

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, August 18, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 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 announced that an Executive Session was held prior to this meeting for personnel purposes.

II. PRESENTATIONS

Mike Setley, Esq. Berks County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) Solicitor presented a request to the Commissioners for a Recovery Zone Facility Bond allocation on behalf of Lyons Municipal Authority. Mr. Setley requested approval for an allocation of approximately \$3.25 Million from the estimated \$11.6 that is eligible in loan capacity for Berks County via this program which is funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Mr. Setley explained that the IDA would normally seek project financing with tax exempt bonds but since this expansion will benefit East Penn Manufacturing, it would not qualify. He requested approval of a draft Resolution which would also establish East Penn Manufacturing Facility as a "Recovery Area" which is a funding requirement under the terms of the Act.

Commissioner Leinbach, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, recognized Berks County Children and Youth Services Director George Kovarie as the 2009 County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) Affiliate Award recipient.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**Budget Department**

- A. Recommendation to award and for the Purchasing Manager to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #09-09R-KS, a one year contract for the supply and delivery of Institutional Linens for County of Berks Facilities at the unit prices as follows: ATD American Co., 135 Greenwood Ave., Wyncote, PA. 19095. The contracts shall contain two additional one year options to renew.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2366 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV #622 for the HOME Grant Program, DV #1371 for the Property Rehabilitation Program and DV #2365-S for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

Department of Emergency Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an application to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for a federal Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$78,886 for partial reimbursement of the salaries of the county emergency management coordinator and a clerical staff person for the period of October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.

Facilities/Engineering

- A. Adopt a Resolution to execute a Supplemental General Reimbursement Agreement for Federal Aid Projects (No. 050350-C) for the Berne Station Bridge Project. This supplement increases the estimated cost of preliminary design by \$15,000.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Leinbach**

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Commissioner Barnhardt introduced John Kramer, Center for Community Leadership, who is the Chairman of the 2010 Census Complete Count Committee for Berks County (BCCC). Mr. Kramer introduced the chairpersons of the six standing subcommittees:
- **Business and Labor Committee** - Richard Kauffman (Penn State Cooperative Extension)
 - **Government Committee** - Michael Golembiewski (Berks County Planning Commission)
 - **Community Outreach Committee** - Richard Mappin (Berks County Community Foundation),
 - **Education Committee** - Ginny Hand (Alvernia University)
 - **Religious Institutions** - Michael Kaucher (Reading-Berks Conference of Churches)
 - **Publicity Committee** - Donna Reed (Strategic Reports Inc.)

The BCCC has also retained two part-time publicity and community outreach coordinators – Cindy Kauffman and Isabel Monterrosa. Mr. Kramer stressed the importance for citizens to get involved by filling out census forms. We need to have a 100% count on April 1, 2010.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt a Resolution approving the execution of a feasibility study by Synergetics, West Reading, PA, for the Vestibule Extension Project for the Berks County Services Center. Cost of the study is not to exceed \$9,500.
- B. Commissioner Scott reported that Union Township Special Solicitor Joselle Cleary has requested additional aid from the Environmental Defense Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to aid in litigation against Ethan Michael, Inc. Union Township is now looking at an appeal to the State Supreme Court in this case, as well as the possibility of other litigation in the same case being returned to the Court of Common Pleas for dispensation.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk