

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, June 30, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 30, 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 1st Assistant Solicitor Christine Sadler, Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Christian Leinbach participated via conference phone.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$49,713 and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$3,248 per listing dated June 26, 2009.
- B. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, Candace Noll, per attached listing dated June 29, 2009. Commissioner Barnhardt noted that one contract was for PERF (Police Executive Research Forum) to provide for additional time and funds for the dissemination of the results of the Berks County Policing Study to the County's municipalities. The additional contract amount will be \$7,788.

Berks County Graffiti Abatement Program:

- A. Steve Harrity, Graffiti Abatement Program Coordinator, presented a proposed graffiti vandalism prevention collaborative mural project with the Reading School District Community Art Class and the Wyomissing Area Public Art Workshop and requested approval to seek grant funds to cover all but the projected \$1,625 "in-kind" costs. Commissioner Leinbach made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted yes to approve the following resolution in order for Mr. Harrity to meet the grant submission deadline of July 1, 2009.
- 179.09 A. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq. Chair to execute a grant application and any subsequent grant agreements between the County of Berks Graffiti Abatement Program and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council for a Community Mural Collaboration Grant for \$10,875 (no county match required.)

Career Link

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Educational Data Systems Inc. of Dearborn Michigan in the amount of \$451,093 for the Business Development Services EARN Program, administrated by Career Link. John W. Moser, Career Link Contract Administration & Monitoring Manager attended the meeting to seek approval of this renewal contract for the existing vendor.

Community Development

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing amendments to the County of Berks Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program. Community Development Director Ken Pick was in attendance to discuss the proposed amendments.
- B. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2359 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, and DV #619 for the HOME Grant Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

MH/MR

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment #1 of the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement contract between the County of Berks and the Commonwealth of PA, Department of Public Welfare for fiscal years 2009 through 2011.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an Administrative Entity Operating Agreement between the County of Berks and the Commonwealth of PA, Department of Public Welfare, for the administration of the Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers for individuals with Mental Retardation, for the term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Barnhardt**

- A. Commissioner Barnhardt reminded everyone of the public meeting on July 14th at 7 PM, located at the Schmidt Technology Center of Reading Area Community College, to receive the results of the Police Study. This meeting will be preceded by a meeting for elected officials and FOP Personnel.
- B. Commissioner Barnhardt reported that on July 1st, Redner's Warehouse Markets will be donating 5% of their proceeds to a fund to restore the Police Memorial at the Berks County Heritage Park.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Commissioner Scott announced the successful opening day of the Exeter Farmers Market, noting that 572 people visited the market for its first day of business. The market is located in the Boscov's East parking lot, and continues every Saturday until October. He credited Sandy Stief, Executive Assistant for former Commissioner Judy Schwank, for managing the program.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk