

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, March 22, 2011**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 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., Interim Chief Operations Officer Kenneth C. Borkey, Jr., and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

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

### **II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

#### **Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$79,509,033.00 and 2010 Appropriations in the amount \$42,537.00, 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$78,426,425.00 per listing dated March 18, 2011. Robert Patrizio commented that the Health Choices item reallocates money that was budgeted as Federal Revenue to State Revenue.

#### **Human Resources**

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated March 22, 2011. Shane Keller reported there is one routine matter, a promotion in Children and Youth Services.

#### **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 March 21, 2011. Commissioner Scott gave a brief overview of the contracts listed for approval.

#### **Solicitor**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Solicitor to execute the Reimbursement Agreement between the County of Berks and Hereford Township for financial assistance to Hereford Township for legal fees and expenses in regard to Radnor Development Corporation challenge of the Hereford Zoning Ordinance. Solicitor Miller stated this will be a dollar for dollar match. When the litigation ends, the County's obligation ends. This action results from a challenge to the Hereford Township Zoning Ordinance.

- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of an Engineering Services Agreement between the County of Berks and Advantage Engineers, LLC to provide tower structural analysis concerning implementation of the public safety radio system project. Solicitor Miller commented this analysis is for 2 towers. There is a possibility there could be additional tower for analysis.

### **III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

#### **Commissioner Barnhardt**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Robert W. Jones, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Public Libraries Board, for a three (3) year term expiring June 1, 2014.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Ruth M. Perkins, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Public Libraries Board, for a three (3) year term expiring June 1, 2014.

Commissioner Barnhardt commented on the Library Task Force Report generated by the Berks County Community Foundation. Suggests a meeting with all parties, and also recommends preparing a five year strategic plan. Commissioner Barnhardt also commented on a meeting held last Thursday regarding the regional police.

#### **Commissioner Leinbach**

#### **Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott commented on the Library Task Force Report. Commissioner Scott is concerned about the additional costs for support of the Library. He also suggests a meeting to discuss the next step.

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

County Controller Sandy Graffius reported the success of EFT for account payable users.

Clerk of Courts James Troutman asked for clarification of the Hereford Township matter. Commissioner Leinbach explained the County is supporting this challenge and it indirectly is a challenge to the County's Master Plan and we have an obligation to defend it.

Judy Vaughn and Lori Barr attended the meeting and addressed the Board. Ms. Vaughn read a statement regarding the status of placement of her children. Ms. Barr commented on Ms. Vaughn's comments and also read an article on visitations.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk