

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 23, 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. The Commissioner announced that an Executive Session was held on February 22, 2010 for personnel matters.

### **II. PRESENTATION**

Jennifer Beane from Sam's Club presented a \$1,000 check to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority to be used for the 2010 collection events. Jane Meeks, Executive Director and Michelle Kircher, Solid Waste Authority Board member accepted the check and reviewed the following dates and locations for the 2010 collection events for the residents of Berks County:

#### **Household Hazardous Waste:**

April 10, 2010 – Exeter Township Municipal Building  
October 16, 2010– FirstEnergy Stadium - Reading

#### **Electronic Waste:**

April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 –Exeter Township Municipal Building  
September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – FirstEnergy Stadium – Reading

#### **Pharmaceutical Waste:**

April 24, 2010 – Exeter Township Municipal Building  
October 2, 2010 – FirstEnergy Stadium

#### **Tire Collection & Paper Shredding:**

May 1, 2010 –Exeter Township Municipal Building  
October 9, 2010 – FirstEnergy Stadium - Reading

**III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:****Berks Connections / Pretrial Services**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing a grant application and an agreement by the Berks County Criminal Justice Advisory Board to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs - Second Chance Act Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Demonstration Projects FY 2010 CFDA #16.812. The amount of the grant is \$100,000 spread over a three year period which will be used to increase reentry-related programming and services at the Berks County Community Reentry Center as part of the Berks County Comprehensive Reentry Program. Scott Rehr, Executive Director for Berks Connections /Pretrial Services presented the grant project to the Commissioners.

**Budget Department:**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Appropriations in the amount \$361,031 and 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$257,750 per listing dated February 19, 2010.
- 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 February 22, 2010.

**Community Development**

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2405 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, #632 for the HOME Grant Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

**Court Administration**

- A. Adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a lease addendum for MDJ Dougherty's office space at 401 Walnut Street, West Reading.

**Human Resources**

- A. Adopt a resolution approving the **Time and Attendance Policy** Section 9.1 of the Berks County Human Resources Policy and Procedure Manual.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the Addendum to Extend Collective Bargaining Agreement dated January 21, 2010 between the County of Berks and SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania.

**Facilities**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Engineering Services Agreement #EA-111243-10 between the County of Berks and N.E. Fisher & Associates to provide engineering services to complete a thorough evaluation of the Berks County Prison HVAC/Plumbing Systems and other related services at a not to exceed amount of \$43,200.

**Mental Health / Mental Retardation**

- A. Adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment #4 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement. Dr. Ed Michalik MH/MR Administrator will attend the meeting to present the purpose for this amendment.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS****Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt reported on a recent Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority (BARTA) meeting where the Franklin Street Station engineering services proposals were discussed. He reported that the four new planned bus routes and the need for additional bus storage is what is driving the need for this upgrade. He also mentioned that this historic station is the only remaining structure related to the Reading Railroad.

**Commissioner Leinbach****Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott reported on the letter drafted by Gavin Biebuyck of Liberty Environmental regarding the Conestoga Air Quality Plan application currently before the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). Commissioner Scott discussed the need to provide additional comments to the PADEP as this application appears present a significant increase in the sulfur dioxide emissions from the Conestoga Landfill flares. He then asked that this draft letter be listed for approval on the February 25, 2010 Commissioners meeting agenda.

V. *PUBLIC COMMENT*

Prothonotary Marianne Sutton reported on the record amount of recent court judgments and filings in her office. She commended her staff for all of their efforts to keep up with the increased workload.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk