

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10, 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 Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were County Administrator William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Christian Leinbach did not attend the meeting as he was attending the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Washington, DC.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then announced that 3 executive sessions were held on March 5, 6 and 10 for personnel purposes.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$27,329 and February 2009 Mapping/NIGP transfers for fixes per listing dated March 6, 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 March 9, 2009.

Careerlink

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair to execute a Workforce Development Grant Application/Agreement for the period of June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

Community Development

- A. Adopt a resolution amending several procedures of the Acquisition Demolition and Disposition Program. Ken Pick, Community Development Director, attended to present this proposal which would amend the current program to include areas outside of the city and will consider transfer of ownership of the properties at an appraised value.

Emergency Services

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of the Sublease Collocation Agreement with Nextel Communications of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. Brian Gottschall, Deputy Director, Emergency Services, presented this request.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated March 10, 2009.

Planning Commission

- A. Adopt a Resolution to authorize Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chairman, to execute Open-End Base Agreement No. 520905 between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the County of Berks for reimbursement of up to \$2,500,000 for transportation planning activities to be performed by the Berks County Planning Commission staff in accordance with Work Orders based on individual annual Unified Planning Work Programs and Work Order Amendments required for supplemental studies/amendments and time extensions, as required, over the period extending from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014.

Prison

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of the Detention Agreement between the County of Bucks and the County of Berks to utilize detention space at the Berks County Prison for pre-sentenced and post-sentenced prisoners at the per diem rate of \$55.00.

III. REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Barnhardt**

- A. Commissioner Barnhardt reminded the audience that two public meetings have been scheduled to gather input from the public regarding the County policing study with PERF (Police Executive Research Forum). He said that they will be held tonight, March 10th at 6:30 PM in the Fleetwood High School auditorium and Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 PM in the County Services Center auditorium. He noted that BCTV will be taping these meetings for future viewing. He also noted that an email address has been set up for citizen comments— policestudy@countyofberks.com.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Resolution to reappoint Nicolle Schnovel, Shillington, PA, to the Council on Chemical Abuse Board of Directors for a 3 year term ending February 1, 2012.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk