

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 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 in attendance. Also present were County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt did not attend the meeting.

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

II. PRESENTATION

Michael D. Vind, Director, Financial S&Lutions, LLC, discussed the Swaption ordinance proposed for adoption at Thursday's Commissioners' meeting. He explained that by making this change the county could expect to save over \$4 million over the life of the bond issue as well as adding other language to provide flexibility and protect future bond obligations. Commissioner Leinbach added that with these changes, additional cost savings for the future are also possible. He thanked Mike Vind for taking this pro-active approach.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2008 Transfers in the amount \$109,175 and 2008 Appropriations in the amount of \$172,370 per listing dated January 9, 2009. Bob Patrizio, Budget Director, presented the report.
- B. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq. as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments, as furnished by the Contract Coordinator Candace Noll, per attached listing dated January 9, 2009.

Emergency Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Wanda Keener as 9-1-1 coordinator for Berks County in accordance with Act 78 of 1990 as amended by Act 17 of 1998 and Act 56 of 003 and 4 Pa. Code Chapter 120b Berks County Department of Emergency Services, and further authorize the board Chairman, Mark C. Scott to submit a letter to the PEMA acknowledging this change.

IV. REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Bill Dennis presented his weekly report (attached.)

V. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make 12 monthly Retirement Fund (ARC) contributions to the Berks County Retirement Fund totaling the budgeted amount of \$12,850,000 to the end of December 2009.

Commissioner Leinbach

- A. Adopt a resolution re-appointing Les J. Jones of Wyomissing for a four year term on the Parks and Recreation Board ending 3/10/2010.

Commissioner Scott

Public Comment:

Dave Kurzewig representing the Berks Inter-Cultural Alliance announced that there will be a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. tribute held on the evening of January 19, 2009 at the Miller Center in conjunction with Reading Area Community College from 6 PM to 9:15PM - admission is free.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk