

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, December 8, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 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 December 3rd and December 7th for personnel matters.

II. PRESENTATION

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

- A. Ernest Schlegel, citizen of Reading, presented a petition of over 1000 signatures to call on the City and the County to work on a better system to operate the city libraries.

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$270,318, and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$253,137, per listing dated December 4, 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 December 4, 2009.
- C. Recommendation to award and Solicitor or Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute , as a result of Invitation to Bid #09-16-MB, contracts for the Proposed Tenant Fitout for the Berks County Library System Headquarters and Support Services as follows: The Warko Group, 18 Morgan Drive, Reading, PA 19608, **Electrical: \$69,742.00**. Blanski Energy Management, 1835 Pear Street, Reading, PA 19601, **Mechanical: \$18,950.00**. Klover Contracting, 2404 Milford Square Pike, Quakertown, PA 18951, **General: \$160,980.00**.

Budget Department (con't)

- D. Recommendation to award and Solicitor or Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #09-16-MB, contracts for the Proposed Relocation & Renovations for the Berks County Coroner's Office as follows: The Warko Group, 18 Morgan Drive, Reading, PA 19608, **Electrical: \$52,742.00**. The Warko Group, 18 Morgan Drive, Reading, PA 19608, **Mechanical: \$28,270.00**. Klover Contracting, 2404 Milford Square Pike, Quakertown, PA 18951, **General: \$72,520.00**.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2385 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV #2388-R for the CDBG-R (ARRA Funds) Program, DV #1377 for the Property Rehabilitation Program, DV 2387-HPRP for the Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program, DV #2386-S for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, and DV #629 for the HOME Grant Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated December 8, 2009. Director of Human Resources Jennifer Biehn presented the recommendations.

Juvenile Probation:

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a grant application and agreement between the County of Berks (Juvenile Probation) and the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for the Working with Victims of Juvenile Offenders Grant in the amount of \$205,952 to be used for a portion of the salaries of the two probation officers dedicated to working with victims during the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

Public Defender / District Attorney:

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the FY 2009 JABG #20750 (Juvenile Accountability Block Grant) Application by and between the County of Berks (Chief Public Defender) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), with respect to funding in the amount of \$26,694 (Federal Funds - \$24,025; Local Matching Funds - \$2,669) covering the project period 4/1/10 to 3/31/11.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the FY 2009 JABG #20734 (Juvenile Accountability Block Grant) Application by and between the County of Berks (District Attorney) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), with respect to funding in the amount of \$26,693 (Federal Funds - \$24,024; Local Matching Funds - \$2,669) covering the project period 4/1/10 to 3/31/11.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authorizing an Agreement & Release in regard to a union grievance.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution amending Resolution 151.09 that will address the State Budget reduction and authorize execution by the Board of Commissioners of the Assurance of Compliance Certificate with respect to the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) funding for the fiscal year 2009/2010. Total revised amount of allocation is \$567,461.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution by the Berks County Board of Commissioners of the Human Services Development Fund (HSDF) Assurance of Compliance amendment to provide \$80,000 of temporary funding to provide for two Child Abuse Investigator positions in the District Attorney's Office for the period 7/1/09 through 6/30/10.

Commissioner Leinbach

- A. Commissioner Leinbach thanked Mr. Schlegel for his efforts to save the libraries and agreed that Libraries are a vital part of the Community. He said that the financial crisis impacting the city libraries is also impacting the basic functions and services of the city government. That crisis affords a challenge to look at the mission of the city libraries and determine the most efficient way to deliver the services, such as looking at some of the model municipal library examples of that efficiency.

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Commissioner Barnhardt also commended Mr. Schlegel for his efforts. He noted that the community, county and city have to try anything in our power to keep the libraries viable.
- B. Adopt a resolution reappointing Joseph Ayala, West Lawn, PA, to a four year term on the Berks County Parks & Recreation Board. Term will be effective 3/11/2010 and expires 3/10/2014.
- C. Adopt a resolution reappointing David Esser, Kempton, PA, to a four year term on the Berks County Parks & Recreation Board. Term will be effective 3/11/2010 and expires 3/10/2014.
- D. Adopt a resolution reappointing Douglass P. Rauch, Wyomissing, PA, to a four year term on the Berks County Planning Commission. Term will be effective 1/1/2010 and expires 12/31/2013.

- E. Adopt a resolution reappointing Jayne Dieruff, Wyomissing, PA, to a five year term on the Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority (BARTA) Board. Term will be effective 1/1/2010 and expires 12/31/2014.
- F. Adopt a resolution appointing John Caltagirone, Reading, PA, to a five year term on the Reading Public Library Board to replace Sandra Krafczek who has elected not to be reappointed. Term will be effective 1/1/2010 and expires 12/31/2014.
- G. Commissioner Barnhardt reported that Cathy Wegener of the Parks Department will be contacting the owner of the two Gruber Wagons recently sold at auction to try to establish dates of manufacture and condition. He said that her recollection of these wagons is that they had been restored prior to the previous sale and that they had been retrofitted for outdoor camping and had been out in the elements for many years. He said that we will probably not be interested in obtaining these wagons.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt a resolution reappointing Ronald Seaman, Kempton, PA to a 5 year term on the Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority (BARTA) Board. Said term to expire 12/31/2014.
- B. Commissioner Scott noted that it is important to treat all county and city libraries equally. He also said that it is important for the Reading Library to restructure for leaner operations.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk