

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 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 and announced that the Board met in executive session yesterday, April 11, 2011 to discuss personnel matters.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$16,236.00 and 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount \$50,999.00 per listing dated April 8, 2011. Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer commented that the transfers are routine.

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 April 11, 2011. Commissioner Scott gave a brief overview of the contracts listed for today.

Berks County Workforce Investment Board

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Grant close-out forms to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry, for the Weatherization grant to train individuals for jobs related to weatherization of homes. According to the Workforce Investment Board, the unspent funds must be returned. There was little demand for this training because there were no employers hiring anyone with the skills.

Adult Probation

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of two (2) Memorandums of Understanding between the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) and the County of Berks for County Justice Information Exchange Project (CJIEP) which provides an improved means

of exchanging critical justice information generated from Association of Pennsylvania Court's (AOPC) Court Case Event Message for use by the Adult Probation Office and Berks County Jail System effective through December 31, 2011, at no cost to the County. Brendan Harker, Asst. Chief Adult Probation & Parole Officer, clarified for the Board that there is a maintenance fee assessed to the two Memorandums in the amount of \$1,500.00 each. Mr. Harker also explained that this service is for software sharing for the collection of MDJ information.

Planning Commission

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Grant Agreement Signature Page for Phase 3-Antietam Lake Park-Angora Road Mudcatcher Parking and North Trail Connection at an estimated project cost of \$709,738.00. This is a 50/50 grant. The County will provide a match of \$354,869.00. Ashley Mazurek, Planner II, Berks County Planning Commission, commented on certain aspects of this project.

Parks Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for the Operation and Management of the Berks County Youth Recreational Facility (No. 113034-10CSA) which amends certain portions of the Management and Scheduling section of the original Agreement dated April 8, 2010. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the Amendment is necessary to fine tune the fee collection section of the original Agreement.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that he attended a meeting Friday, April 8, 2011 at Reading City Hall with some members of City Council and the Library Board to discuss ongoing issues with the Library Task Force Report and funding.

Commissioner Barnhardt also reported that he attended a Transit Roundtable meeting in Harrisburg, where one of the items discussed was the public transportation service of residents to other counties. Some Pennsylvania counties are already providing this service.

Commissioner Barnhardt further commented on the progress of the acquisition of property located next to the Leesport Lock House. He has assurances from members of Leesport Borough that there would be support for this project.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach mentioned that he, Commissioner Barnhardt, District Attorney John Adams, and the President Judge attended an historic event. The Pennsylvania Superior Court held its' first session ever in Courtroom 5A. Commissioner Leinbach also wished Edward Peabody Happy Birthday, which falls on an historic day, the start of the Civil War at Fort Sumter.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott made some brief comments regarding the Library System, and a recommendation of a possible analysis of the Library System. Commissioner Scott also mentioned there will be more Executive sessions in the future to conduct interviews for various key County management positions.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion by Kevin Barnhardt and seconded by Commissioner Scott at 11:01 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk