

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, November 16, 2010**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 16, 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 Ken Borkey, Jr., Deputy Chief Operations Officer.

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 November 15, 2010 to discuss personnel issues.

II. PRESENTATION

Bob Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Proposed 2011 County Budget. The Commissioners thanked Bob and his staff for their hard work, in addition to the Elected Officials, Department Heads and their staff, the Courts, the President Judge, Human Resources Department, District Attorney, and George Kovarie, Director of Children & Youth Services for their creative ideas to save money and run their departments more efficiently. George Kovarie, Director of Children & Youth Services commented that he feels it is a pleasure to work for a county that is in stable financial shape.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Adult Probation

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the Grant-In-Aid Funds Agreement between the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole and the Berks County Board of Commissioners dated July 1, 2007 and previously amended April 1, 2008.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the Supervision Funds Agreement between the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole and the Berks County Board of Commissioners dated July 1, 2007 and previously amended April 11, 2008.

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$ 2,382,608.00 and 2010 Appropriations in the amount \$92,794.00 per listing dated November 12, 2010.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list dated November 16, 2010 for the Community Development Programs as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office:

DV#2485 – Community Development Block Grant Program \$43,824.00
DV#1396 – Property Rehabilitation Program \$5,700.00

Department of Emergency Services

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of an Assignment of Call Signs between the County of Berks and the City of Reading concerning the construction of a Countywide public safety radio system, to ratify the execution of a related FCC Application for Assignment and to further authorize Deputy Director of Emergency Services Brian Gottschall to execute all related documents necessary to consummate this transfer.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the renewal of the Capital Blue Cross health plan between Capital Blue Cross and the County of Berks.
- B. Adopt a resolution to approve revisions to the County of Berks Fire and Bomb Threat Policy.
- C. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated November 16, 2010.

Planning Commission

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Angora Road Trailhead and Hinnershitz Basin Removal Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement.

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 November 12, 2010.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authoring tax forgiveness for 2010 County taxes for 44 Keller Street (PIN #85-5463-20-91-6033), Topton, Berks County owned by the Borough of Topton, including all penalties and interest, and further authorizes reimbursement of the 2010 County taxes in the amount of \$271.85 paid by the Borough of Topton.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the following appointment to the Berks County Local Emergency Planning Committee:
- Dr. Kimberly Stoudt, Reading, PA.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the following appointment to the Berks County Workforce Investment Board:
- Dr. Anna Weitz, Reading, PA, for a term ending June 30, 2012. Dr. Weitz replaces John DeVere who is retiring.

Commissioner Barnhardt**Commissioner Leinbach**

Commissioner Leinbach thanked Todd Simpson, Director of Information Systems, who is leaving the county November 19, 2010, for his turnaround of the Information Systems Department. He also thanked Justin Loose, Deputy Director of Information Systems and the entire IS Department for their hard work.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott thanked Todd Simpson and wished him good luck in his new position. He expressed gratitude toward Todd for his service to the county in the Information Systems Department.

Business from the Floor

Sandy Graffius, County Controller, thanked Todd Simpson, Jeff Rapp, and the entire Information Systems team for their hard work on the Oracle system.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaitlin P. Daley, Interim Chief Clerk