air quality:** High Safety Consulting Services, Inc., 1853 William Penn Way, P.O. Box 10008, Lancaster, PA 17605-0008, Amount: **\$14,675.00**

- 383.09 F. Resolution authorizing the Board to sign the Penn Dot form MS 340 Application to Encumber Liquid Fuels Funds, in the amount of \$375,000 for design and engineering costs to examine the options for the Anthony's Mill Bridge.
- 384.09 G. Resolution citing acknowledgement of, and compliance to, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania County Records Retention and Disposition Schedules, and establishing procedures for the authorization and disposal of County Records.
- 385.09 H. Resolution re-appointing Fred Stubbs of Reading, PA to a three year term on the MH/MR Advisory Board ending 12/31/12.
- 386.09 I. Resolution authorizing execution of the Addendum to Lease Agreement between the Township of Cumru and the County of Berks for office space utilized by Magisterial District Court 23-2-04 for a four (4) month term ending April 30, 2010.
3. 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 listing dated December 11, 2009.
4. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2391 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV #1378 for the Property Rehabilitation Program, DV 2390-HPRP for the Federal Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program, DV #2389-S for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, and DV #2392-PA-HPRP for the State Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.
5. Motion to ratify and confirm payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated December 17, 2009, as previously authorized by instructions issued December 17, 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 Barnhardt commended Wernersville and Robesonia Boroughs for the recent formation of the Western Berks Regional Police Force.

Commissioner Scott informed the other Commissioners of a recent Agricultural Preservation Board decision resolving the issue for a farm parcel adversely affected by the Pennsylvania Agricultural Security Law restrictions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk