

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 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 was Solicitor Alan Miller Esq. Chief Clerk Terry Styer did not attend the meeting.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then announced that an Executive Session had been held on April 13th for personnel matters.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. 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 9, 2009.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2347 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV#611 for the HOME Grant Program and DV#2346-S for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

Election Services

- A. Adopt a resolution to authorize execution of a HAVA (Help America Vote Act) Quarterly Working Capital Request and Performance Reports for the period January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009 to the Division of Help America Vote Act.
- B. Debbie Olivieri, Director of Election Services, announced the following: Municipal Primary is May 19th. Deadline to register is April 20th. Applications can be postmarked April 20th if mailed. Last day to request absentee ballots is May 12th; they must be returned by May 15th. Consolidated City Precinct information is available on the Election Services Website at www.countyofberks.com/elections. A list of all candidates is available on the same site.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated April 14, 2009.

Human Services

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair of the Board, to execute TEFAP Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the period (January, February, March) 2nd Quarter FFY 2008-2009, in the amount of \$18,657.12 for distributing 155,475.99 pounds of food at \$.12 per pound and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank for apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County. NOTE: Reimbursement for 1st quarter was \$6,057.71 for distributing 50,480.95 pounds of food at \$.12 per pound. Ms. Bianca attended the meeting and noted that the increase in supply was due to more product being made available by the passing of the Farm Bill.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Leinbach

- A. Commissioner Leinbach noted the passing of Philadelphia Phillies announcer Harry Kalas. He mentioned that he had the honor of meeting him last January during the Winter Tour stop in Reading. Mr. Kalas will be missed by all Philadelphia sports fans as the voice of the Phillies as well as the voice of NFL films.

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing an Agreement between the County of Berks and Trans Systems, Warren, PA, to provide engineering services regarding the collision damage to the Colebrookdale Railroad Bridge on Farmington Avenue in Boyertown.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally O'Reilly, Assistant to Chief Clerk