

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 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 Christian Leinbach, and Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

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

II. PRESENTATION

Commissioner Scott presented a Proclamation for Red Cross Month to Adrian Grieve, Executive Director for the Berks County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$10,000.00 per listing dated March 9, 2008. Budget Director Bob Patrizio presented the report.
- B. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator Candace Noll per attached listing dated March 10, 2008.

Human Resource Director:

- A. Jennifer Biehn, Deputy Human Resource Director, presented the March 11, 2008 list of Human Resource recommendations.

Mental Health / Mental Retardation Administrator:

- A. Adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement by and between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Public Welfare and the County of Berks. Dr. Ed Michalik presented this amendment for approval.

Solicitor:

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Supplemental Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and the United States Department of Agriculture for office space for the Farm Service Agency situate at the Berks County Agricultural Center for a one year term starting February 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009.

III. REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Bill Dennis presented his weekly report which is attached to these minutes. He then introduced Lyn O'Hare, Assistant Manager of the Berks County Conservation District, who presented the Berks County Conservation District Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) Interpretive Trail for which the Conservation District was awarded a DCNR grant of \$171,000 for the next three (3) years and is currently under construction at the Ag Center. She reported that this project is intended to serve as an educational tool for municipalities and residents interested in learning about non-structural practices for better stormwater infiltration while maintaining water quality and will be a working example of BMPs to demonstrate their capabilities and how they can be incorporated into the landscape.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**Commissioner Leinbach**

- A. Adopt a resolution appointing Norman Bailey of Reading, PA to a three (3) year term ending 12/31/09 replacing Nytza I. Santiago who resigned from the Children and Youth Services Advisory Council.
- B. Adopt a resolution appointing Craig J. Lutz of Wernersville, PA to a Five (5) year term ending 1/1/2010 on the Reading Regional Airport Authority.
- C. Commissioner Leinbach discussed a letter from the Department of State Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation suggesting that each county provide a Commissioner to serve as a back-up point of contact for Department of State for all HAVA (Help America to Vote Act) related issues. Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion for Commissioner Leinbach to serve as that role for Berks County, Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and it carried.
- D. Commissioner Leinbach recommended a response to Portnoff Law Associates, LTD, to their request for a waiver of the County's statutory commission of 5% request for the City of Reading.
- E. Commissioner Leinbach reported that the Glen-Gery Corporation sent a check in the amount of \$4,000 as payment to the county as a result of a stipulation of a settlement agreement between the nominal defendants (citizens of Lower Heidelberg Township) and the Quest Land Development Group.

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Adopt a resolution appointing Mark Civitarese, Wyomissing, PA, to the 9-1-1 Center Advisory Board as an At Large Member

Commissioner Leinbach made the motion that was seconded by Commissioner Scott to adopt the following resolution. All voted yes to approve.

- 75.08 A. Resolution authorizing the District Attorney's Office to apply for a grant with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) under the PA Shared Municipal Services Program requesting a 50% match of funds (\$48,492) to produce a Countywide Police Services Study performed by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) for an amount not to exceed \$ 96,964.00.

Commissioner Scott

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk