

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 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 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$1,878,476.00 and 2011 Appropriations in the amount \$356,865.00 per listing dated May 5, 2011. Kim Grinage, Deputy Director of Budget and Finance, commented that most of the Budget Transfers were for the Parks Department.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations dated May 3, 2011.

Purchasing

- A. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per the Revised listing dated May 2, 2011.

Berks County Workforce Investment Board

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution by Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair, of the Grant Recipient's Release for the EARN (Employment and Retention Network) Program Grant. This program provided funding for employment and training services to welfare recipients. This Release is a standard close-out form.

Human Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Grant renewal documents for the child care subsidy program with the Department of Public Welfare in the amount of \$19,230,330.00. Barbara Starkey attended the meeting and announced that the documents originally presented have been amended to reflect an adjustment in the number of days from 260 to 261.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of John Salaneck, III, Union Township, as a representative of a 2nd Class Township, to serve on the Reading Transportation Study Coordinating Committee (RATS).
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$417,723.00 for the express purpose of matching Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority's (BARTA) State assistance funding for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt announced he will meet with representatives of Kutztown Borough and the resident that lives on the other side of the Deturks Bridge. A recommendation was made to approach the Borough for an easement. The County will contact Kutztown Borough by letter to see if they will grant an easement. The County will abandon the Bridge if Kutztown Borough grants the easement.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach announced Mary Buerer and he, visited the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia last Friday and found it extremely fascinating. Commissioner Leinbach further announced today is Law Day and he and Commissioners Scott and Barnhardt will be attending the Law Day Luncheon.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott announced today is also National Teachers' Day and commended teachers everywhere. They truly change lives. Commissioner Scott also announced that Animal Humane Society Week is May 1 through May 7, 2011, and that Berks County has two animal shelters.

Elected Office/Citizen Comment

Frederick Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds, commented about the article in the paper yesterday regarding the cemetery located in Exeter Township. Mr. Sheeler did some research and found that in a previous deed, right-of-way to the graveyard was granted in perpetuity.

James Troutman, Berks County Clerk of Courts, mentioned that in addition to criminal matters being filed in his office, if a grave, or a road, has to be moved, the action would be filed in the Clerk's Office. Mr. Troutman also mentioned that Mr. Sheeler offered to help the Clerk's Office automate road documents filed in his office. Commissioner Scott commented on a water leak in the Clerk of Court's Office and that the Facilities Department is taking the necessary action to repair the leak.

Nevin Hallacher and Donna Morganti attended the meeting. Mr. Hallacher asked the status of department review and reorganization. Ms. Morganti spoke of recent allegations in CYS and questioned how the Commissioners determine the validity of the reports. Ms. Morganti also commented on a recent case involving teenagers. Commissioner Leinbach commented that he looked in this specific case and has discussed it with the police and District Attorney and they are not able to substantiate the complainant's allegations. Ms. Morganti thanked the Commissioners.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:04 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk