

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 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. He also announced that the Commissioners held an executive session on Monday February 8, 2010 for personnel matters.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The February 2, 2010 Commissioners' Workshop and the February 4, 2010 Commissioners' meeting minutes were approved as published.

**III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

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

- 51.10 A. Resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$1,394,282.00 and 2010 Appropriations in the amount \$378,600.00 and a 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$1,720.00 per listing dated February 5, 2010.
  
- 52.10 B. Resolution authorizing a grant application and an agreement for the expansion of Treatment Court by the Berks County Criminal Justice Advisory Board to the Bureau of Justice Administration and Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, US Department of Justice. The amount of the grant is \$219,709.00 per year for three years.
  
- 53.10 C. Resolution authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement by and between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the County of Berks, in the amount of \$27,043.00 as part of the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Program (HMEP) to be used toward hazardous materials planning and training activities. And further, to authorize the County Emergency Management Coordinator to sign the required grant attachments as well as an Electronic Funds Transfer payment enrollment form.

- 54.10 D. Resolution authorizing the execution of the following License Agreements:
1. Tower and Antenna License Agreement (New Tripoli) between the County of Berks and Radio Maintenance, Inc. effective March 1, 2010 to February 28, 2012.
  2. Tower and Antenna License Agreement (Bethel) between the County of Berks and Radio Maintenance, Inc. effective March 1, 2010 to February 28, 2012.
  3. Tower and Antenna License Agreement (Mt. Penn) between the County of Berks and Radio Maintenance, Inc. effective March 1, 2010 to February 28, 2012.
- 55.10 E. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq. as Chair and District Attorney John Adams to execute a Certificate of Eligibility and a Continuation of a Grant Agreement in the amount of \$359,500 between the County of Berks and the US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Berks and Berks Women in Crisis for the Community Defined Solutions / Arrest Program grant.
- 56.10 F. Resolution approving the Human Resource Recommendations per list dated February 9, 2010.
- 57.10 G. Resolution amending previously adopted Resolutions 151.09 and 370.09, to authorize additional State Budget reductions and authorize execution by the Board of Commissioners, the Assurance of Compliance Certificate with respect to the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) funding for the fiscal year 2009/2010. Total revised amount of allocation is \$561,786.
- 58.10 H. Resolution appointing Dorian L. Smith from Reading, PA to the Berks County Parks and Recreation Board for a 4 year term ending 3/10/2014.
- 59.10 I. Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 from the Environmental Defense Fund for Liberty Environmental to provide Air Quality consulting and planning services related to the Conestoga Landfill Air Permit Application that proposes to increase sulfur dioxide emissions.

- A. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated February 5, 2010.
- B. It was agreed that the Commissioners would sign the Controller's Office Voucher list (as soon as it is prepared) to provide authority to release the Accounts Payable Checks for the week.

#### **IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

Recorder of Deeds Fred Sheeler presented an update on Berks County's 2009 real estate transactions, transfers and document recording statistics.

##### **Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt announced that the Prison Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 10, 2010 has been cancelled due to the expected winter storm. The Commissioner also updated the board on the discussions with City Council regarding their proposed ordinances to remove the city appointees to The Airport Authority and to provide the authorization for a fee simple transfer of the Fire Training site from the City to the County. Commissioners Scott and Leinbach commended Commissioner Barnhardt for his tenacity in working towards a solution with City Council and the Mayor on these issues.

##### **Commissioner Leinbach**

##### **Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott discussed House Bill 1341 proposed to require the testing of sewage sludge prior to its use in land application in Pennsylvania communities. Mena Hautau of the Penn State Cooperative Extension Office attended the meeting to provide information from the position of the agricultural community's use of bio-solids in their farming operations. Michelle Kircher, Supervisor from Exeter Township, discussed the township's ordinance that was enacted to regulate the use of sewage sludge in the township. A lengthy discussion followed with the board delaying a decision to support the bill at this time.

#### **V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Clerk of Courts James Troutman asked the Board if any decision regarding the use of Liberal Leave for the pending winter storm has been determined. He was informed that it was under consideration but no decision has been made at this time.

##### **Reports from Row Offices:**

Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA presented his weekly Treasurer's Report

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk