

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, November 9, 2010**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 9, 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 November 8, 2010 to conduct employment interviews.

### **Presentation**

Dale Derr, Director of Veterans' Affairs and the Board of Commissioners presented certificates to eight veterans who were inducted into the Berks County Military Hall of Fame. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt and all voted to install the following eight members into the Berks County Military Hall of Fame:

- **Marine Lt. Col. Robert Quinter**, Exeter Township, PA, a Vietnam War veteran.
- **Army Major Joseph Boccagno**, Muhlenberg Township, PA, a Vietnam War veteran.
- **Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Richard L. Etchberger**, Hamburg, PA, who lost his life during the Vietnam War. His son, Cory Etchberger accepted his certificate.
- **Army Cpl. Dennis Shappell**, Shartlesville, PA, a Vietnam War veteran.
- **Army Staff Sgt. Harry Shilling**, Wyomissing, PA, a World War II veteran who died in 1967. His niece, Sandra Lerch accepted his certificate.
- **Marine Sgt. Maj. Scott Hamm**, Exeter Township, PA, currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan. His father, Clarence Hamm accepted his certificate.
- **Army Spc. Walter Gensemer**, Exeter Township, PA, a Vietnam War veteran.
- **Navy Seaman Edward Czechowski**, Reading, PA, a World War II veteran.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 4, 2010 Commissioners' Workshop and Voting meeting were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt and all voted to approve the items listed below:
  - 328.10 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$106,510.00 per listing dated November 5, 2010.
  - 329.10 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Family Center Grant application and Fatherhood Initiative Grant application for Fiscal Years 2011/2014. The allocations requested are \$109,121.00 for the Family Center and \$30,600.00 for the Fatherhood Initiative.
  - 330.10 C. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Restated Articles of Agreement between the County of Berks and the Reading Area Community College providing for the County to continue to act as the Local Sponsor of the College for a period of twenty years commencing July 1, 2011.
  - 331.10 D. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Reading and the County of Berks for the transfer of the land and property at the Fire Training Center, Reading, PA, from the City to the County.
  - 332.10 E. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment #5 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement by and between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Berks County providing an overview of the genesis and structure of the HealthChoices Program, to be effective January 1, 2011.
2. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott, as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated November 5, 2010.
3. Motion to ratify and confirm payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated November 9, 2010, as previously authorized by instructions issued November 9, 2010.

4. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list dated November 9, 2010 for the Community Development Programs as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office:

DV#2484 – Community Development Block Grant Program	\$9,539.00
DV#653 – Home Grant Program	\$15,293.00
DV#2483-HPRP – Emergency Shelter Program	\$10,000.00
DV#1395 – Property Rehabilitation Program	\$8,350.00

### **Reports**

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. County Controller Sandy Graffius presented a Controller's weekly report.

### **REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

#### **Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt expressed his gratitude to those who served in the military commending them for their service.

He commended RACC's continued service to provide education to our community and County's support toward Berks County's long term relationship with RACC.

Commissioner Barnhardt also provided the board with an update regarding the Fire Training Center. He mentioned that he is looking forward to future meetings with the city to discuss future partnerships.

He mentioned that the Parks Director is in the process of acquiring signage that will be placed at the Reber's Bridge pathway/crossing and intersection along with appropriate pavement markings.

#### **Commissioner Leinbach**

Commissioner Leinbach expressed his gratitude for those who have served in the armed forces as well as expressed a special thanks for their service to our country.

He announced a special event being held in honor of our Veteran's on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 at six o'clock in the evening. The event will be held at the Wilson High School Gymnasium. A local band has donated their time to provide music for the evening event. The tickets are \$15.00 per person and must be purchased prior to the event. The tickets will not be available at the door. To purchase tickets and obtain additional information, please contact the Veteran's Affairs Office at 610-378-5601.

**Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott expressed his gratitude and thanks to all our Veteran's as well as Director of Veteran's Affairs, Dale Derr for putting all of this together and Michelle Kircher for assisting in the preparation of the Veteran's certificates in order to award those selected for the Hall of Fame.

He agreed with Commissioner Barnhardt's comments, and is also in support of the long term relationship between the County and RACC.

**Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor**

Citizen Pat Weidenhammer brought forth a complaint against Children & Youth Services and the Court of Common Pleas. The Board of Commissioners' listened to Ms. Weidenhammer's concern and directed her to file an appeal with the courts if needed. The board will review her written complaint and forward it to the Executive Director of Children & Youth Services.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:09 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nellie Cruz, Executive Assistant to the Chief Operations Officer