

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 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 Kevin Barnhardt called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach in attendance. Also present were First Assistant Solicitor Christine Sadler Esq. and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Chair Mark C. Scott, Esq. did not attend the meeting.

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

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Career Link

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Chair of the Berks County Board of Commissioners to sign the "Grant Recipient's Release, Grant Recipient's Assignment of Refunds, Rebates, and Credits, and WIA Grant Closeout Tax Certification" for the WIA Grant for Berks County Employment and Training Office on behalf of the applicant for Contract Numbers:
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Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2368 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, and DV #623 for the HOME Grant Program, as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

Court Administration

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a grant agreement on behalf of the Court of Common Pleas, Berks County with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Community Revitalization Assistance Program thus approving an \$80,000 payment under grant contract #C000037526 for the costs incurred by the county from July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2011 intended to fund the Graffiti Abatement Program. Criminal Justice Advisory Board Coordinator, Tim Daley explained that this three year grant needs a contract submission on an annual basis and this contract will cover year two of this three year program.

Facilities

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of the AIA Agreement between the County of Berks and David M. Kleckner Architects to provide architectural services for tenant renovations at the former Berks Heim Annex building for the Berks County Library system and the Community Re-Entry Center. Jack Mohan, Facilities Project Manager attended the meeting to present this request.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated September 8, 2009. HR Director Jennifer Biehn presented the list.
- B. Commissioner Leinbach made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt and all voted yes to approve the following resolution:
 - 253.09 B. Resolution to authorize the execution of a letter from the County of Berks to the PA Department of Public Welfare (DPW) outlining the terms of agreement regarding the Berks County Merit System and the County's separation from the State Civil Service Commission.

Human Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the 2009-10 State Food Purchase Program.
- B. Adopt a resolution amending The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) agreement signed on 9/5/06 to include funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of a Letter of Consent to the Berks County Conservancy allowing the installation of trail signs located on Neversink Mountain.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Joan Cook, AAUW Member and Chairman of the Berks Book Bonanza attended the meeting to discuss the results of the 2009 Book Bonanza Sale benefiting the Berks County Public Libraries. Ms. Cook announced that the 2009 Book Bonanza netted \$63,400. She said that \$62,000 is being returned to the county in the means of scholarships and donations to the library system, part of which was used to fund the summer reading program.

- B. Commissioner Leinbach made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted yes to approve the following resolution:

- 252.09 A. Resolution approving authorization request from Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority (BARTA) for the local match of \$252,591 representing a match to BARTA's State assistance funding for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Adopt a resolution re-appointing Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt to serve as the 2010 Commissioner Member of the Berks County Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) for a one year term, expiring 12/31/2010.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk