

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, September 14, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 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., 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 an executive session was held yesterday afternoon, September 13, 2010 to discuss personnel matters.

II. PRESENTATION:

- A. Dale Derr, Director of Berks County Veterans Affairs presented information on the following two upcoming events. Mr. Derr was accompanied by:

Felix Uhrinek	US Army	WWII European Theater
Mahlon Fink	US Marine Corps	WWII Pacific Theater
Kenneth Stoudt	US Navy	WWII Pacific Theater
Larry Cohen	US Air Force	Vietnam War and Cold War
Doug Graybill	US Marine Corps	Vietnam War, Cold War, Beirut Campaign, and Grenada Campaign
Liz Graybill	US Army	Balkans War, Persian Gulf War I and Persian Gulf War II
Stewart Lerch		American WWII Orphans Network
Author Sharon Wells Wagner		
LTC Wendell May, US Army (Ret), Commander, Wilson Junior ROTC		

- 2010 Celebrate Veterans event will be held on 11/13/10 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at West Lawn United Methodist Church. Admission is free. For more information, contact Sharon Wells-Wagner or the Berks County Veterans Affairs Office.
- Berks County Veterans Celebration & Dinner Dance will be held on 11/20/10 at 6:00pm in the Wilson High School Gymnasium. Cost is \$15.00 per guest and the program will honor 2010 Berks County Military Hall of Fame inductees, all veterans and special volunteers.

PRESENTATION CONTINUED:

- B. Brenda Cullen, President of Years of Tears Organization spoke about the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims which will take place on September 25, 2010. The Board of Commissioners presented Years of Tears with a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing the work they have done.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$36,999,380 and 2010 Appropriations in the amount of \$115,000 per listing dated September 10, 2010. Bob Patrizio, Budget Director, presented the report.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list dated September 14, 2010 for the Community Development Programs as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office:

DV#2468-PA HPRP - State ARRA	\$13,830.39
DV#2469 – CDBG	\$3,700.00

Election Services

- A. Adopt a resolution approving Amendment No. 3 to an Agreement with the Commonwealth of PA Department of State application for funding through the HAVA (Help America Vote Act of 2002) extending the deadline of the grant period to June 30, 2016.

Human Resources

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated September 13, 2010.

Industrial Development Authority

- A. Adopt a resolution designating the Central and Western Chester County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) in addition to the Chester County IDA to serve as an additional agency with respect to the processing of applications for the Next Generation Farmer Loan Program; and to approve a pending application for a project in Berks County; and further authorizing the Chairman of the Board to approve subsequent applications involving projects in Berks County, after formal processing through the Central and Western Chester County IDA.

Purchasing

- A. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq. as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated September 13, 2010.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERSCommissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt presented an update on the on-going negotiations between the county and the City of Reading regarding the Fire Training Center.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach read a Proclamation declaring September 18, 2010, the first Saturday following the anniversary of the close of the Constitutional Convention, as Read the Constitution Day in Berks County.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott explained that the inheritance tax will increase effective January 2011 unless Congress takes action prior to January 1, 2011. He expressed his concern for the financial impact that this tax will have on farms and small businesses.

V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A presentation was made by Emmett Lien and Jonathan Black from Utilitech, Inc. regarding electricity rates which may be beneficial to the county for the year 2012.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:49am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaitlin P. Daley, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt