

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, December 14, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 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 in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Ken Borkey, Interim Chief Operations Officer. Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt was not in attendance.

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 December 13, 2010 to discuss personnel matters.

**II. PRESENTATION**

Bob Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the Proposed 2011 Budget for the County of Berks.

**III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

**Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$234,652.00 and 2010 Appropriations in the amount \$1,292,685.00 per listing dated December 10, 2010.

**Commissioners**

A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted to approve the following:

- 367.10 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Berks County Board of Commissioners to approve the financing by the Berks County Municipal Authority for the refunding of certain outstanding indebtedness of Albright College, declaring that it is for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in the area served by Albright College, for the Authority to participate in the financing project and authorizing other necessary and appropriate action.

Attorney Peter T. Edelman, Stevens & Lee, and Bill Wood, Chief Financial Officer for Albright College presented information on the above resolution.

**Community Development**

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

DV# 2488 – Community Development Block Grant Program	\$18,401.94
DV# 2489-R – ARRA Funds – CDBG-R	\$14,772.69
DV# 2490-PA-HPRP	\$229.35

**Human Resources**

- A. Human Resource recommendations per list dated December 14, 2010.
- B. Adopt a resolution to approve revisions to the County of Berks Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Policy. Jennifer Biehn, Director of Human Resources presented information regarding the revisions to the policy. Commissioner Leinbach raised some objections to Item #4 in the Travel Policy regarding the mileage reimbursement calculation.

**Mental Health / Mental Retardation**

A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted to approve the following:

- 368.10 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Berks County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Mental Retardation Income and Expenditure Report and re-execution of Berks County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Mental Health Income and Expenditure Report.

Dr. Ed Michalik presented information on the above listed Mental Health / Mental Retardation Reports.

**Parks and Recreation**

- A. Resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment #1 of the grant agreement between the County of Berks and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for a Keystone Historic Preservation Grant. This amendment extends the ending date of the contract from January 31, 2011 to January 31, 2012.

**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 December 13, 2010.

**Workforce Investment Board**

- A. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Chair of the Berks County Board of Commissioners to sign the "Grant Recipient's Release, Grant Recipient's Assignment of Refunds, Rebates, and Credits, and WIA Grant Closeout Tax Certification" for the WIA Grant for Berks County Employment and Training Office on behalf of the applicant for Contract Number 015098911 which was part of federal stimulus funding to fund the summer youth employment program and subsidized employment for adults.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County of Berks to participate in the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) Program for County property taxes concerning commercial properties located within the City of Reading effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012 with the understanding that the City will accept and approve all applications to, and otherwise administer, the LERTA Program. The Berks County Board of Commissioners may review the County's participation in the LERTA Program at the end of the first year and opt out of further participation in the LERTA Program with the understanding that any commercial property in the LERTA Program prior to December 31, 2012 or prior termination of the County's participation pursuant to this resolution shall be entitled to the ten (10) year exemption schedule outlined in the LERTA Program.

**Commissioner Barnhardt****Commissioner Leinbach****Commissioner Scott**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the following reappointment to the Berks County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Advisory Board:
- Raymond J. Hubbard, Wyomissing, PA, to a three year term ending December 31, 2013.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the following reappointment to the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board:
- Victoria Kintzer, Sinking Spring, PA, to a three year term ending December 31, 2013.

**CITIZEN COMMENT / BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Judy Vaughn, Casey Brobst, Nevin Hallacher, Lori Barr, and Donna Morganti who represent Families United for Family Preservation were present to express their concerns with Berks County Children and Youth Services with regard to alleged misconduct and violation of laws.

Commissioner Scott, Commissioner Leinbach, and Solicitor Alan Miller responded by explaining that all complaints are taken seriously and are investigated. It was also explained that due to the judicial process and confidentiality issues, the Commissioners are not always able to investigate specific cases. The members present today were instructed to explain to their attorneys any objections they have regarding issues with their cases.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:29A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kaitlin P. Daley, Interim Chief Clerk