

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2009**

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

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 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., Chief Operations Officer Carl Staples, 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 November 9<sup>th</sup> for personnel matters.

### **II. PRESENTATION**

- A. Peter Edelman, Esq., of Stevens and Lee, attended the meeting to make the presentation for Cumberland County Municipal Authority, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries Project, and to announce that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at the start of the Commissioners meeting for questions and comments.
- B. Hank Cramer, a folksinger from Winthrop, Washington attended the meeting, and sang 2 patriotic songs in honor of our veterans.
- C. Richard Pawling (Conrad Weiser Impersonator) of History Alive made an announcement about a fundraising concert on November 27<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Conrad Weiser Homestead Interpretive Programs. The concert will begin at 7 PM. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, and \$2 for students. For every dollar raised, the State will match one dollar.

### **II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

#### **Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$1,085,407 per listing dated November 6, 2009. Budget Director Bob Patrizio presented the list.
- B. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated November 6, 2009.

**Community Development**

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2379 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV #2378-R for the CDBG-R (ARRA Funds) Program, DV #1376 for the Property Rehabilitation Program and DV 2377-HPRP for the Emergency Shelter Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.
- B. Adopt a resolution to ratify, confirm and approve the signature of Mark C. Scott, Esq., as Chair of the Board, executing the County's 2010 Action Plan and indicating approval by the Board of Commissioners, and further providing such assurances, certifications, contracts, and supplemental or revised data which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development may request in conjunction with the Plan.

**Human Resources**

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated November 10, 2009.

**III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

- A. Adopt a resolution to reappoint Christian Y. Leinbach to a one year term as Commissioner Director on the Berks County Conservation District Board, expiring 12/31/2010.

**Commissioner Leinbach**

- A. Adopt a resolution to reappoint Rosie Skomitz to the Office of Aging Advisory Council for a 2 year term expiring on 12/31/11.
- B. Adopt a resolution to reappoint Ron Stouffer to the Office of Aging Advisory Council for a 2 year term expiring on 12/31/11.
- C. Adopt a resolution to reappoint Brian Clements to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority for a 4 year term expiring on 12/31/13.
- D. Adopt a resolution to reappoint Ernie Miller, Township Supervisor, to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a 3 year term expiring on 12/31/12.

**Commissioner Barnhardt**

- A. Adopt a resolution re-appointing Lolly Leshner to a three year term as a Farmer Director on the Berks County Agricultural Preservation Board. Ms. Leshner's term will expire December 31, 2012.

*(Commissioner Barnhardt - con't)*

- B. Adopt a resolution re-appointing Charles Seidel to a three year term as a Farmer Director on the Berks County Agricultural Preservation Board. Mr. Seidel's term will expire December 31, 2012.
- C. Commissioner Barnhardt reported on a meeting he participated in where the suggestion was made that the city continues to maintain the utilities for the four library buildings, while the County continues to maintain its \$900,000 allocation. He said that Senator O'Pake is working with the Reading School District to see if they are able make an allocation toward the libraries. He said that the United Way and Community Foundation are also interested in helping and that the Community Foundation has formed a task force to look at the future of the libraries and will make a report by October of 2010.
- D. The Commissioner noted that he attended a meeting of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) where the impact of the impending layoffs of city police was discussed.
- E. Commissioner Barnhardt announced that tomorrow, Veterans Day, five Berks County Civil War Medal of Honor Recipients will be officially inducted into the Berks County Military Hall of Fame.

*Commissioner Scott*

- A. Adopt a resolution ratifying and confirming the authorization for \$1,842.00 of additional funds from the Environmental Defense Fund be added to the Stantec Consulting Services Inc. Purchase Order ( # 503954) for Exide Technologies Title V Permit application to the PADEP.
- B. Adopt a resolution to approve an additional \$5,200.00 from the Environmental Defense fund for Transystems for the Colebookdale Railroad Project management.
- C. Adopt a resolution re-appointing Robert E. Kopfer to a three year term as a Farmer Director on the Berks County Agricultural Preservation Board. Mr. Kopfer's term will expire December 31, 2012.

*Citizen Comment/Business from the Floor*

- A. Recorder of Deeds Fred Sheeler reported that his office is nearing completion on computerization of veterans' discharge papers. All discharges more than 75 years old are searchable on the Recorder of Deeds website. Those newer will need to be researched by Veterans Affairs staff.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk