

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 15, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 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 Kevin S. Barnhardt and Commissioner Christian Y. Leinbach in attendance. Also present were County Solicitor Alan S. Miller, Esq., and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk. Interim Chief Operations Officer Kenneth C. Borkey, Jr. was not in attendance.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. PRESENTATION

Terry Gerlich, CFA, of SEI Institutional Client Investment Strategies, made a power point presentation to the Board on the state of the Berks County Employees' Retirement Fund. Commissioner Scott remarked that this is the first time a presentation of the Fund was made at a public meeting. The County hired SEI in 2008. Mr. Gerlich reported the County Pension fund has nearly doubled since they were charged with developing a strategic plan. Mr. Gerlich also reported that the County has recouped every dollar it lost during the recession of 2008.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$20,000.00, 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount \$162,123.00 and 2011 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$91,630.00 per listing dated February 11, 2011.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations per list dated February 15, 2011.

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 February 14, 2011.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Barnhardt**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Francis Drexler, Wernersville, Pennsylvania, to the Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board for a three (3) year term expiring February 1, 2014. This is a replacement for Nancy Sellers whose term expired.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Thomas Xavios, Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board for a three (3) year term expiring February 1, 2014. This is a replacement for Maxi Shirey whose term expired.

Commissioner Barnhardt complimented Kathy Monroe, Executive Director of Berks County Office of Aging, on the newspaper article on Monday and for her hard work on behalf of the Agency. He further commented on the Library Task Force report concerning staffing and future location of the Library offices and space occupied by the Book Bonanza staff. Due to the uncertainty of the old Berks Heim building, location of the Book Bonanza office and the Family Shelter Program for immigration detainees will have to be evaluated.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach reported on his trip to Harrisburg Monday, February 14, 2011, accompanied by his Executive Assistant Mary Buerer, for the annual presentation by the County Commissioners Association. The main topic of discussion was legislative priorities for the year. The number one priority was mandate relief, and more specifically the bidding requirements.

Commissioner Scott

- A. **55.11** Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Michelle Kircher, Exeter Township, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Library System Board for a three (3) year term expiring June 1, 2013. This appointment fills the expired term of Shane Mayer, who resigned. Commissioner Scott requested this appointment be authorized today due to the fact there is a Library Board Meeting tonight. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt and seconded by Commissioner Christian Y. Leinbach.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Wayne Weidner, Oley, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Municipal Authority for a five (5) year term ending January 2, 2016.

VI. ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

CITIZEN COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR

Donna Morganti, Lori Barr and Judy Vaughn attended the meeting. Commissioner Scott cautioned the group on their use of profanity. Donna Morganti told the Commissioners she met with representatives of the Department of Public Welfare last week and it was very productive. Lori Barr spoke of the letter from Dr. Naugle and Judy Vaughn showed pictures of her children and expressed they don't deserve to be separated from their mother.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk