

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, April 6, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 6, 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.

**II. PRESENTATION**

Captain Samuel Johnson, USMC, Inspector & Instructor, Battery I, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marines attended the Commissioners' Workshop to promote the Reading 5K Wounded Warrior Run/Walk scheduled for Sunday, May 2, 2010 9 AM at Angelica Park. For more information please visit [www.woundedwarrior5K.com](http://www.woundedwarrior5K.com)

**III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

**Adult Probation and Parole**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., as Chairman of the Board, to execute Continuation of Subgrant No. 10-DA-ST-21244 by and between the County of Berks (Adult Probation) and the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency, with respect to funding in the amount of \$263,679 for "Phase II – Restrictive Intermediate Punishment (RIP) – Level 3 & 4 Offenders," covering the period 7/1/10 – 06/30/11.\*
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution and the submission of an Intermediate Punishment plan in accordance with Act 200-41 to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency pursuant to the 2010-2011 grant funding cycle.\*

\*Nancy Xavios Chief Adult Probation Officer attended the meeting to present these agreements and informed the board that the first item represents a reduction of \$3,300 from the 2009 Grant.

**Budget Department:**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$198,891 and 2010 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$107,050 per listing dated April 5, 2010. Chief Financial Officer Robert Patrizio presented the budget resolution.
- B. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated April 1, 2010.

**Community Development**

- A. Motion to approve confirm payments set forth on disbursement voucher list CDBG #2417, Emergency Shelter #2416-S, Property Rehabilitation Program #1384, HOME Grant program #634 and CDBG-R ARRA funds # 2415R dated 4/06/10 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Grant Program and the Property Rehabilitation Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

**Human Resources**

- A. Human Resources Director, Jennifer Biehn presented the Human Resource Recommendations per list dated April 6, 2010.

**Facilities**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of an Engineering Services Agreement between the County of Berks and Entech Engineering, Inc. to provide a review of the County's wastewater treatment facilities in an amount not to exceed \$18,500.00.

**Parks and Recreation**

- A. Adopt a resolution approving Concession and a Scheduling Agreements between the County of Berks, Parks and Recreation Department and the Body Zone Sports and Wellness Complex. Commissioner Barnhardt explained that this agreement was the result of a Peer Review report and meetings with Bern Township. He commended Parks and Recreation Director Chris Lessig and 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Solicitor Christine Sadler, Esq. for seeing this Peer Review recommended goal to a successful conclusion.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

- A. Adopt a resolution approving the County of Berks Tax Increment Financing Objectives and Policies. Community Development Director Ken Pick presented the details of this policy.
- B. Adopt a resolution amending Resolution 323.09 for the allocation of the County's Recovery Zone Facility Bond within the meaning of, and for purposes of, Sections 1400-1 and 1400-3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (The "Code") to the Shuman Development Group Reading Outlet Center project and reducing that allocation to zero and authorizing the new allocation of \$3,000,000 to the Shuman Development Group Heister Lane Project.
- C. Adopt a resolution allocating \$5,440,000 of the County of Berks' Recovery Zone Facility Bond Allocation to the Sinking Springs Retail Investors, LLC project to be located in the Borough of Sinking Spring, Berks County PA and designating an additional area within the County as a Recovery Zone and further, authorizing the proper officers of the county to execute and deliver any necessary documents and authorizing the taking of other necessary action in connection with the foregoing.

**Commissioner Barnhardt**

- A. Commissioner Barnhardt reported that Reading City Council is expected to vote on the Fire Training Center property and the transfer of Airport Authority appointments to the County at their April 26th meeting.

**Commissioner Leinbach**

- A. Adopt a resolution re-appointing Fred Schultz of Temple, PA to the Berks County Municipal Authority for an additional five year term ending January 2, 2015.
- B. Adopt a resolution pledging that the County of Berks will recognize, honor and enforce the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA.)

**Commissioner Scott**

- A. Commissioner Scott reported that the agreement for the operator of the Colebrookdale Railroad is soon to be recommended by the County's consultant.

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

Chief Operations Officer Carl Staples reminded everyone that April 12th through the 16th is Public Safety Telecommunicator week. He encouraged everyone to express their appreciation for all our 911 dispatch operators for the important job they perform for their community.

Dawud Felton, a citizen from Reading, requested assistance in obtaining a refund from the bail he posted after the charges filed against him were dismissed. Solicitor Miller indicated that he should stop by his office for assistance.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk