

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, January 5, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 10:30 A.M. in the thirteenth floor Board Room of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

Commissioner Chair Mark C. Scott, Esq. called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach, and Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., Chief Operations Officer Carl W. Staples, and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Commissioner also announced that an Executive Session was held on January 4th for personnel matters and that another would be held immediately following this meeting.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$1,056,230 and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$266,340 per listing dated December 31, 2009. Budget Director Bob Patrizio presented the lists of Transfers.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2009 Transfers in the amount of \$334,189,017 to establish budgetary control at the account level within Oracle.
- C. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated January 4, 2010.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2393 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV #1379 for the Property Rehabilitation Program, DV #2392-S for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, and DV #630 for the HOME Grant Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

Human Resources

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

- 01.10 A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated January 5, 2010.

- 02.10 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing policy revisions to the following existing Human Resource policies as a result of the County's separation from Civil Service.
1. Employment Process Policy
 2. Intern Policy
 3. Disciplinary Guidelines Policy
 4. Employment Law Policy
 5. Orientation Policy

Human Services

- A. Adopt a resolution approving the execution of the Assurance of Compliance for the Department of Public Welfare Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) assigning Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority (BARTA) to submit yearly reports on behalf of the County for FY 2009/2010.

MH/MR

- A. Adopt a resolution approving amendment #3 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health agreement between the Commonwealth of PA acting through the Department of Public Welfare and the County of Berks. Ed Michalik, PSY.D. MH/MR Administrator presented this request.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution appointing Scott Landis of Landis Plumbing and Heating Ltd. to the Berks County Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals to fill an unexpired four year term to 1/15/2011.
- B. Adopt a resolution appointing Andy Lacey from Lacey Electric, Inc. to the Berks County Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals to fill an unexpired four year term to 1/15/2011.
- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make 12 monthly Retirement Fund (ARC) contributions to the Berks County Retirement Fund totaling the budgeted amount of \$12,702,223 to the end of December 2010.

Commissioner Leinbach

- A. Adopt a resolution to reappoint Elaine Swavely to the Children & Youth Advisory Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2012.

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Scott

A discussion was held with the Board of Commissioners and Mayor Tom McMahon, Council President Vaughn Spencer and Councilwoman Donna Reed regarding the financial struggles facing the City of Reading. A long discussion took place regarding the City's financial obligation for BARTA (Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority) among other financial topics.

Offers to form a County/City Task Force were ultimately replaced with the idea of one meeting with all Commissioners and City Council as well as invitations to the media in order for everything to be placed on the table until a resolution can be developed comprehensively for all of these issues.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk