

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, September 29, 2009**

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

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 29, 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 on September 28<sup>th</sup> for personnel matters.

### **II. PRESENTATION**

The Board of Commissioners along with President Judge Jeffrey Schmehl, recognized the Berks County Domestic Relations Department and Director Linda Epes, Esq. on the achievement of reaching 80% or above on all of their state performance measures. This achievement has a direct relationship on the incentive monies paid by the Federal government to Domestic Relations.

Michael Vind, Director of Financial S&Lutions, and Peter Edelman, Esq. of Stevens & Lee, presented several Ordinances and a Resolution intended to complete the following financial planning objectives for the county and advertised for October 1, 2009 enactment:

1. **ORDINANCE NO 8 OF 2009** will authorize the issuance of (a) 2009 Build America Bonds and (b) 2010 tax-exempt Bonds to finance (1) open space initiative, prison improvements, 911 upgrades and miscellaneous capital improvements; and (2) refunding of 2006 Note.
2. **ORDINANCE NO 9 OF 2009:** will amend the 2006 Note Ordinance to expand the permitted purposes for the use of the 2006 Note proceeds to include prison improvements, 911 upgrades and miscellaneous capital improvements.
3. **ORDINANCE NO 10 OF 2009** will amend the 2009 floating to fixed rate swap to (a) have the swap relate to the 2006 Note and (b) extend the start date on the swap to February 1, 2010.
4. Resolution to designate certain areas of the County as Recovery Zones in anticipation of Recovery Zone Bonds in 2010.

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

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$672,446 per listing dated September 25, 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 listing dated September 28, 2009.
- C. Adopt a resolution awarding the procurement of electricity. Purchasing Manager Kelly Laubach attended the meeting to discuss the bids received. She apologized that the bid opening process had not yet been completed so there would be no recommendation at this time.

**Community Development**

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2370 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV# 2371-R for the Community Development Block Grant Stimulus (ARRA) Program, and DV #2372-S for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

**Emergency Management**

- A. Adopt a resolution approving the County of Berks Hazardous Material Emergency Response Preparedness Assessment Update For Calendar Year 2008.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

- A. Discussion for **ORDINANCE NO 7 OF 2009** proposed for October 1, 2009 enactment.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE COUNTY OF BERKS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING INMATES CONFINED IN STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE BERKS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM**

It was noted that this would be for state correctional inmates nearing the end of their sentences, who would be housed at the county level at a per diem rate of \$60.00.

**Commissioner Leinbach**

- A. The Commissioner noted the October 5<sup>th</sup> deadline for registering to vote in the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election, and the October 27<sup>th</sup> deadline to request an absentee ballot. He also made an announcement that poll workers are needed, those interested should call Election Services.
- B. Commissioner Leinbach offered condolences to the family of Arlene Briedegam, a Centre Township supervisor and long time member of the local fire company.

**Commissioner Barnhardt**

- A. Bill Tegeler, Deputy Director of Management Services for the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) presented an update on the regional meetings and public response to the Study of Policing in Berks County.

**Commissioner Scott**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk