

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, August 31, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 31, 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. Commissioner Christian Leinbach did not attend the meeting. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and then announced that the board met in Executive Session on August 30, 2010 to discuss personnel matters.

II. PRESENTATION

Tom McKeon, Executive Director of the Berks County Industrial Development Authority announced that the Airport Authority has received from the Federal Aviation Administration the release to sell Airport owned property to the Industrial Development Authority. He said that this action will allow the IDA to move forward on what has been considered the number one economic development priority for the past six years - the proposed future development of a Research Park on this former Airport property. Mr. McKeon estimated the potential for job creation as a direct result of this project could be 2,000 high paying jobs with an additional estimate of 5,000 indirect jobs created by this project. The price of the purchase was discussed at \$2.6 million with a critical piece of funds being sought at the State through the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RCAP) budget. Tom thanked the board for their commitment and urged continued support and communication with the Berks state delegation for the request for additional funds in this project.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department:

- A. Chief Financial Officer, Bob Patrizio presented a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$61,680 and 2010 Appropriations in the amount \$620,906 per listing dated August 27, 2010.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list dated August 31, 2010 for the Community Development Programs as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office:

DV#2461	\$14,763.71	Community Development Block Grant Program
DV#2462-PA-HPRP	\$ 7,493.75	Re-entry Housing Homelessness Prevention
DV#2463-HPRP	\$ 20,000.00	Emergency Shelter Program

Human Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the Medical Assistance Transportation program Grant Allocation Agreement for Fiscal Year 2010-2011(tentative budget allocation is \$2,093,966)

Facilities

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of Independent Contractor Agreement No. 117166 between the County of Berks and The Quandel Group, Inc. to prepare a Feasibility Study and Pricing Options for the Old Berks Heim Building at a not to exceed amount of \$79,500.00.

Purchasing

- 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 August 30, 2010.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the ratification, confirmation and approval of Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals' Resolution 1-2010 concerning such Board's adoption of rules and regulations governing class action assessment appeals.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing exoneration of delinquent mobile home real estate taxes for missing mobile homes.
- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Berks and Reynolds Construction Management, Inc. for certain pre-construction services concerning the 700Mhz public safety radio system upgrade.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt reported that the DEP has approved the plans for the Antietam Dam repairs. He also reported on the proposed route expansions proposed by BARTA (Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority)

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott reported that the proposed lease of the Eastern Berks Gateway Railroad is expected today. He indicated that approval of that lease agreement will be requested of this board at Thursday's meeting. In preparation for the transfer for the operation of the rail line over to the new operator the Commissioner reported that he will be performing a line inspection at the site.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk