

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 31, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 31, 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 Assistant County Solicitor Heidi B. Masano and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

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

II. PRESENTATION

Commissioner Leinbach introduced the award winning Wilson High School Rifle Team under the leadership of Lt. Colonel Wendell May, ROTC Advisor. Lt. Colonel May spoke of the practice schedule the team endures during the season and briefly described the shooting techniques. Rifle shooting is considered a PIAA winter sport. Lt. Colonel May commented that the Rifle Team was the only high school in the Nation to be recognized by the National Rifle Association at the National Rifle Association Convention. Lt. Colonel May thanked some of the many supporters; Sinking Spring VFW, the Hamburg Rifle and Pistol Club, the Shartlesville Fish and Game, Cabelas and the County. Lt. Colonel May introduced Larry Kreider, who served with him in the service, and who also assists in the training of the squad. Mr. Kreider provided more detail on the rifles the team uses. Lt. Colonel finally mentioned Mr. Elmer Sweitzer, who is 88 years old and comes from Gettysburg to score the matches.

Kathy Grimm, Park Ranger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, gave a presentation on the Blue Marsh Water Safety Festival scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2011 and runs from noon until 5:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. There are 24 organizations participating in the event. Blue Marsh Lake is also serving as host of Get America Outdoors, in cooperation with the First Lady's "Get Up and Move" theme and President Obama's "Get Outdoors" initiative. Ms. Grimm thanked Commissioner Leinbach for his past support acting as Emcee the past two years. Commissioner Scott commented on the newspaper article he read regarding the recent parking delays at Blue Marsh and questioned how they would deal with the parking for this event. Ms. Grimm stated the parking lot was designed with natural constraints. The lake is designed to hold a certain capacity and the parking lot was built to hold that amount.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$1,942,950.00, 2010 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$3,072.00, 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$441,856.00 and 2011 Appropriations in the amount \$1,015,416.00 per listing dated May 27, 2011. Bob Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, commented that \$1.924 million of the 2010 Budget Transfers is to fix the account program for the Controller's Office and the majority of 2011 Appropriations are CDBG carryovers.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource recommendation per list dated May 31, 2011.

Facilities

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair, to execute a Supplemental Agreement to Local Engineering Agreement 057008-A with TransSystems authorizing direct costs in order to perform an ecological survey for Red-bellied Turtle habitat at and around the Buttonwood Street Bridge, Reading, Pennsylvania, at the estimated cost of \$8,772.30. Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities and Operations, explained that a major portion of the Schuylkill River is conducive to Red-bellied Turtles.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Independent Contractor Agreement No. 125085 between the County of Berks and Quandel Group, Inc., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to prepare a Site Evaluation and Feasibility Study for the CRC/Sanatorium Facility, Leesport, Pennsylvania at a not to exceed amount of \$86,000.00. Commissioner Scott asked for an explanation of how the \$86,000.00 would be spent. Ryan Hunter, explained that \$56,000.00 is dedicated to the CRC overall building construction costs and the \$30,000.00 is for site civil engineering costs. Commissioner Barnhardt commented the final evaluation and study will help develop the Master Plan.

Domestic Relations

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a grant renewal letter to the Department of Public Welfare, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the Access and Visitation Grant effective October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. This grant supports and facilitates non-custodial parents' access to and visitation of their children. This grant is a pass-thru grant with no budgetary impact to the County.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt commented on the Memorial Day Parade he attended in Wyomissing, which paid special tribute to Staff Sgt. Sean Flannery. It was a moving and wonderful celebration honoring fallen service men and women who fought to keep this country free. Commissioner Barnhardt stated he is proud to live in Berks County where there is such strong community support.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach also commented on the Wyomissing Memorial Day Parade Saturday. It was a special celebration honoring Staff Sgt. Sean Flannery. Commissioner Leinbach also spoke of the Birdsboro Memorial Day Parade and mentioned the Sheriff's Department Honor Guard. They did a great job and made him proud. Commissioner Leinbach also mentioned he learned from Birdsboro officials that the Armorcast building has been sold.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott thanked all the many volunteers who help the Veteran's Affairs Office place American Flags on the graves throughout the County.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk