

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, December 1, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 1, 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 Executive Sessions were held on November 30 and December 1 for personnel matters.

II. PRESENTATION

- A. Jane Meeks, Executive Director of the Berks County Solid Waste Authority, reported on the 2009 Special Waste Collection events including electronic waste, tires, household hazardous waste and pharmaceutical waste as well as the paper shredding events. She also announced the dates and locations for the 2010 events as well.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$61,265 and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$10,320 per listing dated November 25, 2009. Bob Patrizio, Budget Director, presented the report.
- 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 25, 2009.
- C. A recommendation to award and authorize the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute as a result of ITB #09-10-MB, a one year contract for Railway Vegetation Control & Removal Services for Colebrookdale Railroad, to be paid from the Environmental Defense Fund, as follows: Green Start, Inc., 145 Swamp Creek Road, Gilbertsville, PA 19525. Vegetation Removal Services - \$65,000.00, Vegetation Control Services - \$4,000.00, Additional Vegetation Removal Services as required at the sole discretion of the County - \$300.00 per hour. In accordance with the Invitation to Bid the County reserves the right at the conclusion of Year 1 & Year 2 respectively to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year terms in accordance with the second and third year pricing. Option - Year 2 Vegetation Control Services - \$4,200.00. Additional Vegetation Removal Services as required at the sole discretion of the County - \$315.00 per hour.

Option - Year 3 Vegetation Control Services - \$4,410.00. Additional Vegetation Removal Services as required at the sole discretion of the County - \$330.00 per hour.

Children and Youth Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing a purchase of service agreement between Berks County Children and Youth Services (BCCYS) and the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County for the provision of Guardian Ad Litem to represent the legal interests and the best interests of children who have been adjudicated dependent and/or alleged to be dependent in every stage of proceedings in the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division and Orphans' Court.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2383 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV #2382-R for the CDBG-R (ARRA) program, DV #628 for the HOME Grant Program and DV # 2384-S for the Emergency Shelter Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated December 1, 2009 were presented by Human Resources Director Jennifer Biehn.
- B. Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted yes to approve the following resolutions:
- 352.09 A. Adopt a resolution to approve the Administrative Guidelines for Berks County Jail System First Line Supervisors.
- 353.09 B. Adopt a resolution to approve the Alternative Dispute Resolution Policy.

MHMR

- A. At the request of Dr. Ed Michalik, Executive Director of Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Commissioner Leinbach made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted yes to approve the following resolution:
- 354.09 C. Adopt a resolution approving the Berks County Mental Retardation Plan for Fiscal year 2010-2011.

Planning

- A. Adopt a resolution (rescinding Resolution No. 288-09) authorizing the reimbursement of not more than \$697,500 to the Natural Lands Trust to assist in the purchase of two properties (Sheeder and Yelenoc) in Union Township

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution appointing members to the Berks County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Commissioner Barnhardt discussed the recent sale of two Gruber Wagons in Lancaster County and asked for the support of the Commissioners for The County Parks and Recreation Board to consider evaluating the possible purchase of these two historical wagons. Both Commissioners Scott and Leinbach supported the concept, following assurance that the potential historical value of these wagons hasn't been significantly altered.

Commissioner Scott

V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk