

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 8, 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 Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., Interim Chief Operations Officer Kenneth C. Borkey, Jr., and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk. Commissioner Leinbach was not in attendance.

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

II. PRESENTATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY PREVIOUSLY ENACTED ON FEBRUARY 24, 2011, THAT APPROVED AN INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES C OF 2010 (FEDERALLY TAXABLE – ISSUER SUBSIDY – BUILD AMERICA BONDS) (THE “BONDS”); PROVIDING THAT SECTION 2 OF SAID ORDINANCE, AND THE CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF SAID INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT PLAN, BE AMENDED TO MODIFY THE METHOD OF CALCULATING THE AMOUNT PAYABLE BY THE COUNTERPARTY UNDER THE INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT; AMENDING THE SCHEDULES AND APPENDICES TO SAID ORDINANCE, AS APPROPRIATE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SPECIFIED OFFICERS OF THIS COUNTY TO DO, TAKE AND PERFORM CERTAIN NECESSARY AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTS AND THINGS RELATING TO SUCH AMENDED ORDINANCE. Michael Vind commented that this amendment gives greater flexibility should more favorable rates be available to the County. Commissioner Barnhardt moved for enactment seconded by Commissioner Scott. Vote carried.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$62,389.00, 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount \$106,686.00 and 2011 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$87,000.00 per listing dated March 4, 2011.

Community Development

- A. Motion to ratify, confirm and approve execution of disbursement vouchers 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

Commissioner Barnhardt motioned to approve seconded by Commissioner Scott. Vote carried.

Facilities

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Ryan Hunter, Director of Facilities & Operations, to execute March 8, 2011 Capital Project Change Orders per attached listing dated March 4, 2011. Commissioner Barnhardt motioned to adopt this resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Scott. Vote carried. RESOLUTION NO. 80-11
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Engineering Services Agreement No. 121668 between the County of Berks and Liberty Engineering, Inc., to provide a structural assessment and evaluation of the Old Berks Heim facility at a fixed fee amount of \$8,900.00. This Agreement is a result of a feasibility study.
- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Agreement No. 121207-11 for Indoor Air Quality Assessment in the Courthouse Basement/Sheriff's Department at a not to exceed amount of \$2,795.00.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations per list dated March 8, 2011. Shane Keller, Deputy Human Resource Director, comments two of the three recommendations are career development increases for outstanding performances.

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 March 7, 2011.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and execution by the Director of Contracts and Procurement, as a result of Invitation to Bid #11-1-CN, of a three (3) year contract to Nutrition, Inc., 580 Wendel Road, Suite 100, Irwin, Pennsylvania, 15642, for the Nutrition Program for Food Service for Congregate and Home Delivered Meals for the Berks County Office of Aging at the estimated cost of \$1,914,180.09, as follows:
- Congregate & Home Delivered Meals:**
174,250 meals @ \$3.47 per meal

Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$604,647.50

Estimated Three Year Expenditure: \$1,813,942.50

Supplies:

Line items 2 through 34:

Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$33,412.53

Estimated Three Year Expenditure: \$100,237.59

As per Invitation to Bid, upon mutual consent the County may extend the contract for two (2) additional one-year terms.

Kelly Laubach, Director of Contracts and Procurement commented that this service provides 6 senior centers. All meals are prepackaged.

Emergency Management

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Brian Gottschall, Director of Emergency Services, to execute certain change orders concerning the implementation of the public safety radio system project.

Planning Commission

- A. Ashley Mazurek, Planner II, for the Berks County Planning Commission gave a brief presentation on the following Act 167 Stormwater Management Plans. Following the presentation the Commissioners convened a **public hearing** to gather public comments prior to the vote on the Resolution listed below which was requested for approval at this meeting. Commissioner Chair Mark C. Scott called a public meeting to approve the following resolution. A few comments by Commissioner Scott were made regarding the exceptional value category this creek is part of and that the Pennsylvania State Department of Environmental Protection is requesting approval by the County of this Plan. It is also part of the geological New England Upland formation.

Commissioner Barnhardt motioned for approval which was seconded by Commissioner Scott. Vote was unanimous.

- 79.11 A. Adopt a resolution adopting the Perkiomen Creek Headwaters Watershed Storm Water Management Plan, including all plates and appendices, and aids municipalities maintain and improve the water quality, increase infiltration and regulate quantity of stormwater runoff. The Berks County municipalities within the Perkiomen Creek Headwaters are Hereford and Longswamp Townships.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners

- A. Berks County Conservation District Affiliate Membership contribution. One year ago the Berks County Conservation District became an independent agency. Robert Patrizio, Director of Budget and Finance, commented that the County realized a substantial savings of approximately \$750,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 net cost as a result eliminating the District. The Commissioners agreed to donate \$500.00 which will extend Gold Membership status to the County

- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing reappointment of John Ernesto, Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Convention Center Authority for a four (4) year term expiring August 29, 2014.

Commissioner Barnhardt

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Edmond Doherty, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania to the Office of Aging Advisory Council for a two (2) year term expiring March 31, 2013.

Commissioner Barnhardt commented about comments he heard on a local radio talk show concerning the City tax bills. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the residents should have been informed earlier. The tax bills still must be paid by June 30. Commissioner Barnhardt also spoke of the impending construction at Antietam Lake. Signs should be posted warning of construction vehicles. Commissioner Barnhardt also mentioned that he has been receiving letters thanking the County for investing in the new radio project.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Scott

Elected Official Comments

Frederick Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds, first thanked the Commissioners for their wealth of information they provide weekly. He also mentioned the recent radio advertisements he heard from Commissioner Scott and Commissioner Leinbach, which he called highly critical of Judy Schwank. He spoke of the various issues addressed in that ad and offered his rebuttal of that ad.

Citizen Comment

Lori Barr and Donna Morganti attended the meeting and commented on their ongoing issues with BCCYS. Lori Barr distributed doctor reports to the Commissioners. Donna Morganti read a report regarding child abuse and neglect compared to foster care placement and the children being placed with parents.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk