

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, October 27, 2009**

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

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 27, 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 Chief Operations Officer Carl Staples, 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 October 26<sup>th</sup> for personnel matters.

***II. PRESENTATION***

Alan W. Shuman, President of Shuman Development Group presented his request for a \$6,975,000 allocation of the Berks County's allocation of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds and proposed three projects involved in the continued revitalization of the former Reading Outlet Center located in the City of Reading.

Sheila Miller introduced Holly Harter and Tom Sacks of Subarashii Kudamono Orchards for a presentation about their gourmet Asian Pear business which is based on a farm in Albany Township, Berks County.

Lynn Gladioux reminded everyone of the Boyertown Fall Festival and Musicfest scheduled for November 7, 2009 noon to 8 P.M. at the Boyertown Community park

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

***Budget Department:***

- A. Budget and Finance Director Bob Patrizio requested approval for a budget resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$281,419 and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$32,050 per listing dated October 26, 2009.
- B. Contract Coordinator requested approval for the authorizing of Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated October 23, 2009.

**Community Development**

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2374 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV #625 for the HOME Grant Program and DV #1375 for the Property Rehabilitation Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.
- B. Community Development Director Ken Pick presented for approval a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for the County of Berks to participate in the Borough of Sinking Spring Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Project and to allocate 100% of the county's share of the Tax Increment to the Authority for the TIF District. Following a discussion where Commissioner Leinbach had expressed certain reservations, the Commissioners agreed to meet with Alan Piper, Transportation Planner and Bob Patrizio, Budget Director, to discuss the project further before making any commitments.

**Election Services**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Rental Agreement ("Agreement") between Election Systems & Software, Inc. ("ES&S") and Berks County, Pennsylvania ("County") for the pilot program of electronic poll books for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> municipal election. There is no charge to the County.

**Human Resources:**

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated October 27, 2009.
- B. Adopt a resolution to approve the Pandemic Leave Policy.
- C. Commissioner Leinbach made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt and all voted yes to approve the following:
  - 304.09 A. Resolution authorizing the execution of an amended 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.

**Industrial Development Authority**

- A. Adopt a resolution designating the Berks County Industrial Authority as the Industrial Authority for the County of Berks with full power and authority to represent said County in all matters relevant to and for all purposes of the Industrial Development Assistance Law.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of a Settlement Agreement and Release between the County of Berks, Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board and AFSCME District Council 88 concerning settlement of a back pay award in the Coroner's Office.
- B. Resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and Donald Savidge and Richard Savidge, t/a Savidge Farms for lease of approximately 16 acres of farmland in Longswamp Township.
- C. Resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Extension Agreement between the County of Berks and the Berks County Industrial Development Authority for lease of approximately 430 square feet of office space on the 14th Floor of the Berks County Services Center.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERSCommissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach reported on a Press Conference that he will be participating in Harrisburg tomorrow to announce the **Local Authority Emergency Relief from Mandates Act**.

Commissioner BarnhardtCommissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott presented the board with a proposal from Schwab Personal Choice Retirement Account that would provide a third option to the County approved deferred compensation plans.

V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk