

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, April 19, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 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 on Monday, April 18, 2011 to discuss personnel matters and interview candidates for department head positions.

II. PRESENTATION

Alexa Antanavage, Esquire, made a presentation on Law Day which is scheduled Tuesday, May 3, 2011. A luncheon will be held at the Crowne Plaza, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania. Ms. Antanavage stated that the Law Day Theme is *The Legacy of John Adams, from Boston to Guantanamo*.

Deena Kershner, Program Manager for Hamburg Borough's Our Town Foundation, presented the Our Town Foundation 2010 Annual Report and commented on the highlights of the report and the revitalization efforts occurring in the Borough of Hamburg. Ms. Kershner credited many people including Jim Troutman, Clerk of Courts, and Fred Sheeler, Register of Wills for meeting many years ago and forming the committee, which would eventually become Our Town. Ms. Kershner thanked Ken Pick, Director of Community Development, for assisting the committee with the funding process. Commissioner Leinbach spoke of the beauty of the Hamburg Strand Theatre, and invited the public to attend free of charge a showing of *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* on May 3, 2011. Commissioner Barnhardt commented on Dietrich's Men Shop, it is the only place in Berks County to purchase Boy Scout and Cub Scout items. Commissioner Scott asked about the impact on the Borough since Cabela's has been operational. Ms. Kershner stated less than expected. Commissioner Scott asked what could be done to improve that and Ms. Kershner emphatically stated Highway signage.

Tod Auman of Ted Carr Development, and Ken Pick, Director of Berks County Community Development, presented information concerning the potential Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the Gateway to Grings Hill commercial development project and the progress to date. Mr. Auman distributed a report to the Board. Mr. Auman further commented that without approval of the TIF, development for this project would end. He stated that this project could serve as a public/private model for future development projects. Mr. Auman cited a few of the past TIF projects as examples, namely the Fleetwood Housing project that

has in fact been paid off, and the Exeter Commons. Commissioner Leinbach questioned if this TIF meets the established County guidelines and Mr. Auman confirmed it does. The Commissioners were then asked to appoint someone to the TIF Committee. On motion by Commissioner Christian Y. Leinbach and seconded by Commissioner Mark C. Scott, Chair, it was agreed to appoint Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt to the Committee.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$118,285.00, 2010 Appropriations in the amount of \$220,590.00, 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$351,250.00 and 2011 Appropriations in the amount (\$173,941.00) per listing dated April 15, 2011. Kimberly Grinage, Deputy Director of Budget and Finance, commented that one item worth mentioning was that Treasurer Nelson Long gave back extra money in his professional fee budget to the County General Fund in the amount of \$52,800.00.

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 April 15, 2011.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource recommendations per list dated April 19, 2011. Shane Keller, Deputy Director of Human Resources, commented that the listing this week were routine.

Parks Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Berks County Parks and Recreation Department to submit a mini-grant Application to the Schuylkill Highlands Grant Program for publication and development of a trail map pocket brochure, and purchase and installation of an information kiosk and other site amenities at the Angora Road Trailhead, as part of the Phase 2 construction project at Antietam Lake Park. The estimated total project cost is \$9,300.00. This is a competitive grant with a 50/50 match. The County will provide a match of \$4,650.00. Ashley Mazurek, Planner II, Berks County Planning Commission, presented this grant and stated it is self-explanatory.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt reported that he will be attending the Police Chiefs Association meeting this afternoon to update and answer questions concerning the County's Radio System Project.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Scott

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk