

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 1, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 1, 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., Interim Chief Operations Officer Kenneth C. Borkey, Jr. and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Commissioner Scott announced that the Board met in executive session on Monday, February 28, 2011. Commissioner Scott also wished Commissioner Leinbach a Happy Birthday, which is today.

II. PRESENTATION

Peter T. Edelman, Esquire, Stevens & Lee, presented a Resolution for approval by the Board of Commissioners for the issuance by the Maxatawny Township Municipal Authority of its Revenue Note (Kutztown University Foundation, Inc. Project) Series of 2011 (the "Note"). The proceeds of the Note will be used to finance a project on behalf of the Corporation that consists of, among other things, the refunding of the Authority's Revenue Note (Kutztown University Foundation, Inc. Project), Series of 2007 which was originally issued to finance or refinance (i) the acquisition of a professional building which is leased to Kutztown University and used for flex office and classroom space, (ii) the acquisition of a living and learning building (Honors Hall) which is leased to Kutztown University and used for office, classroom and dormitory space, (iii) the construction of a surface parking lot which is leased to Kutztown University to serve a University residence hall, and (iv) the payment of the costs of issuance of the Note. Mr. Edelman spoke briefly of the benefits of using the Municipal Authority for this project. Commissioner Barnhardt asked if this action was advertised. Mr. Edelman confirmed it was.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$265,198.00 and 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount \$67,248.00 per listing dated February 25, 2011. Kim Grinage, Deputy Director of Budget and Finance, commented that the 2010 Budget Transfers are to cleanup some accounts, and that the Budget Office is getting closer to closing out the 2010 Budget.

Community Development

- A. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list dated March 1, 2011 for the Community Development Programs as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office:

DV#2505	\$63,433.37
DV#2506-S	834.29
DV#2507-R	416.74
DV#2508-HPRP	31,651.70
DV#2509-PA HPRP	10,007.18
DV#658	23,050.97
DV#1398	1,169.28

Facilities and Operations

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities & Operations, to execute a Contract Extension with TransSystems for engineering design services for the Buttonwood Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project, and further authorizes execution of the March 1, 2011 Capital Project Change Orders per attached listing dated February 25, 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 28, 2011.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing an hourly rate increase to ReedSmith LLC, to perform labor and employment legal services on behalf of the County. Solicitor Alan S. Miller commented that ReedSmith has not had an increase since 2006 and will be receiving a 6% increase over their current rate.

Planning Commission

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Glenn R. Knoblauch, Executive Director of the Berks County Planning Commission, to execute Work Order No. 3 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, for reimbursement of transportation activities performed by the Berks County Planning Commission in accordance with Master Grant Agreement No. 520905 dated April 17, 2009 and authorized by Resolution No. 60-09; and further authorizes Glenn R. Knoblauch as the authorized signing representative of the County on any future Work Orders.

Berks County Industrial Development Authority

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution by Commissioner Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair, of the Cooperation Agreement by and between the County of Berks and the Berks County Industrial Development Authority ("BCIDA"), which authorizes the BCIDA to administer the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program ("RACP") grant in the amount of \$3,000,000.00, and other funding related to the Berks Park 78 Project. Thomas McKeon, Executive Director of Berks County Industrial Development Authority, commented that the grant money is for infrastructure and will be partially reimbursed by the State.

Department of Emergency Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement in the award amount of \$17,318.40 (80% Federal Award) for the period September 30, 2010 to August 31, 2011. The County agrees to provide a 20% match of the project costs in the form of cash expenditures and/or in-kind goods/services totaling \$4,329.60.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt made brief comments on the BARTA Hybrids article which appeared in the Reading Eagle today, and recognized the lower fuel usage BARTA is realizing.

Commissioner Leinbach**Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott commented on the letter to the editor concerning his pension. The letter writer cited incorrect information. The writer should make sure his facts and figures are correct.

V. ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

County Controller Graffius mentioned that Community Development Vouchers will now be part of the account payable figures she submits, and will not be listed separately on the Agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR

Donna Morganti, Lori Barr and Nevin Hallacher attended the meeting. Donna Morganti commented she has been doing research on the internet about cities and states and problems other parents are having with Children Services. Lori Barr apologized to Commissioner Barnhardt for not having the paperwork she spoke about last time she was in.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk