

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, March 31, 2009**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 31, 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. Commissioner Christian Leinbach did not attend the meeting as he was attending the County Commissioners of PA (CCAP) Spring Conference. Also present were 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Solicitor Christine Sadler, 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**

Jane Meeks, Berks County Solid Waste Authority Executive Director provided an update on the county's pharmaceutical collection, which was held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, and announced the award of 5 benches from Giant Foods. The benches are made completely out of recycled plastic bags and will be placed at the Services Center and several County parks.

Ms. Meeks also announced the Household Hazardous Waste Collection on April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Electronics Waste Collection on April 17 & 18, and the Tire Collection on May 2. All collections will be held at Exeter Township Municipal Building from 8 AM-2 PM.

### **III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

#### **Adult Probation**

- A. Resolution to authorize Mark C. Scott, as Chairman of the Board to execute continuation of Subgrant No. 09-DA-ST-20133 by and between the County of Berks (Adult Probation) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, with respect to funding in the amount of \$274,396, for "Phase II-RIP-Level 3 & 4 Offenders," covering the period of 7/1/09-06/30/10.

#### **Budget Department**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$55,000.00 and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$10,173.00, per listing dated March 27, 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 30, 2009.

**Community Development**

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2345 dated March 31, 2009, for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV #610 for the HOME Grant Program, DV #2344-S for the Emergency Shelter Program, and DV #1359 for the Property Rehabilitation Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

**District Attorney**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the creation of a formal budget in order to impanel an investigative grand jury in Berks County. District Attorney John Adams presented this proposal to the Commissioners explaining that the grand jury will serve for 18 months, convening twice per month, and will focus on unsolved homicides, violent crimes and public corruption. He explained that he was able to reallocate funds in his approved 2009 budget to avoid the need for an additional allocation of funds from this year's general fund budget.

**Human Resources**

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated March 31, 2009.

**Sheriff**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a grant contract agreement no. C000038901 between the County of Berks and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Community Revitalization Assistance Program for \$40,000 towards Sheriff's Office – Bookmobile Conversion project covering the period of 7/1/08-06/30/11. This Bookmobile will be converted for the ID Me program.
- B. Sheriff Weaknecht reported that one of the K-9 dogs currently in training was recommended for Federal certification as a Narcotics dog. He noted that this is very unusual for a dog still in training.

**III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Commissioner Leinbach**

**Commissioner Barnhardt**

- A. Adopt a resolution appointing Edmond Doherty of Wyomissing, PA to the Berks County Office of Aging Advisory Council for a two year term, effective April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2011, to replace Nancy Snyder who resigned.
- B. Commissioner Barnhardt noted that he attended the kickoff for the Berks County Emergency Response Team (BCERT.) He thanked the previous Board of Commissioners for helping to fund this worthy group. Commissioner Scott also thanked Representative Gerlach for his contribution of \$250,000 to the Team.
- C. Commissioner Barnhardt noted that he attended a dinner last evening with Mayor Barbara Bosch of Reading's sister city, Reutlingen, Germany.

**Commissioner Scott**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk