

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, August 21, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. in the 13th floor Boardroom of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

Commissioner Chair Christian Y. Leinbach called the meeting to order with Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt and Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were County Solicitor Alan S. Miller, Carl E. Geffken, Chief Operating Officer and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Leinbach opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and announced that the Board met in Executive Session Monday afternoon to discuss litigation and real estate matters.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations per listing dated August 21, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach reviewed the 4 items listed.

Purchasing

- A. Motion authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated August 20, 2012. Commissioner Leinbach commented there are 12 contracts and referenced the departments associated with the contracts.

Adult Probation

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Continuation of Subgrant No. 23350 by and between the County of Berks (Adult Probation) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) with respect to funding in a modified amount of \$164,966.00 for "Phase I-RIP Level 2 & 3 Offenders" covering the period July 2012 through June 30, 2013. Based on additional funds from PCCD, the application is requesting additional (partial) salary reimbursement for TASC case manager and costs associated with providing Recovery-Based Housing for 4 Level 3 or Level 4 offenders.

District Attorney

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner Chair, to execute an amended 2011-2012 Equitable Sharing Agreement and

Certification to the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Treasury Department of the Federal drug forfeiture money received and spent by the District Attorney's Office.

Domestic Relations

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the renewal letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare of the existing grant with the Department of Public Welfare, Catholic Charities and Berks County Domestic Relations Section. This grant establishes and administers access and visitation grant programs to support and facilitate noncustodial parents' access to and visitation of their children. This is a pass-thru grant with no budgetary impact to the County.

Emergency Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency State Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Hazardous Material Response Fund Grant Agreement in the amount of \$50,989.00. This is an annual recurring grant agreement used to manage, update and perform hazardous response reports, requirements and training.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the Antietam Valve House is undergoing major renovations and improvements and is coming along very well. The roof trusses are currently being installed and Glen Gery will be supplying the brick, which are special ordered. Commissioner Barnhardt recommended everyone visit the site.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott commented on an article he read in the Wall Street Journal about the comeback of the American Chestnut Tree and read a portion of the article.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach thanked some of the staff from Nelson Long's Office who attended County Connections this month at BCTV. Commissioner Leinbach mentioned that Stacy Phile, Tax Claim Bureau Manager, and Socrates Georgeadis, Solicitor for the Treasurer, attended the monthly program and did very well at explaining the process to the audience.

IV. Comments from the Floor

Frederick Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds, reported that former Berks County Recorder of Deeds Ellie Antoine was arraigned last week and released on bail. Mr. Sheeler further commented that Ms. Antoine's passport was pulled.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:44 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk