

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, January 26, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 26, 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, and Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., Chief Operations Officer Carl W. Staples, and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

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

**II. PRESENTATION**

- A. Jim Hufford, the Director of Business Lending and Counseling and Nelson De Leon, a Business Consultant for Community First Fund's Berks County office provided a presentation about Community First Fund.

**III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

**Ag Land Preservation:**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute the Certification of Appropriation Funding for 2010 in the amount of \$ 1,030,659 for the purchase of Agricultural Easements under Act 43 –the Agricultural Area Security Law, as amended. The total funding amount requested is comprised of the following that Tami Hildebrand, Ag Land Preservation Director presented.

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| Donations & Contributions collected in 2009:                         | \$ 149.00             |
| Interest collected from 2009 Clean and Green Rollback Tax Penalties: | \$ 30,510.00          |
| Line of Credit Funding:  | \$1,000,000.00        |
| <b>Total:</b>  | <b>\$1,030,659.00</b> |

**Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Appropriations in the amount \$449,644 per listing dated January 22, 2010. 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 January 22, 2010.  
**Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted yes to pull contract #8 from this list.**

**Community Development**

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2399 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV #1381 for the Property Rehabilitation Program, DV 2398-HPRP for the Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program, and DV #631 for the HOME Grant Program, as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

**Facilities**

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of Engineering Services Agreement #110936 between the County of Berks and Systematic Roofing Analysis, Inc. to provide engineering services to complete a thorough evaluation of the North Campus building roofs and other related services at a not to exceed amount of \$20,000.00.

**Human Resources**

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated January 26, 2010.

**Sheriff**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Grant Agreement between the County of Berks Sheriff's Office and the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency – Berks License to Carry Firearms Grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the period of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. The goal of this funding program is to provide a statewide system that will standardize the method of completing the application (to Pa State Police) and for issuing the identification card for those individuals seeking a license to carry a firearm. Berks County Sheriff Eric Weaknecht attended the meeting to present this new program.

**Solicitor**

- A. Resolution authorizing tax forgiveness of 2009 County taxes including all penalty and interest for property owned by Berks County Community Foundation situate at 237 Court Street, City of Reading -- (PIN # 06530782605597)

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS****Commissioner Leinbach**

- A. Adopt a resolution reappointing Carl W. Brown Jr. to the Council on Chemical Abuse Board for a three year term ending 2/01/2013.

**Commissioner Barnhardt**

- A. Commissioner Barnhardt announced that the name of Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority has now been changed to Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority.
- B. The Commissioner also announced that he had attended a recent City Council meeting to present a draft agreement regarding the County's request for a transfer of ownership of the Fire Training Center property. He indicated that he expects to report back to the Commissioners in approximately 2 weeks.

**Commissioner Scott**

- A. Adopt a resolution reappointing Jeanne Trivellini to the Berks County Parks and Recreation Board for a 4 year term ending 3/10/2014.
- B. Commissioner Scott announced that an Executive Session was held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, for personnel matters.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk