

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 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, Esq. 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. He also announced that executive sessions had been held on January 15 and 20 for personnel purposes.

II. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Commissioner Scott presented a Certificate of Recognition to Carey Kaucher, Special Events Coordinator, upon his retirement today. He noted that Mr. Kaucher was instrumental in organizing many County activities, most notably the County's 250th anniversary and New Years' Eve celebrations.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$10,500 per listing dated January 16, 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 15, 2009.

Conservation District

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the Gypsy Moth Suppression Agreement No. FPM 09-1/02 with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the Commonwealth of PA and further to authorize payment of the invoice for the 2009 Gypsy Moth Suppression program in the amount of \$8,967.00. Bob Hopkins, Berks County Conservation District provided an update on the 2009 program.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt as policy the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Procedure for management employees in CYS, MH/MR, and the Office of Aging to aid in settling conflicts over personnel actions. Human Resource Director Jennifer Biehn explained that this will formalize a procedure designed to fulfill compliance requirements enabling the County to move forward with a plan to provide an alternative to the State Civil Service requirements.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authorizing acceptance of the donation by John Michael Graeff of two parcels of land contiguous to Antietam Lake totaling approximately one acre and further authorizing the execution of all documents and payment of costs associated with such transaction.

IV. REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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

V. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

This being Inauguration Day, the Commissioners each expressed individual wishes of success towards the 44th President of the United States Barack Obama.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk