

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 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.

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$16,200 per listing dated April 4, 2008. Bob Patrizio, Budget Director, presented the report.

- B. Adopt a resolution for a recommendation to award, as a result of Invitation to Bid #08-01-AO, a one year contract to supply Washable Incontinent Briefs. The award shall be made to the following vendor: M.D. Brown Co., 239 Schuyler Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704 in the following estimated amounts:

Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
Medium Briefs	28 dz.	\$110.00/dz.	\$ 3,091.20
Large Briefs	220 dz.	\$120.00/dz.	\$ 26,400.00
X-Large Briefs	110 dz.	\$144.00/dz.	\$15,840.00
XX-Large Briefs	11 dz.	\$223.50/dz.	\$ 2,458.50
		Total	\$47,789.70

Children and Youth Services

- A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing execution of **Title IV-E Independent Living Program Certification of Executive Officers**, for submission to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare-Independent Living Coordinator. George Kovarie, Executive Director of Children and Youth Services, and Sharon LaFaver, Caseworker Supervisor, presented information regarding this program that is funded this year with \$149,000 noting that the federal government cuts back approximately \$3,000 in program funds each year.

Human Resource Director:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated April 8, 2008 were presented by Beth Schiepan, Human Resource Director.

Human Services

- V. Adopt Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair of the Board, to execute TEFAP Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the 2nd quarter (January, February, March) FFY 2007-2008, in the amount of \$8,866.95 for distributing 80,608.61 pounds of food at \$.11 per pound and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank to apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.

II. REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Bill Dennis presented his weekly report, attached.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Stephen Glassman, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, made a presentation to the Commissioners encouraging the adoption of a County-wide Non-discrimination Ordinance and the possible development of a County Human Relations Commission or the expansion of the City Human Relations Commission to a County-wide agency. He described the dispute settlement rate of 33% for the approximate 5,000 complaints handled by the State Human Relations Commission noted that it is double the National average of 16%. He said that 89% of the cases involve employment related complaints with 6% housing related complaints. He said that there are currently 14 local Human Relations Commissions statewide and offered the assistance of the State should the county consider moving forward with this request. The Commissioners each expressed individual questions and concerns and thanked Mr. Glassman for his presentation.

Commissioner Leinbach

- A. Commissioner Leinbach presented a certificate declaring April 2008 as "Donate Life Month." Dwendy Johnson, Satellite Community Coordinator for Gift of Life Donor Program, and Luis Torres, an organ recipient, accepted the certificate and encouraged everyone in Berks County to register as an organ donor. Registration can be obtained at www.donatelife-pa.org.

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the County of Berks and the Police Executive Research Forum to conduct a study of policing in Berks County. Amount is not to exceed \$96,984, ½ of which will be covered by a grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The Commissioners commended Commissioner Barnhardt for his success in located grant funds for this project.

Commissioner Scott

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk