

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 4, 2011**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 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 called the meeting to order with Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt and Commissioner Christian Leinbach in attendance. Also present were County Solicitor Alan S. Miller 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 there were no executive sessions held since the last public meeting.

### **II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

#### **Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$366,216.00 and 2011 Appropriations in the amount of \$86,157.00 per listing dated September 30, 2011. Commissioner Scott commented on the budget transfers and appropriations listed this week.

#### **Human Resources**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations per list dated October 4, 2011. Commissioner Scott commented there were 2 promotions and one transfer listed this week.

#### **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 October 3, 2011. Commissioner Scott commented on the contracts listed this week.

#### **Facilities**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Addendum No. 1 to Agreement No. 116349-10 between the County of Berks and High Safety Consulting Services, Ltd. which extends the term of the Agreement through December 31, 2011 to provide indoor environmental services in occupied spaces at the Old Berks Heim Building.

- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Agreement No. 128148 between the County of Berks and Alfred Benesch & Company of Allentown, Pennsylvania to provide engineering services for a structural analysis of the Berks County Services Center at a not to exceed cost of \$132,400.00.

### **Solicitor**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Brian Gottschall, Berks County Director of Emergency Services, to execute certain change orders to the Pyramid Network Services Contract concerning implementation of the County Emergency Services Radio Project.

### **Mental Health/Mental Retardation**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the County of Berks Integrated Children's Services Plan (ICSP) for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. Dr. Edward Michalik, Psy.D, MH/MR Program Administrator, attended the meeting and commented this is a standard routine process MH/MR performs every year, but in addition to the submission of the Plan, MH/MR is asking for an additional one year grant to DPW, which will not have to be matched by the County, as a means to help the Court handle truancy issues. The grant would cover the pay of a truancy coordinator. Judge Scott Lash attended the meeting and commented that currently the Truancy Steering Committee is overseeing the entire operation, and there is a need for someone to oversee this project.

## **III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Commissioner Barnhardt**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Maureen Mileski, Reading, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2015.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Howard E. Body, Douglassville, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Industrial Development Authority for a five (5) year term ending December 31, 2016.

### **Commissioner Leinbach**

Commissioner Leinbach commented on the NHRA Nationals held at Maple Grove Raceway in Brecknock Township this past weekend. The Department of Veterans Affairs was invited through the Go Army Team and top fuel dragster driver Tony Schumacher. This event has a big economic impact on the local economy. Commissioner Leinbach also commented that last week he along with Mary Buerer, his Executive Assistant, took a tour of the I-LEAD Charter School in the Luden's building located on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, in the City of Reading. Commissioner Leinbach commented that they had also visited the School in

August, and mentioned how impressed he was with the student, teacher and parent involvement in getting the school ready to open in the Fall. Judge Lash also commented how impressed he was by the willingness of everyone to work together. Judge Lash commented that these students are 'hungry' for an education and it shows in the students, teachers and parents' dedication and involvement.

**Commissioner Scott**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of John Fielding of Reading, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Housing Authority for a five (5) year term ending December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Scott commented that yesterday he escorted some individuals who are working for a media company in D.C., and who had expressed interest in the County's appeal of the Exide Title V Air Quality Permit. They also toured the Laureldale area and met with some of the residents. Commissioner Scott commented the story may be featured on NPR.

**Comments from the Floor**

Frederick Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds, reported that overall deed recordings continue to fall. Sheriff's deed filings have also decreased.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk