Commissioners’ Board Meeting
March 20, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 20, 2008, 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 called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach and Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis.

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

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach to approve the March 11, 2008 Commissioner workshop minutes and the March 13, 2008 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

83.08 A. Resolution to authorize Mark C. Scott, as Chairman of the Board to execute continuation of Subgrant No. 07-DA-ST-17887 by and between the County of Berks (Adult Probation) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, with respect to funding in the amount of $311,814, for “Phase II-RIP-Level 3 & 4 Offenders,” covering the period of 7/1/08-06/30/09.

84.08 B. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute the Berks County Public Libraries Master Agreement with the PA Department of Education with a term of July 1, 2008 through June 20, 2013.

85.08 C. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of $8,775 per listing dated March 14, 2008.

86.08 D. Resolution approving the Berks County E9-1-1 Wireless Certification and further authorizing Daphne Miller, 9-1-1 Coordinator to submit an application to the PA Emergency Management Agency for funding.

87.08 E. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated March 18, 2008.
88.08 F. Resolution to adopt Day Care Plan agreement authorizing execution of a grant agreement between the County of Berks (Berks County Intermediate Unit) and the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, regarding childcare services in the amount of $17,462,566 for fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

89.08 G. Resolution authorizing execution of a professional service contract with Valco Capital, Limited to provide financial advisory services to the County of Berks.

90.08 H. Resolution appointing Ann G. Moll, Reading PA, to the Children & Youth Services Advisory Board for a three year term ending 12/31/09, replacing Sandra Krafczek, whose term expired.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA presented the weekly Treasurer’s report.

2. Mark Hanson, Chief Deputy Controller presented the weekly Controller’s report for County Controller Sandy Graffius.

Business from the floor

The Commissioners held a long discussion regarding the appointment of a First Class Township representative on the Reading Area Transportation Study Committee (RATS) and instructed the Chief Clerk to draft a letter to all three Townships of the First Class including Cumru, Colebrookdale and Muhlenberg to solicit their nominations.

Commissioner Leinbach asked that consideration be given by the board for a draft letter addressing funding from the United Way for the Community Corrections project.

Commissioner Scott discussed a recent proposal for shared Fleet maintenance services with the City of Reading suggesting that the project be discussed further at the 1:00 PM budget meeting.

Doug Hill, Executive Director of the County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) attended the meeting and provided a brief presentation on the organization.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk