

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, April 7, 2009**

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

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 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 Kevin Barnhardt called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Chair Mark C. Scott, Esq. did not attend the meeting.

Commissioner Barnhardt opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He also announced that an Executive Session was held on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> for personnel issues.

### **II. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Commissioner Leinbach presented a Proclamation denoting April as Donate Life Month. Dwendy Johnson, Gift of Life Donor Program, and Luis Torres, organ donor, were in attendance to accept the proclamation and to promote a fundraiser. The movie "Return to Me" will be held at the Reading 11 Theatre on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Call 610-775-3355 to obtain tickets.
- B. Frank Gilyard and Edward Terrell of the Central Pennsylvania African American Museum, announced the Second Annual Underground Railroad Tour - April 25th and 26th. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Bus leaves from Penn State Berks at 9 AM Saturday and 12:30 PM Sunday. Call 610-929-9907 for tickets and information.

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

#### **Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$56,637 per listing dated April 3, 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 April 6, 2009.

#### **Career Link**

- A. Adopt a resolution to award a contract to operate In School and Out of School Youth Services in partnership with the Pennsylvania CareerLink ~ Berks County, to the following service provider: **Arbor Education and Training**, Media, PA. The amount of the proposed contract budget for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011 is \$694,930 for FY2009 and \$714,404 for FY2010.

- B. Adopt a resolution to award a contract to operate Summer work Experience for Youth with Disabilities in partnership with the Pennsylvania CareerLink ~ Berks County, to the following service provider: **Goodwill Keystone Area**, Shillington, PA. The amount of the proposed contract budget for the period May 1, 2009 – August 31, 2010 is \$100,000 for Summer 2009.

**District Attorney**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a grant contract agreement no. C000038966 between the County of Berks and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Community Revitalization Assistance Program for \$25,000 towards District Attorney - Crime Scene Vehicle project covering the period of 7/1/08-06/30/11.

**Human Resources**

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated April 7, 2009.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing Shane Keller, Assistant Director of Human Resources, to sign forms G-28, I-129, ETA-9035E, and a Letter of Support, pertaining to H-1B Non-immigration Visa Petition by County of Berks on behalf of Gowrishankar Shanmugam.

**Juvenile Probation and Parole**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign a grant agreement between the County of Berks, the Community Foundation and the MacArthur Foundation in support of the *County's efforts to reduce disproportionate minority contact as part of the PA Models for Change initiative*. The grant amount is \$321,000 and the contract period runs from February 1, 2009 to January 31, 2011. Bob Williams, Chief, Berks County Juvenile Probation Office attended the meeting to discuss this contract.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Commissioner Leinbach**

**Commissioner Barnhardt**

**Commissioner Scott**

V. **CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Torres of Berks Coalition of Organ Donor Awareness reminded everyone of the fundraiser being held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. He also reminded the audience of web sites [www.donors1.org](http://www.donors1.org), and [www.berkscoalition.org](http://www.berkscoalition.org). Further information can be obtained at 610-775-3355 or [ltorres@berkscoalition.org](mailto:ltorres@berkscoalition.org).

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk