

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, July 14, 2009**

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

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 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 were Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Commissioner also reported that an Executive Session was held on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> for personnel purposes.

### **II. PRESENTATION**

Terry M. Maenza, Director, Communications and External Affairs, along with Brian Hessinger, Regional Manager for Pennsylvania American Water, presented a check in the amount of \$3,000 to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority to aid in the Pharmaceutical Collection program scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Brandy Heilman, Director, and Laura Lutz, Employer Outreach Manager of the Commuter Services of Pennsylvania, presented commuter program information for employees of Berks County. Additional information can be found on their website at [www.pacommuterservices.com](http://www.pacommuterservices.com)

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

#### **Adult Probation**

- A. Adopt a resolution approving the execution of a Contract Agreement, by and between the County of Berks (Adult Probation) and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Grant In Aid Continuing Program for the Improvement of County Adult Probation Services, FY 2009-2010, in the amount of \$3,114,843.00.

#### **Budget Department**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$45,700 per listing dated July 9, 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 July 13, 2009.

**Career Link**

- A. Adopt a resolution reappointing the following members to the Berks County Workforce Investment Board for three year terms ending June 30, 2012: John DeVere, Modesto Fiume, William Hornberger, Jr., Albert H. Kramer, Robert C. Patrick, and G. Fred Shaeff, Jr.; and further, to appoint Stephen Borza to complete the unexpired term of A. Philip Espinosa, to end June 30, 2010; Richard A. Ehst to complete the unexpired term of Gerald A. Nau, to end June 30, 2011; and to appoint Tammy White, to complete the unexpired term of Karen A Rightmire, to end June 30, 2011.

**Community Development**

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list #1367 for the Property Rehabilitation Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

**Domestic Relations**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the renewal of the Catholic Charities grant in the amount of \$12,984.34 to implement services to families with custody/visitation issues and a child support order effective date October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

**Election Services**

- A. Resolution to authorize execution of Quarterly Working Capital Request and Performance Report HAVA Grants - Sections 101 & 102 and Title II Section 251.
- B. Resolution to authorize execution of Certification of County Maintenance of Effort for the period January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 to Pennsylvania Department of State, HAVA Division in accordance with its agreement for HAVA Title II in the amount of \$543,419.56

**Emergency Management:**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement in the amount of \$44,800 to cover the staff expenses for the Emergency Management Coordinator office for the period of October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

**Human Resources**

- A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution of the collective bargaining agreement between the County of Berks and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, District Council 88, Local 462, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012. The Commissioners thanked the leadership of the Berks Human Resource Department and the AFSME Union for a successful negotiation process and result.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS****Commissioner Leinbach**

Commissioner Leinbach discussed the current sales tax proposal supported by the Governor's Office. He explained that originally the County Commissioners Association was supporting a proposed tax reform measure because it was about tax relief not new revenue which is why he cannot support it in its current form. He ended by saying that all levels of government need to continue to find ways to cut spending until this economic crisis ends.

**Commissioner Barnhardt****Commissioner Scott**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk