

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, September 6, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 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 Vice Chair Kevin S. Barnhardt called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach in attendance. Commissioner Scott was out of town and did not attend the meeting. Also present were County Solicitor Alan S. Miller and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

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

II. PRESENTATIONS

Kathryn Turner, State 1st Vice President of the Pennsylvania Society, Children of the American Revolution and Chaplain of the local Conrad Weiser Society of the Children of the American Revolution attended the meeting and spoke in remembrance of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States. Ms. Turner offered her personal memories of the event. She was six (6) years old at the time and in first grade. Ms. Turner commented that she will be participating in a ceremony at the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania on September 11, 2011.

Michael Kaucher, Executive Director of Reading Berks Conference of Churches, attended the meeting and spoke of the HONORFEST honoring Hometown Heroes that will be held this Saturday, September 10, 2011 at First Energy Stadium. Mr. Kaucher commented that this event came about from a conversation involving the faith based community after September 11, 2001, as a way to honor first responders who serve the community and thank them for their service. Mr. Kaucher described the activities which will be held at the HONORFEST. Mr. Kaucher also thanked Ms. Turner for her words in commemoration of the 911 attacks.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$723,849.00 and 2011 Appropriations in the amount \$19,529.00 per listing dated September 2, 2011.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations dated September 6, 2011. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the one item listed was a promotion of a deputy sheriff to sergeant.

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 September 2, 2011.

Department of Emergency Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Lease Agreement between Cambridge-Lee Industries, LLC, f/k/a Reading Tube Corp., for the Route 61 – Cambridge-Lee Site, for a tower site situate in Ontelaunee Township, in regard to the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that this is a very key site in the acquisition of tower sites for the Emergency Response Radio Project and thanked Brian Gottschall and his staff for securing the site.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Extension Agreement between the County of Berks and Berks Connections/Pretrial Services, for office space located on the 16th Floor of the Berks County Courthouse, extending the original Lease Agreement for an additional five (5) years beginning September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2016 at the monthly rental of \$880.00. Alan Miller, Solicitor, commented this is a standard extension to the Lease Agreement, and includes an \$80.00 per month increase in rent.

Human Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the final report for the Berks County Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) for fiscal year 2010-2011 on behalf of the Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority (BARTA) for submission to Pennsylvania Department of Welfare. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that this is a standard form submitted on an annual basis.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that he participated in the annual Labor Day Parade yesterday. It is a good way to celebrate organized labor and the success they have had over the years. Commissioner Barnhardt also updated the Board on the progress of the Leesport Lockhouse/Car Wash. The Community Service crew

is there now and has demolished the site and is separating the materials. A local farmer is removing the clean fill and depositing it on his farm. Commissioner Barnhardt reminded the public that today the Sovereign Center and Sovereign Performing Arts Center are celebrating its 10 year anniversary. Commissioner Barnhardt further stated that tomorrow the County, along with numerous State and Federal officials, will be recognizing over 345 Hall of Fame voters, who have voted consecutively in over 50 elections. This event is held every five (5) years.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach commended Kathryn Turner for her thoughtful words. Commissioner Leinbach also commented that he will be participating at her high school in a Social Studies class and commenting on 911. Commissioner Leinbach commented that when he thinks of September 11, 2001, four F's come to his mind; family, fear, faith and fight. Commissioner Leinbach expressed his thoughts on those points.

Commissioner Scott

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk