

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 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, in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., Chief Operations Officer Carl W. Staples, and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt did not attend the meeting.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. PRESENTATION

Peter Edelman, Esq. from Stevens and Lee and Mike Vind from Financial S&Lutions presented Ordinance No. 1 of 2010 which is being proposed to authorize the issuance of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$11,000,000; and a Resolution that, if approved, will expand the areas within the County designated as Recovery Zones to include the County's 9-1-1 Center.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$129,456, per listing dated January 8, 2010.

Court Administration

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement between Robert J. Marrella and John M. Reshetar and the County of Berks for office space located at 1150 Muhlenberg Street, City of Reading to be used for Magisterial District Court 23-1-02 commencing January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2014.

District Attorney

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq. as Chairman of the Board, to execute the SAVIN (Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification System) Maintenance and Service Agreement in the amount of \$8,107.54 for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

Election Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a HAVA (Help America to Vote Act) Grant Certification of HAVA Compliance and the release of \$3,989.67 withheld as part of the Title I Section 101 HAVA Funds.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated January 12, 2010.

Human Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair of the Board, to execute TEFAP Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the period (October, November, December) 1st Quarter FFY 2009-2010 and ARRA-TEFAP Report in the amount of \$14,895.64 for distributing 124,130.35 pounds of food at \$.12 per pound and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank for apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.

Information Systems:

- A. Adopt a resolution approving the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Policies and Fee Structure. Information Systems Director Todd Simpson and GIS Manager Brad Shirey attended the meeting to discuss the policies and fees schedules.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution designating additional areas within the County as Recovery Zones within the meaning of, and for purposes of, Section 1400U-1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (The "Code"); authorizing the proper officers of the county to execute any necessary documents and authorizing the taking of other necessary action in connection with the foregoing.

Commissioner Leinbach

- A. Adopt a resolution appointing Mary Alice Rissmiller, Reading, PA to the Children and Youth Services Advisory Board for a three year term expiring December 31, 2012.
- B. Adopt a resolution appointing of Sherry Camelleri, Reading, PA to the Children and Youth Services Advisory Board for a three year term expiring December 31, 2012.
- C. Adopt a resolution re-appointing Michael Rivera, Reading, PA to the Council on Chemical Abuse Board for a three year term expiring on February 1, 2013.

- D. Adopt a resolution re-appointing Craig J. Lutz, Wernersville, PA to the Reading Regional Airport Authority for a five year term expiring on January 1, 2015.
- E. Commissioner Leinbach commended municipalities for the formation of the Western Berks Regional Police Force. He noted that this is the first merger since the completion of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) study.

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt a resolution reappointing Robert Bagenstose to a 3 year term on the Council on Chemical Abuse Board ending 2/1/2013.

V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Clerk of Courts Jim Troutman asked the Commissioners for clarification on the resolution adopted by the Commissioners in 2009 regarding the discontinuation of County funding for the Courts as of July 1, 2010. He asked if the intent of this action included court-related ROW Offices as well.

Commissioner Leinbach responded by saying that he fully expects all Court related departments to be included in some type of funding plan by the Commonwealth. He said that plans are under way for additional meetings with the Courts. He reported that \$40 million of the \$128 million in Real Estate Taxes collected from Berks County property owners goes towards funding these Commonwealth Agencies and the County has the ability to end that funding by July 1st of this year. He noted that the Commonwealth funds the State Legislative and Executive Branches of State Government but only partially funds the Judiciary.

Clerk of Courts Troutman asked to be included in any meetings and discussions related to the County's action relative to the Resolution 245.09 adopted by the Board of Commissioners in August of 2009 which resolved to defund the twenty-third Judicial District on July 1, 2010.

Commissioner Scott assured the Clerk of Courts that all ROW Offices affected by this action will be invited to the meeting (s).

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk