

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 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 was Solicitor Alan Miller Esq.

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 October 25, 2010 to discuss personnel matters.

II. PRESENTATION:

- A. Jon Scott, President and CEO of Berks Economic Partnership and Todd Darlington, Director of External Operations with Verizon, presented a check in the amount of \$12,000.00 to the Board of Commissioners and John Adams, District Attorney, for the Verizon Internet Safety Grant which was awarded to the Berks County District Attorney's Office.
- B. Floyd Turner, Senior State Recording Secretary for the Pennsylvania Society, Children of the American Revolution, and Kathryn Turner, State Chaplain for the Pennsylvania Society, Children of the American Revolution, presented information on the Wreath Sponsorship Program. The program seeks sponsors for wreaths that will be placed on the graves of veterans buried at Fort Indiantown Gap this holiday season. A ceremony will be held in the PA Veterans Memorial to place the wreaths on December 11, 2010 at 12:00pm.
- C. Todd Auman, General Partner of TedCar Properties, LLC, Peter Edelman, Esq., with Stevens & Lee, and Barry Rohrbach, President of the Cumru Township Commissioners requested allocation of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds for a commercial development project at Gateway at Grings Hill along 222 South.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Berks County Jail

- A. Adopt a resolution to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the County Commissioners of Berks County and Teamsters Local Union No. 429 governing the wages and working conditions of Correctional Officers for the duration of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2012.

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$42,117,855.00 and 2010 Appropriations in the amount \$41,720.00 per listing dated October 22, 2010.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list dated October 26, 2010 for the Community Development Programs as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office:

DV#651 – HOME Grant Program	\$5,455.00
DV#2478-S – Emergency Shelter Program	\$5,636.18
DV#2477 – Community Development Block Grant Program	\$29,116.15
DV#2479-PA-HPRP	\$8,080.45

Domestic Relations

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the renewal of an agreement between the Berks County Office of the District Attorney and the Domestic Relations Section of the Berks County Court of Common Pleas to provide legal services to assist in the establishment and enforcement of support orders per the Title IV-D Cooperative Agreement which was executed May 25, 2010.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the renewal of an agreement between the County of Berks and Tina Boyd, Esq., who serves as the Title IV-D Attorney, and the Domestic Relations Section of the Berks County Court of Common Pleas for the Title IV-D Attorney to provide the legal services specified in the Title IV-D Cooperative Agreement which was executed May 25, 2010.

Industrial Development Authority

- A. Adopt a resolution designating the Berks County Industrial Authority as the Industrial Authority for the County of Berks with full power and authority to represent said County in all matters relevant to and for all purposes of the Industrial Development Assistance Law.

Mental Health / Mental Retardation

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

- 312.10 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of Fiscal Year 2009/2010 MH/MR Program Mental Health Income and Expenditure Report.

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 October 25, 2010.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

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

- 313.10 B. Resolution ratifying and confirming the retention of Alexandra Chiaruttini, Esq. and Stock and Leader, attorneys-at-law to represent the County in the matter of the Appeal of the Title V Exide Technologies Reading Facility Air Permit in accordance with the terms of a retainer letter dated October 25, 2010 and to further ratify and confirm the County's directive to file such appeal on October 25, 2010.

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt provided an update on an increase in BARTA ridership by 7%. He also reported on ongoing meetings between the Tax Claim Bureaus of the County and the City of Reading in regard to the County taking over certain aspects of the city's tax collection. Commissioner Barnhardt reported that the repairs to the Antietam Lake Dam and Valve House will be postponed to Spring 2011.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach provided an update on the Support Your Local Fire Company event that was held on Friday October 22, 2010 at the Fairgrounds Square Mall. Commissioner Leinbach thanked all of the individuals and organizations that helped organize the event and make it a success. He noted that next year's event will be held Monday October 3, 2011.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott provided information on Fritz Cemetery in Douglass Township. He noted that it is a historic cemetery where militia men from the Revolutionary War are buried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaitlin P. Daley, Interim Chief Clerk