

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, October 6, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 11:00 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 then announced that an Executive Session had been held on October 5th for personnel reviews.

II. PRESENTATION

Commissioner Scott presented a Certificate of Recognition to John Ravert, Conservation District Manager, upon his retirement after 21 years with the County, nearly 13 as manager of the Conservation District.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$7,000, and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$12,000 per listing dated October 2, 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 October 2, 2009.

Domestic Relations

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

- 285.09 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Legal Services Agreement between Berks County Domestic Relations and the Berks County District Attorney to contract for the provision of legal representation of Plaintiffs according to the terms of the Title IV-D Cooperative Agreement between the Domestic Relations Office and the Department of Public Welfare.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated October 6, 2009. HR Director Jennifer Biehn presented the list.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authorizing reimbursement by the County of Berks, through the Natural Land, Farmland and Open Space Conservation Program, to the Natural Lands Trust to assist in the purchase of the following properties located in Union Township, Berks County:
1. Estate of Mary C. Sheeder, Crusher Road, Union Township - \$427,500.00.
 2. George, Gregory and Mark Yelenoc, 1488 East Main Street, Union Township - \$270,00.00.
- Shannon Rossman, Planning Commission, attended the meeting to discuss the reimbursements.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Leinbach**

- A. Commissioner Leinbach reminded the audience that sample ballots are available to view on the Election Services webpage found at www.countyofberks.com/elections.
- B. The Commissioner reported on a conference call that he and Commissioner Barnhardt participated in regarding promotional video for the county with a company called CGI Communications. He explained that there would be no cost to the County; all costs are paid by advertising sold to local businesses.

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Commissioner Barnhardt reported that, as a result of the public meetings pertaining to the county-wide policing study, he has received calls from Lancaster, York, and Dauphin Counties expressing interest and requesting information.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Commissioner Scott updated the Board about a Right to Know request submitted to the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), regarding the Lead Non-Attainment issue for the County. He said that the request was in preparation for a public meeting scheduled by the DEP in the Berks County Services Center on October 21, 2009 at 1 PM.

V. **CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

- A. Recorder of Deeds Fred Sheeler reported an inaccuracy in the Reading Eagle and wanted to correct the record. He said that it was reported that his office submitted \$164,000 to the Records Improvement Fund from 2004-08. He said that number is an average of the dollars submitted and that the correct amount for that period was \$822,000.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk