

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 2, 2011

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board meeting room on the thirteenth floor 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 and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 24, 2011 Commissioners' Workshop and May 26, 2011 Commissioners' meetings were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 163.11 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.
 - 164.11 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource recommendation dated May 31, 2011.
 - 165.11 C. 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.
 - 166.11 D. 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.

- 167.11 E. 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.
2. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated June 2, 2011.

Reports

1. A weekly Treasurer's report was submitted by the County Treasurer's Office.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by Deputy Controller Mark Hanson.

Citizen Comment from the Floor

Dan Kelly, Reading Eagle Reporter, commented that he has received emails and telephone calls from employees regarding the condition of the parking garage, and questioned what is going on? Commissioner Barnhardt commented that we have contracted with a firm to conduct an assessment and evaluation of the garage and we are also conducting core tests. Notice has been sent to all department heads, elected officials and employees of the status of this work. Mr. Kelly questioned if any vehicles have been damaged? Commissioner Scott commented that over the past 15 years some vehicles might have experienced "droppings" from degradation of the cement. Mr. Kelly questioned if the Commissioners have an estimate of what it would cost to repair? The Commissioners stated that at this point they have no idea of the cost and did not want to project what repair costs will be. Commissioner Barnhardt further commented the County is looking at two possible repair scenarios; (1) a long term repair, which could be done in shifts and might cost more; and (2) and a short term repair which would displace everyone who parks in the garage at one time, but might cost less. Commissioner Scott mentioned the building will be 20 years old next year and is experiencing other building repairs, including roof and façade repairs. The Commissioners again stated they are not in a position to discuss costs of these repairs.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk