

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, March 23, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 23, 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 Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., Chief Operations Officer Carl W. Staples, and Executive Assistant to Chief Operations Officer Nellie Cruz. Commissioner Christian Leinbach was attending a CCAP Spring Conference. Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer was out on vacation.

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

II. PRESENTATION:

Cindy Kauffman of Census 2010 was present to encourage everyone in the County of Berks to fill out their census forms for 2010 due to the significant factors and overall importance of completing this form. All information is kept confidential and questions can be answered by calling the Census 2010 phone number at 1-866-861-2010 or logging on to the web-site www.2010census.gov.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$935,126 per listing dated March 25, 2010. Bob Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, presented the report.
- B. Adopt a resolution to approve the reimbursement of County General Fund expenses related to capital improvements to prison renovation projects, including but not limited to Prison Kitchen and Security renovation and upgrade, with proceeds of one or more series of General Obligation Bonds, including Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds, proposed for future issuance by the County of Berks.
- C. 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 March 19, 2010.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list #2413 from the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$6,026.49, #2414-S from the Emergency Shelter Program in the amount of \$885.50, #2411-R from the Community Development Block Grant Program (funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) in the amount of \$154,901.73, #1383 from the Property Rehabilitation Program in the amount of \$1,751.02, and from the HOME Grant Program in the amount of \$9,999 per the listing dated March 23, 2010.

Facilities Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, as Chairman of the Board to execute the contract recommendations for the Facilities Department as a result of Invitation to Bid 10-02-MB to Supply & Install HVAC & UPS Systems for Information Technologies. The award shall be made to the following vendor:

UGI HVAC Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a
Berkshire Mechanical
2729 Leisz's Bridge Road
Leesport, PA 19533

HVAC: \$131,300.00 with no proposed alternatives

Pagoda Electrical Inc.
2003 Friedensburg Road
Reading, PA 19606

Electrical: \$88,444.00 with no proposed alternatives

Human Services Grants Coordinator

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Fiscal year 2010-2011 Grant renewal documents for the Child Care Subsidy Program with the Department of Public Welfare. The total amount of the Grant is \$18,643,373.00.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted to approve sending a letter to the Department of Labor and Industry regarding changes to the composition of the local Workforce Investment Board.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Commissioner Barnhardt updated the board on discussions held at Reading City Council last evening regarding the transition of the joint City-County Airport Authority to a County Authority and the consideration of the transfer of the fee simple title to the land at the Fire Training site. He feels confident City Council will be considering the transfer; however, a decision was not made at this time. Council decided to list both items for action at their regular council meeting on April 12, 2010.
- B. Commissioner Barnhardt also reported on interesting news regarding the fight against sewage sludge. In a recent lawsuit involving the Attorney General and Packer Township the Commonwealth Court of PA in Harrisburg ruled in favor of banning spreading of sewage sludge within their municipality.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Commissioner Scott updated the board on a meeting he attended at the railroad site with two finalists who are interested to operate the railroad site. He reported work is currently being performed at the site to assure compliance with safety regulations and that he assisted a consultant who conducted the inspection at the railroad site.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nellie Cruz, Executive Assistant to Chief Operations Officer