

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. PRESENTATION

Berks County Common Pleas Judge Linda K. M. Ludgate presented the **CJPSIS** (County Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing Program.) and requested approval to submit a PCCD (PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency) grant application to fund the project. Judge Ludgate said that Berks County was selected by the PCCD as a Pilot County for this project.

Commissioner Leinbach reported that he had met with the Judge, the Berks County Information Systems department staff and a representative from CJPSIS to discuss his concerns with this "Open Source" product and using the County as a Beta site. He indicated that there are other costs related to this program that the grant will not cover and that includes software licensing as well as additional staff who would need to be trained as Open Source Specialists. He also indicated that the County's Chief's of Police are not on board with this proposed change from the CODY system which is the current Records Management System used County wide in all Police Departments with the exception of Bally and the City of Reading. He ended by saying he didn't feel it was appropriate to change systems until it is determined that the current system the County and nearly all Municipal Police Departments have invested in over the years cannot perform the same services as the CJPSIS is proposed to do.

Commissioner Barnhardt agreed with Commissioner Leinbach adding that the CODY System has been in operation for nine (9) years and believes it has the capability of performing the same functions as the CJPSIS program is proposed to do. Commissioner Barnhardt also suggested that CODY may be able to find a way to work with the City to help them replace their current software system and migrate into the Cody system.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS:**District Court Administration**

- A. Faith Phillips, District Court Administrator requested approval of a five year addendum to a lease commencing January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013 between the County of Berks and Marvin Miller owner of office space located in the Matthew Brooke Professional Center, Birdsboro for use by MDC 23-2-01 Magisterial District Judge Glass.

Human Services

- A. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair of the Board, to execute The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the 3rd quarter (April, May, June) FFY 2007-2008, in the amount of \$11,201.20 for distributing 101,829.08 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.

IV. REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Bill Dennis presented his report (attached.)

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

- A. Commissioner Leinbach announced that the Berks County Tax Forum will be held July 28, 2008 at 7 PM at the Berks County Agricultural Center, 1238 County Road, Leesport, PA., and encouraged citizens to phone 610-378-1327 to reserve a seat.

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Leinbach made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted yes to approve the following:

- 185.08 A. Adopt a resolution approving the PERF (Police Executive Research Forum) Police Study billing benchmark schedule.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott announced that the board held several executive sessions regarding Personnel matters on July 1, 3rd, 7th and 8th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk