

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, August 10, 2010**

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

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 10, 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 Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Christian Leinbach was attending a CCAP (County Commissioners Conference.)

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and announced that an executive session was held yesterday August 9, 2010 for personnel matters.

### **Presentation**

Brendan L. Harker, Assistant Chief Probation & Parole Officer discussed the **Data Quality for Justice Systems** project in which Berks County, along with 33 counties across the Commonwealth have committed to participate in this data quality project with the ultimate goals of:

- Improving the ability to measure and adjust staff/population allocation for county jails;
- Improve the information processing of offender transfers since the more accurate and complete the information in the records system;
- Improve delivery, completeness and accuracy of the Adult Probation Annual Report;
- Create a duplicate model for other jurisdictions;

### **II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

#### **Adult Probation and Parole**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq. as Chair to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Berks and the County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) to participate in the Data Quality for Justice Systems project.

#### **Budget Department:**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$1,548,529 per listing dated August 6, 2010.

**Children and Youth Services**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voting yes to approve the following:

- 242.10 A. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott Esq. as Chair to execute the Assurance of Compliance for FY2011-12 Children and Youth Needs Based Plan and Budget Estimate and the FY2010-11 Children and Youth Implementation Plan.

**Community Development**

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list dated August 10, 2010 for the following programs administered by the Berks County Community Development Office :

DV#2454 - \$634,782.29 Community Development Block Grant Program  
DV# 643 - \$ 342.00 HOME Grant Program  
DV#2455 - \$ 85.91 PA Homelessness Prevention Rapid Rehousing Program (ARRA)

**Human Resources**

Following a discussion regarding the elimination of the P.R.E.P. program at the Berks County Youth Center and the reasons given for the resulting elimination of 13 positions, a motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voting yes to approve the following:

- 243.10 B. Resolution approving the Human Resource Recommendations per list dated August 10, 2010.

**Mental Health / Mental Retardation**

- A. Adopt a resolution approving the 2011 – 2012 Integrated Children's Services Plan. Sheila Bressler CASSP (Child and Adolescent Service System Program) Coordinator and Ed Michalik MH/MR Administrator attended the meeting to present the plan and answer questions.

Purchasing

- A. Adopt a resolution approving a recommendation to award and for the Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute, as a result of Invitation to Bid #10-19-MB, a contract for the Roof Simulator at the County of Berks Fire Training Center Facilities as follows:

Bognet, Inc.  
Route 924-Humboldt  
Hazelton, PA 18201

- General Construction Base Bid: \$144,650.00
- Alternate #2 Steel Finish: (\$10,000.00) Deduct - Hot Dip Zinc Galvanized; ASTM A123 and ASTM A153
- **General Construction Total: \$134,650.00**

- 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 August 9, 2010.

**III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt announced that the Gilmore Henne Foundation (John Gilmore of the Tampa Bay Bucs and Chad Henne of the Miami Dolphins who are both Wilson High School Graduates) presented the Berks County Parks and Recreation Department with a donation of \$10,000 to be used towards the Stonecliff Park improvements.

Commissioner Scott

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt and seconded by Commissioner Scott to sign the letter drafted by Gavin Biebuyck of Liberty Environmental Inc. intending to provide comments to the US EPA Region 3 Administrator on the EPA's proposed lead nonattainment designations for Berks County and providing recommendations for revised area boundaries.

Commissioner Scott also reviewed comments proposed by Gavin Biebuyck of Liberty Environmental Inc. for submission to the PADEP (PA Department of Environmental Protection) regarding concerns with formaldehyde ambient impacts suggested to be the result of Green Gas's plans to install the first four landfill gas engines at the Pioneer Crossing Landfill.

Commissioner Scott then reported that the two applicants, Shuman Development Group and Sinking Spring Retail Investors LLC. Both of whom applied for the total of \$8.4 million in Recovery Zone bonds back in April of 2010 have failed to meet the projects deadlines of July 31, 2010. The Commissioner said that the County, through the Redevelopment Authority, will be seeking guidance from the Federal Government on the limitations for the use of these tax exempt bond funds in order to consider them for other public / private projects in the County.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk