

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 21, 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, and Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq. Chief Clerk Terry Styer did not attend the meeting.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then announced that the board held an executive session on at 9 AM this morning to discuss personnel issues.

II. PRESENTATION

Mike Setley, Chairman of the Reading Regional Airport Authority, attended the meeting to ask the Commissioners to consider enacting an Ordinance authorizing a County Guaranty of revenue notes of the Reading Regional Airport Authority to be issued to refinance outstanding Guaranteed Revenue Bonds. Mr. Setley noted that should the sale of property to the Industrial Development Authority be completed, more than half of the debt will be satisfied. Mr. Setley also requested that the County join the Authority as plaintiff in a suit against the City of Reading, in order to establish that the City has no right to block the sale of the property as they are attempting to do. Commissioner Leinbach made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and approved by all, to join the Reading Regional Airport Authority and the Berks County Industrial Development in filing, or if the City should file first, in defending the right of the Airport Authority to sell the aforementioned property to the Industrial Development Authority.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$45,052 and 2008 Appropriations in the amount \$31,092 per listing dated October 17, 2008. Budget Director Bob Patrizio presented the list.
- B. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated October 17, 2008.

District Attorney

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute the SAVIN Maintenance and Service Agreement for the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

Human Resources

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

- 277.08 A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated October 21, 2008.

Human Services

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair of the Board, to execute The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the 4th quarter (July, August, September) FFY 2007-2008, in the amount of \$6,303.41 for distributing 57,303.73 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 weekly report, attached.

V. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution to appoint Dr. John J. George, BCIU Executive Director to the Workforce Investment Board, to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Nancy Allmon, who resigned. This term will expire on June 30, 2010.

Commissioner Leinbach

- A. Commissioner Leinbach offered his condolences to the family and friends of State Senator James Rhoades, who was killed in a car accident over the weekend. He noted that Senator Rhoades will be greatly missed.

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Commissioner Barnhardt reported that he attended the settlements of two more farm easements. Of special note is that one of the farms raised nine acres of sunflower seeds specifically for the oil, which will be used to power their farm machinery.

- B. The Commissioner noted that on Thursday, October 23rd, from 4-6 PM, Riverplace will be holding a volunteer recognition, and will be having an unofficial transfer of the RACC Bridge from the Reading Area Community College to the County.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Commissioner Scott received a request from Wheeler Environmental which included a proposal from Liberty Environmental to review the PP&L Evansville Plant Air Permit Application.
- B. Commissioner Scott noted that the State has eliminated all out of state travel, and wondered if this is something to be considered for the County. HR Director Jennifer Biehn noted that Cost Containment already looks at this regularly and out of state travel is usually not allowed.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Recorder of Deeds Fred Sheeler presented a report comparing deed transfers from 2006 to 2008. A copy of the report is attached.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally O'Reilly, Assistant to the Chief Clerk