

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, November 17, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 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 announced that an Executive Session was held on November 16, 2009 to discuss Employee performance reviews.

II. PRESENTATION

- A. Budget and Finance Director Bob Patrizio presented the **2010 Proposed County Budget**. The proposed budget is available for review in the Commissioners Office, the Budget Office or on the County web site at www.countyofberks.com Formal action on the 2010 Berks County budget is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2009.

The Commissioners each thanked and commended the County Budget Director and Budget Staff for the professional presentation of the proposed budget as well as the year of work that has gone into its development. They also recognized all the department heads and Elected ROW Offices who accepted the necessary departmental budget cutbacks and yet proceeded with successful departmental reorganizations.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$1,252,997 per listing dated November 13, 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 November 13, 2009.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list #627 for the HOME Grant Program and DV #2380 for the Property Rehabilitation Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated November 17, 2009.

Mental Health/Mental Retardation

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the FY 08/09 Early Intervention Income and Expenditure Report.

Office of Aging

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., as Chairman of the Board, to execute the State Block Grant program in the amount of \$7,995,215.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., as Chairman of the Board, to execute the Aging Waiver Grant program in the amount of \$943,563.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of a Hold Harmless and Indemnification agreement between the County of Berks and the Township of Bern concerning the Township's repair of a bridge on Hilltop Road.
- B. Resolution authorizing execution of **Amendment "C" to Sublease Agreement** between Burgoe Wyomissing Partners and the County of Berks for space occupied by the **Berks County Library System** at the Reading Regional Airport Industrial Park, Bern Township, for a six (6) month term beginning January 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2010.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS*Commissioner Leinbach*

- A. Commissioner Leinbach wished the audience a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt a resolution reappointing Helen Barskey, Reading, PA, to a three year term on the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board; term expiring 12/31/2012.
- B. Adopt a resolution reappointing Edward Chastka, M.D., Wyomissing, PA, to a three year term on the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board; term expiring 12/31/2012.
- C. Adopt a resolution reappointing President Judge Jeffrey L. Schmehl to a three year term on the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board; term expiring 12/31/2012.

V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. County Controller Sandy Graffius reported that her department will be testing the direct deposit module in Oracle beginning next week.
- B. Lori Barr, Berks County citizen brought her concerns regarding several County departments to the Commissioners' attention.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk