

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, July 28, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 28, 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 Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Christian Leinbach was attending the NACo (National Association of Counties) conference.

Commissioner Scott 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 July 27th for personnel matters.

II. PRESENTATION:

Mike Setley of Concord Public Finance attended the meeting to discuss the Berks County Solid Waste Authority debt refinancing of the Guaranteed Revenue Bonds Series of 2004. He noted that by using the County's strong credit rating, the County bond guarantee would enable the Authority to obtain an interest rate that is substantially lower thus allowing for a savings to the Authority of \$250,000 annually. Mr. Setley indicated that while the Commissioners would be required to adopt an ordinance, he wanted to determine the boards support prior to proceeding with the required documents. Commissioners Scott and Barnhardt both indicated they would support this bond guarantee.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$98,670 and 2009 Appropriations in the amount of \$5,000 per listing dated July 24, 2009.
- B. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated July 24, 2009.
- C. Recommendation to award and authorization for Purchasing Manager to execute as a result of ITB #09-04-KL, for general concrete construction at the Berks County Prison Compost Facility as follows: F.A. Rohrbach, Inc., 1302 N. 18th Street, Allentown, PA 18104. Total Base Bid Price: \$175,785.00 (not to exceed). Option: For any potential work required as part of utility trenching the rates shall be as follows: \$125.00 SY Bituminous Patching, \$25.00 CY 2A Modified Stone in Place.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list #2363 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV#621 for the HOME Grant Program, DV #2362-S for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program and DV#1368 for the Property Rehabilitation Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.
- B. Adopt a Resolution to approve an application for a grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) funds in the amount of \$302,531 to be used by Berks Connections/Pre-Trial Services for eligible financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization for persons in the Re-Entry Center.

Department of Emergency Services

- A. Authorize execution of the License Agreement between the County of Berks and A T & T for use by Berks County Emergency Services of its building and tower in Topton, PA.

Prison

- A. Resolution authorizing advertisement of an Ordinance to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and the County of Berks for purposes of transferring inmates confined in state correctional institutions to the jurisdiction of the Berks County Correctional system.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of an Electronic Transaction Processing Agreement between the County of Berks and Official Payments Corporation to permit credit and debit card delinquent tax payments.
- B. Resolution authorizing execution of a five (5) year Lease Renewal between the County of Berks and Sovereign Bank for the location of an ATM machine in the Courthouse lobby.
- C. Resolution authorizing payment of \$1,807.99 to the Governor Mifflin School District representing school tax proceeds not properly paid to the District from prior tax sale proceeds.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Scott

Public Comment:

Teri Roslin, Finance Director with Berks Women In Crisis (BWIC), requested additional information regarding the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program Grant. Ken Pick, Community Development Director explained the funding process and proposed project objectives.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk