

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, July 27, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 27, 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 and announced that the board met in executive session on Monday July 26, 2010 for personnel matters.

II. PRESENTATION

Patrick Thompson, Location Manager for the ABC TV Show Extreme Makeover Home Edition, discussed the program and the fact that a family in Berks County will be selected and announced on July 29, 2010. He thanked the Berks County Community and in particular the Berks Home Builders Association for pulling this project together. He then announced that the project is in need of experienced contractors with details to be found on the project's web site address: www.berksextremebuild.com

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$1,809,136 and 2010 Appropriations in the amount of \$ 274, 042 per listing dated July, 2010.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list dated July 27, 2010 for the following programs administered by the Berks County Community Development Office :

DV#2449 - \$12,787.73 Community Development Block Grant Program
DV#2452-R \$ 1,526.83 Community Development (ARRA Funds)
DV#2450 -S \$ 34,053.40 Emergency Shelter Grant
DV# 642 - \$ 5,893.00 HOME Grant Program
DV#2451 - \$ 4,500.00 Homelessness Prevention Rapid Rehousing Program (ARRA)
DV#2453 - \$9,049.27 PA Homelessness Prevention Rapid Rehousing Program (ARRA)

Department of Emergency Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq. as Chair to sign the 1st amendment to the Tower and Antenna License Agreement between the County of Berks and Frosty Towers inc. for the use of a building communications tower and related appurtenances in Center Township Berks County.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated July 27, 2010.

Purchasing

- A. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated July 26, 2010.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute the Subscription Agreement and Order Form and Subscription Plan Amendment with LexisNexis to provide Online Legal Research Services to the Berks County Solicitor's Office for a three (3) year period commencing August 1, 2010.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing tax forgiveness for uncollectible County taxes, including all penalties and interest on the following four (4) properties: Socrates Georgeadis, Esq. Solicitor for the Treasurer recommended that the County approve these exonerations for the taxes owed to the county as they consist of landfills and superfund sites. He indicated that the Treasurer's Office would then contact the appropriate school districts and municipalities requesting similar action.
1. 621 ROAD, Cumru Township (PIN #39-5315-02-58-2817). Delinquent years 2002 - 2009.
 2. Folk Road a/k/a Dorney Road, Longswamp Township (PIN #59-5484-00-20-7772). Delinquent years 1993 - 2009.
 3. 828 Shoemakersville Road, Onlelaunee Township (PIN #68-5402-03-01-0032). Delinquent years 1999-2009
 4. Route 724, Union Township (PIN #88-5364-13-13-3891). Delinquent years 1987-2009

V. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution amending Resolution #9 of 2010 (which authorized the Treasurer to make 12 monthly Retirement Fund [ARC] contributions to the Berks County Retirement Fund totaling the budgeted amount of \$12,702,223 to the end of December 2010) thereby reducing the total amount to \$11,599,747.

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Adopt a resolution appointing Karen Feridun of Kutztown to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority for a four year term ending 12/31/2014 following the completion of the term vacated by William Evans who resigned.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Scott

VI. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk